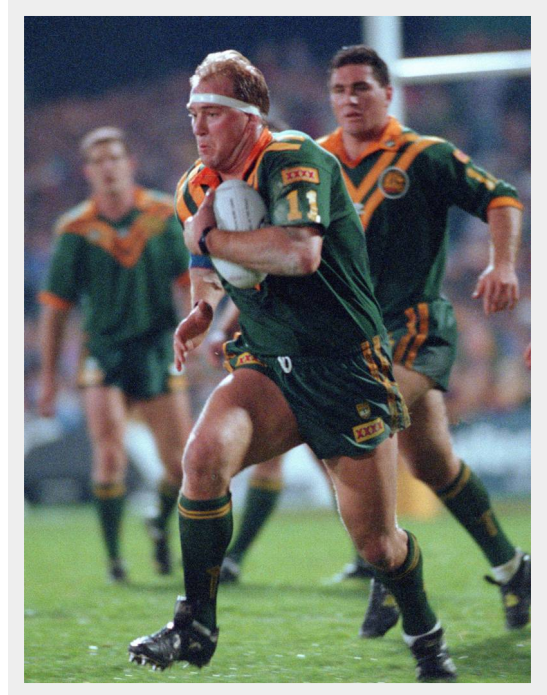


# Paul Sironen

## *Former Rugby League Player & Keynote Speaker*

Paul Sironen has enjoyed an impressive international career in rugby league. Nick-named ‘the beast’, he was a second-row forward for the Balmain Tigers during the late 1980s and early 1990s, playing in Grand Finals in 1988 and 1989. Paul made a number of appearances for New South Wales in State of Origin, and he represented Australia. He was a member of the Wests Tigers ‘Team of the Century’.

Affectionately known as Siro, Paul’s rugby league legacy continues on with his two sons playing the game at professional level. With such incredible pedigree and so much experience, it’s not surprising that Paul is an inspiring keynote speaker who can talk about the game as it was then and as it is now, about teamwork, leadership and commitment. Paul’s presentations are interspersed with entertaining anecdotes from his career.



## ***More about Paul Sironen:***

Paul Sironen served in the New South Wales Police Force and, prior to his career with the Balmain Tigers, played American football in the position of defensive tackle for the University of Hawaii under a scholarship.

He joined the Balmain Tigers during the late 1980s, playing second-row forward. In total he played 246 matches for the Tigers, scoring twenty-two tries for a total of 88 points. He was named as a starting second rower in the Wests Tigers Team of the Century as well as the Balmain Team of the Century.

At the end of the 1998 season, Paul left the club to finish his career with French club US Villeneuve. In France, where he was affectionately known as “the beast”, Sironen helped his club to victory in the final of the 1999 French championship season.

Paul Sironen served in the Police Force during his rugby playing days in Australia, and in 2008, rugby league’s centenary year, he was named at second-row in a NSW Police team of the century.

Paul is the father of Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles second rower Curtis Sironen who made his NRL debut for the Tigers against the North Queensland Cowboys in Round 12 of the 2012 NRL season. He is also the father of the Rabbitohs’ player, Bayley Sironen.

He is the only original model remaining on Lowes Menswear's much watched television commercials. Paul features alongside Darryl Brohman.

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