

National stars coach hockey hopefuls



HAND-EYE COORDINATION: Collie's Preah Hetherington showcased her skills at the Kookaburras clinic in Bunbury earlier this month.



TUSSLE: SWAS athlete and Collie resident Brylie Sanders (left) is pictured with Busselton's Lauren Clarke at the special training clinic overseen by the Kookaburras.

Locals learn from the country's best

YOUNG Collie hockey players picked up tips from members of the national men's hockey team, the Kookaburras, in Bunbury recently.

The visiting stars put South West Academy of Sport talents through their paces on Friday, January 15, during a special clinic at the Bunbury Hockey Stadium.

"At the training session, the SWAS athletes were divided

into various groups according to their positional play and the Kookaburras spent time teaching them specific new skills," SWAS chief executive officer Bernice Butlion said later.

"The athletes — who travelled from the Bunbury, Busselton, Collie and Boyup Brook areas to be part of the clinic — appreciated the opportunity to learn from top Australian athletes and we hope to continue this positive

relationship in the future."

The Kookaburras took time out from their preparations for the Hero Honda FIH World Cup to help shape some of the South West's most promising young hockey players.

"It is always an honour to be coached by the Kookaburras," Ms Butlion said.

"They are world-class athletes who make an effort to share their knowledge."