

Carrie Graf to be new University of Canberra 'coach in residence'

Media release: Canberra Capitals coach Carrie Graf will be the University of Canberra's first coach in residence.

The new role, working alongside University of Canberra Union (UCU) chief executive Joe Roff, will see her offering support and mentoring to University sports teams while also lecturing in the University's sports studies program and working with sports researchers.

Media opportunities:

- Carrie Graf, Joe Roff and University of Canberra Vice-Chancellor Professor Stephen Parker will be available for interview at the UCU Gym, building 4, University of Canberra, **today at 11am.**

- Joe Roff will present Carrie Graf with a coach in residence shirt before the Capitals take on the West Coast Waves in a special University of Canberra themed game at the AIS on Friday at 6.45pm.

The position will not interfere with Ms Graf's pursuit of outside coaching commitments should she choose to continue with the Canberra Capitals.

Professor Parker said Ms Graf, who will become an adjunct professor of sports studies as part of the job, would make a huge contribution to education, research and social life at the University.

"Carrie Graf's unrivalled professional experience will be an asset to the University's teaching and research in sports studies and coaching, but I'm pleased that she'll also play a part in student sport at all levels," Professor Parker said.

"It is another way we can give life on campus at the University of Canberra the edge over other universities."

Mr Roff said he was looking forward to working with Ms Graf.

"Carrie Graf is one of the best coaches in any sport in Australia and I have long been an admirer of her professionalism, passion and expertise," he said.

"I can't think of anyone better to advise a student sports team in Canberra than one of Canberra's most successful coaches. Student athletes at all levels would love to have Carrie's input on their training and preparations.

"Like all Canberra sports fans I hope Carrie can be persuaded to stay on at the Canberra Capitals. The University is doing its part to ensure she continues to have a role in sport in Canberra."

Ms Graf said she was honoured to be taking up a historic role as the University's first coach in residence.

"I know I'm biased in saying this, but I don't think there's a city in Australia as staunchly supportive of their sports as Canberra," Ms Graf said.

"It's heartening to see the University giving back to the community yet again by bringing on its first ever coach in residence, and I'm humbled to have been approached for the role.

"It's an exciting time to join the University of Canberra – the sports studies program is going from strength to strength, and the new sports hub will really change the way we think about the relationship between elite sport and tertiary education.

"The University boasts a world-class sports studies program; I'm pleased to be joining the UC team, and I look forward to working with Joe Roff to continue to make sport a unique part of the

student experience in Canberra.”