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## Wong to manage Wellington women

**Former New Zealand mountain biking and road cycling representative Robyn Wong is about to take up a new role as manager of Wellington's women's hockey team.**

Wong, 36, who retired from international mountain biking after the world championships in Rotorua last August, was looking forward to the new challenge.

"I'm really excited about being part of the team. It's a well experienced management team with (coaches) Chris (Leslie) and Steve (Symonds) and I'm sure it'll be fantastic working with them."

"I want to use my skills of being an elite individual athlete to add value to a team environment."

Assistant coach Symonds said Wong would add hugely to the squad as a mentor, leader and manager.

"Robyn brings elite experience," Symonds said.

"She's an incredibly good people person a good manager of people and time."

Wong finished 16th in the women's cross-country mountain biking event at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

"I did everything I wanted to do in mountain biking and now there are a lot of other things I want to do," she said.

A fourth generation Chinese-New Zealander, Wong will fly from Auckland to Beijing today where she will run the Great Wall of China marathon on Saturday.

It will be her first marathon.

"I never thought I would run a marathon. I'm very interested in going back to China.

"I guess it is a bit of a pilgrimage.

"I'm interested to know what kind of feelings it's going to conjure up."