

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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## Leading Coaches Secured for January Clinics



Former National Basketball League coaches **Guy Molloy** and **Mark Watkins** will be the keynote presenters at coaching clinics at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup and Pacific Coast Slam development events in January.

A former head coach with Cairns and championship assistant with the South Dragons, Molloy will be the presenter for ninth annual Tasman Coaches Clinic to be held in Albury, Monday, January 18, 2010.

Molloy recently accepted the position of Elite Program Manager at the strong Ballarat Basketball Association and will lead the Ballarat Miners in the 2010 SEABL season.

A highly successful coach at the junior and senior level, Molloy has guided Victoria Metropolitan to three successive Under 18 National Championships and is the current Australian Under 17 men's coach.

Newly appointed New South Wales National Intensive Training Program Head Coach Mark Watkins will be the guest presenter at the Pacific Coast Slam Coaches Clinic, to be held at Port Macquarie on Sunday, January 17, 2010.

Watkins was an assistant at Canberra, West Sydney and Gold Coast in a NBL career spanning 13 years and also served as head coach with the West Sydney Razorbacks.

Originally from the strong Nunawading Spectres junior program, Watkins was a successful junior coach with the Victoria Metropolitan State Program before progressing to the AIS and then the NBL.

More than 150 coaches attend these two clinics each January, with past clinic presenters including **Patrick Hunt**, New Zealand Tall Blacks mentor **Tab Baldwin**, Opals World Championship coach **Jan Stirling** and current Australian Under 19 men's coach **Damian Cotter**.

The announcement that Molloy and Watkins will head up these important coach development events ensures coaches at the ACJBC and PCS are receiving ongoing education as part of their involvement in the tournaments.

While the clinics are run in conjunction with the ACJBC and PCS, both clinics are open to all coaches and full detailed notes are provided to all participants.

The Pacific Coast Slam Coaches Clinic will commence at 7pm on January 17 and be held at the Port Macquarie Sports Stadium, while the Tasman Coaches Clinic will tip-off at 7pm the next day at Albury Sports Stadium in North Street, Albury.



Some brief information about our presenters –

**Guy Molloy –**

- Former Australian Opals assistant coach
- Former Head Coach Cairns Taipans NBL team
- Assistant Coach, South Dragons 2008/2009 NBL champions
- Head Coach, Australian men, 2005 FIBA Under 22 World Championships
- Head Coach, Australian under 17 men, qualified for 2010 FIBA Under 17 World Championships
- Head Coach, Ballarat Miners in SEABL

**Mark Watkins –**

- Former assistant coach, Canberra Cannons NBL team
- Former Assistant Coach, Australian Under 22 men
- Former Head and Assistant Coach, West Sydney Razorbacks
- Former assistant coach, Gold Coast Blaze NBL team
- Assistant Coach, AIS Men's Basketball Program for two years
- Currently NITP Head Coach for New South Wales

For more information on these valuable coach development clinics, e-mail [coaches@nswbasketball.net.au](mailto:coaches@nswbasketball.net.au) or contact the coaching and development staff at Basketball NSW, Basketball Victoria Country or South Australia Country.

The Tasman Coaches Clinic and Pacific Coast Slam Coaches Clinic are supported by the Directors of the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup and Pacific Coast Slam.

