

Dockers training locals

SOUTH West Academy of Sport football players were among hundreds of young AFL fans who benefited when the Fremantle Football Club visited the South West for a series of community activities last fortnight.

The talented SWAS athletes pulled on official Dockers shorts and socks for a special training session with Fremantle players and coaching staff at the Dunsborough Playing Fields.

SWAS chief executive officer Bernice Butlion said the evening training session was a fantastic opportunity for the academy's athletes to learn from their Fremantle heroes.

"The expertise offered by the Dockers to the SWAS athletes was invaluable and a great effort also in building relationships within the community," she said.

"Although these players are considered to be elite they took time off their busy schedule to interact with the local community, share playing skills and offer advice.

"The Fremantle Dockers demonstrate very good leadership qualities and their interaction with the local South West communities demonstrated their ability to lead by example."

Fourteen-year-old SWAS football player and Margaret River resident Corey Read welcomed the chance to mix with football players at the top their game.



South West Academy of Sport athlete Corey Read prepares to handball at a training session with the Fremantle Dockers at Dunsborough Playing Fields.

"It was fun training with the Fremantle Dockers," he said.

"The drills were pretty hard, but it was a good experience being able to meet the players and train with them."

The Dockers were in the South West as part of the annual AFL

community camp program, which sees players and coaching staff from AFL clubs visit communities in the weeks leading up to the NAB Cup.

It was the second time the club had held the camp in the region, with Bunbury previously hosting the Dockers in 2003.