



# Masters combine to shine at Games

TWO Olympic gold medallists and a Commonwealth Games long-distance runner are the impressive ambassadors for the eighth Pan Pacific Masters Games on the Gold Coast.

The event on November 3-11 will attract athletes, their families and spectators from around the world.

Faces of the Games will be Olympic gold medal-winning, beach volleyballer Natalie Cook, three-time Commonwealth Games marathon representative Pat Carroll and Olympic and Commonwealth Games champion Glynis

Nunn-Cearns.

Cook represented Australia for the fifth time at the London Olympics and said she was looking forward to having fun and competing in beach volleyball at the Pan Pacific Masters Games.

The 2000 Sydney Games gold medallist, who won bronze at the 1996 Atlanta Games, will team up with former AFL star and breakfast radio presenter Peter "Spida" Everitt in the mixed pairs competition.

Carroll has won the Gold Coast Airport Marathon four times and is Australia's most

versatile distance runner.

He will race in the inaugural Beach Mile event at Kurr-awa, while Nunn-Cearns will compete in the 300m hurdles. The versatile athlete switched from heptathlon to hurdles during her career.

In heptathlon, she won gold at the 1984 Olympics and 1982 Commonwealth Games, and took the bronze medal in the 1986 Commonwealth Games 100m hurdles.

Events Queensland Gold Coast chairman Kerry Watson said the three big-name ambassadors would add great excitement to the Pan Pacific

Masters Games.

"They have done Australia proud with their sporting careers and everyone involved with the Games will be thrilled to see them in action," he said.

The Pan Pacific Masters Games have no qualifying standards except competitors must meet the minimum age requirement for their respective sports, which for the majority is 30.

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- LAURA NELSON



**Getting set to have a ball at the Pan Pacific Masters are ambassadors Glynis Nunn-Cearns, Natalie Cook and Pat Carroll.**

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