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## **SAPPHIRES GO INTO CAMP**

The Sapphires, Australian Under 21 Women's team, goes into camp tomorrow in Geelong, Victoria. The 18-strong squad includes five NSW players, 2005 Basketball Junior Female Player of the Year Renae Camino, current Maitland Mustangs ABA star Mikaela Dombkins, recent Sydney Flames signings Rachel Herrick and Melissa Smith and current Bankstown Bruin Jamie Lee Samuels.

The training camp is the first for the squad and the first for new Head Coach Gary Fox. The squad will have the chance to train alongside the Opals for a number of sessions. The training camp marks the beginning of the preparation for the World Championships in Guatemala from July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup> 2007. The team will be looking to improve on their 5<sup>th</sup> placing from the inaugural World Championships in 2003.

### **Sapphires Squad:**

Kathleen Macleod	Victoria	Kirby Dalglish	Queensland
Christina Fox	Victoria	Melissa Moyle	WA
Renae Camino	NSW	Erin Lorenzini	SA
Mikaela Dombkins	NSW	Abby Bishop	SA
Rebecca Duke	WA	Helen Roden	Victoria
Jenna O'Hea	Victoria	Heather Oliver	Victoria
Jamie Lee Samuels	NSW	Eleanor Brentnall	Victoria
Melissa Smith	NSW	Laura Thomas	Victoria
Caitlin Cunningham	Victoria		
Rachel Herrick	NSW		

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