

Kookaburras in town for cup preparation

SOUTH West Academy of Sport hockey players will share the turf with the Kookaburras this week when the Australian men's hockey team makes an appearance in Bunbury.

The visit will give the SWAS athletes the opportunity to sharpen their skills when they train with the Ric Charlesworth-coached team at the Bunbury Hockey Stadium from

5-6pm on Friday. The Kookaburras will also play an inter-team match at the Bunbury Hockey Stadium from 2pm Sunday as part of preparations for the upcoming FIH World Cup in New Delhi, India.

Having taken out the 2009 Hockey Champions Trophy in December, the Kookaburras will be looking to continue their winning form and will be using their time in Bunbury to pre-

pare for the World Cup. SWAS chief executive officer Bernice Butlion encouraged the community to watch the academy's hockey talents in a curtain-raiser game at 1pm on Sunday.

"It's an exciting opportunity for the local community to see both up-and-coming local players and a national team in action. It's sure to be a great afternoon of hockey," she said.