



Bunbury-Busselton player Brayden Lawler fends off an attack by players from Manjimup-Leschenault including number five Mitchell Muir.

Dine out with AFL legend

IF you asked a football fan what their dream dinner companions would be, there's a good chance Kevin Sheedy would be at the top of their list.

Now South West fans have the chance to make their dream a reality and share a meal with the legendary AFL coach and player. Sheedy will host a dinner at Busselton's The Goose to raise funds for the South West Academy of Sport.

The event, which includes a three-course meal and a chance to hear tales from the AFL great, will take place at 7pm on Thursday, April 2.

Tickets are \$100 per person, with tables of 10 available. Places are limited.

Sheedy will also be a guest speaker at the upcoming South West Focus Conference, with the event engaging global industries.

The former premiership player will discuss the challenges and rewards of finding new markets for the AFL.

For more information or to register your interest in attending the dinner, please contact Megan Pollard at the South West Academy of Sport by phoning 9795 4504 or emailing info@swaswa.com.au.



AFL legend Kevin Sheedy will be the guest speaker at a fund raiser for the South West Academy of Sport.

Future stars show skills to big crowd

BEN PAPALIA

FANS that arrived early to the recent NAB Challenge match in Bunbury were given a glimpse of the next generation of football stars.

Members of the South West Academy of Sport's football squads played a curtain raiser before the game between Fremantle and Carlton on Saturday March 14.

The showcase of talent provided good exposure for the athletes, who combined to form two teams —

Bunbury-Busselton and Manjimup-Leschenault.

SWAS chief executive Bernice Butlion said the day presented a great opportunity for the young football players.

"They were able to show their skills in front of a large crowd and big names of the game like Chris Judd and Matthew Pavlich," she said.

The hard fought match between the academy's football squads — won by Bunbury-Busselton — warmed up the crowd before the Dockers scored a 43-point win over Carlton.

Bunbury-Busselton

Jackson Arbon, Areef Walker, Sam Harris, Lachlan Micala, Mitchell Fraser, Jacob Smith, Kaileb Bastow, Brayden Lawler, Mike Galliers, Josh Dunn, Liam Bourke, Will O'Dea, Jesse Cummings, Jason Fish, Brandon Hughes, Joel Avery, Dylan Ness, Alex Mezger, Jacob Kosicki, Cameron Seale and Joel Dowson. Coaches: John O'Dea, Brad Fraser and Sinan Kerimofski.

Manjimup-Leschenault

Sam Moyes, Mark Manea, James Gaudion, Ben Farquhar, Mitchell Muir, Jed Doy, Lachi Udy, Nathan Douch, Riley Hutchinson, Damien Culverwell, Mitchell Raynsford, Declan Jackson, Greg Parry, Matthew Chernabaeff, Kadogen Combes, Joel Jackson, Phillip Lee, Daniel Sherman, Joel Holmes, Mitchell Homes, Patrick Leary, Axel Vernon, Luke Dale and Jacob Perry. Coaches: Wayne Barnden and Graham Jeffery.

Auction plays role in fulfilling dreams

A RECENT fundraiser for the South West Academy of Sport gave David Trench an opportunity to add to his impressive collection of sport and movie memorabilia.

The Bunbury man was a successful bidder at the auction, held as part of January's breakfast

with hockey great Ric Charlesworth.

Mr Trench handed over his cheque for the signed Kookaburras shirt earlier this month and was thanked for his support by SWAS chief executive Bernice Butlion.

"The academy would like to

show its appreciation for those who attended the breakfast and participated in the auction, which raised a total of \$3,400 for the academy," she said.

"It's thanks to people like David — and companies such as foundation partner The Griffin Group — that the academy is able

to help young athletes achieve their goals."

Mr Trench, whose collection of signed memorabilia includes a signed Boomers shirt and a bat signed by Don Bradman, said he had welcomed the opportunity to support the talent development of young South West athletes.

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