



Dockers player Nick Suban leads South West Academy of Sport football players through a training session at Dunsborough.

Dockers keen to help elite juniors

SOUTH West Academy of Sport footballers 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 week.

The talented SWAS athletes pulled on the official Dockers uniform for a special training session with the players — including recent prized draft recruit and former Harvey-Brunswick-Leschenault player Anthony Morabito — and coaching staff at Dunsborough Playing Fields last Thursday.

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.

"It was fun training with the Freo guys," 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.