



Capes surfer Matt Baldock is benefiting from a scholarship with the South West Academy of Sport.

## Baldock on working holiday

PREVELLY-based young surfer Matt Baldock is currently in Tahiti fighting to keep his number one ranking among West Australian juniors.

Although part of a very select group, Baldock's success means he has been identified as a future major talent by the South West sporting agency.

The 19-year-old was juggling professional surfing with student life, having enrolled in surf science at Edith Cowan University in Bunbury.

He described this week's meet as "a bit of a holiday".

Having been on the fiercely competitive pro junior circuit since he was 17, Baldock has had time to be-

come more comfortable about competing at an elite level.

"It's a step up from just competing in WA to competing nationally," he said.

"I'm getting used to it, knowing what the judges are like and beating the top guys."

Following the competition in Tahiti, Baldock was due home this week before heading off to participate in a surfing competition at Sydney's Cronulla Beach.

Baldock is one of 20 young sports men and women benefiting from a South West Academy of Sport individual athlete scholarship, with Margaret River well presented in sports ranging from women's soccer to surfing.