

## SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND THUNDER FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

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## SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND THUNDER SENIOR MEN'S TEAM COACH – CHRIS WILKES FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

South West Queensland Thunder Football Club is happy to announce the appointment of Mr Chris Wilkes as the coach of the open men's team. Chris, with the support of newly appointed Technical Director, Joe Fenech, will take up the coaching role for the 2015 PS4 NPL Season.

Chris brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience gained as a representative player as a junior, and also as a senior player with Toowoomba Raiders. Chris was the Thunder's inaugural Club Captain and a member of the Grand Finalist youth men's team in 2013.

Chris has coached juniors and seniors with the Thunder, and before that with the South West Queensland Zone Junior Premier League program. He has also been involved in coaching the Darling Downs schools' program for many years.

"The development of players and coaches is at the core of the Thunder's philosophy, and Chris, as both a former Thunder player and coach is a perfect example of that philosophy in action. "

"We are fortunate to have a coach like Chris, who was Toowoomba born and bred, and has a close understanding of the challenges and opportunities that come with being based in the South West region. Chris is well known within the local football community and is well respected."

"We are excited to have Chris, and I know that our players, especially those who have worked with Chris as juniors or through the schools programs, will join with me in congratulating Chris on his appointment."

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