

Basketballers head across the Tasman

Seven young Coonabarabran basketballers are heading for New Zealand this Easter to participate in a series of matches against Kiwi opposition.

Tournaments and competition games will be played in the North Island centres of Auckland, Rotorua and Orewa.

The 11-day trip will also include opportunities for sight-seeing and social interaction, and is sure to be a great experience.

Mat and Kurt Pincham, Ricky Duggan, Chris Hayes, Ryan Unicomb and Shannon and Nicholas Oakes will join with Tom Hoey of Inverell to make up the side, to be known as the HST Kangaroos, on a tour organised by Horizon Sports.

The boys will be coached and managed by former Sydney Kings squad member, David Loboja.

Appreciation

Numerous fund-raising activities have been conducted by the Coonabarabran boys over the past six months, and they convey their thanks to everyone who assisted, with particular appreciation to Kevin Hawkins of the Imperial



Coonabarabran basketballers looking forward to competition in New Zealand: Back - Mat Pincham, Shannon Oakes, Kurt Pincham and Chris Hayes; front - Ryan Unicomb, Ricky Duggan and Nicholas Oakes.

Hotel.

The Coonabarabran side travelled to Coffs Harbour on the weekend of 1 and 2

April for the first round of the 2006 Northern Junior League season, and came home with a two wins, two

loss record.

The Cougars came up with two wins against Tamworth, 99-65 and 68-

65 in a very physical encounter, and two losses to Armidale, 48-67 and 59-64.