

Help for talented athletes

SPORTING and community groups have the opportunity to meet South West Academy of Sport board members and its executive at the Harvey council chambers on Thursday from 1-2 pm.

They will be able to get some information about the role of the academy, scholarships available for elite athletes and programs.

Apart from its individual scholarships the academy has

programs for the AFL, hockey, soccer and basketball.

It tries to bridge the gap between State and national teams and provide information about the selection process and training regimes to enable athletes to train locally and reduce the number of trips to Perth.

There are 14 elite athletes from the Harvey shire involved in academy programs.

These include Lauren Reynolds (BMX), Jasmine Klumpp (tae-kwon-do) and Thomas Quaife (little athletics).

Individuals and groups can find out more about the future programs and services available for talented young athletes by attending the "meet and greet" session next Thursday.

The board will be meeting at the council chambers prior to the open session.