

# **JWS and SNZ Appointments**

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## **Kiri Shaw – JWS Assistant Coach**

Former White Sox captain, Kiri Shaw, has been named as the new Junior White Sox Assistant Coach. She will join head coach, Venita Hokai, heading into the 2017 Junior World Championship.

Shaw has over 280 national team caps. She first represented New Zealand in 1990 at the junior world championship and went on to play in two women's world championships in 1994 and 1998. She also competed with the White Sox in the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Shaw finished her international career after the 2012 world championship, where she was the team captain. She is currently a player/coach with her Saints Premier Women's team and has coached Hutt Valley representative teams for a number of years.

Shaw places much emphasis on establishing and maintaining a strong team culture and believes her experience and skill-set will complement that of Hokai's.

"Kiri will bring a different dynamic into the junior programme. Her experience as a world series player and her background coaching young girls will be invaluable", says Hokai. Auckland Women's manager, Cherie Waters, has been appointed manager of the side and will join Hokai and Shaw.

Waters has managed the Howick Premier Women's team since 2009. She also managed the Auckland Women's NFC team in 2011, 12 and 14. Waters has been the secretary at Pakuranga Rugby League Community Sports Club since 1995 and has over 15 years' experience in managing people.

"Cherie has an enormous amount of experience as a manager that will be vital in the lead up to and during the world championships. She has impeccable organisational skills", says Hokai.

The Junior White Sox squad members will meet for a training camp in Hawkes Bay next week from the 18 – 20 September. The world championship will be held in July 2017 in Clearwater, Florida, USA.

## **Stefanie Trutanic - SNZ Regional Development Officer for the Northern Regions**

Softball New Zealand is pleased to announce Stefanie Trutanic as the new SNZ Regional Development Officer for the Northern Regions. Northern Regions encompasses North Harbour, Auckland and Counties Manukau.

Stefanie will join the SNZ team after spending the last two years with Auckland Softball Association as a Development Officer. Stefanie brings a lot of experience and credibility to the position having implemented a number of successful Kiwi Sport programmes within the Auckland area.

Stefanie will commence her new role on the 14th of September.