

Multiple Australian Champion to take on High Performance role

The Australian Weightlifting Federation is excited to announce the appointment of 10-time Australian Champion, Jacquie White, as the sport's High Performance Coordinator.

White has represented Australia at the highest level for more than a decade, including four World Championships and the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

She's also a three-time Oceania Champion and won a bronze medal in the 2007 World Cup, but concedes this appointment brings an end to her illustrious elite lifting career.

"It's difficult to make the decision to stop doing something that has been such a huge part of your life for so long," she said.

"But I am fortunate to be in the position where I can step away from my own goals and turn my focus and energy to other high performance and emerging athletes.

"It's like I still get to do what I love, minus the physical pain!"

AWF Chief Executive Officer, Michael Keelan, said White will provide high quality skills to the position.

"Jacquie's many years of weightlifting experience and in-depth knowledge of AWF programs and services will strengthen the AWF's opportunities to achieve greater success at future international events," he said.

"In Jacquie's new position she will provide high-quality administrative and logistical support to the CEO, AWF Board, High Performance Program Panel, and AWF representative teams in delivering the AWF's high performance plan."

White brings to the position excellent experience, not only as an athlete, but also as an administrator.

She served as a member of the AWF High Performance Advisory Committee from 2006 until 2012, was a deputy chair of the AWF

Athletes' Commission, and has worked as the operations manager of the Victorian Weightlifting Association since 2011.

32-year-old White has a Bachelor of Applied Science, a Master of Business in sports management, and worked for almost five years as a senior chemical analyst at one of Australia's leading consulting laboratories.

"I was interested in the position because I think our high performance program has come to a critical juncture," White said.

"We have a lot of very talented athletes and now we have the opportunity to create a HP system that will support them. It will be both an exciting and challenging role."