

Duo selected for national team

THE countdown to the World Rowing Junior Championships has begun for two South West Academy of Sport scholarship holders.

Alexandra Hagan and Dave Prosser are preparing to head to France later this year for the World Junior Rowing Championships after being selected for the Australian team.

The duo earned spots in the 24-strong team following selection trials in Sydney earlier this month and will attend their first team training camp in May.

Though training commitments in the lead-up to the competition

will take Hagan and Prosser away from their home base in Bunbury, they will have regular coach Jamie Jones on hand for guidance after he was chosen to helm the women's quad.

Jones acknowledged the part SWAS had played in helping Hagan and Prosser make the team.

"These guys have done so well, it is great to see that regional athletes have the opportunity and support to be able to achieve these goals," he said.

"The academy has done a great job supporting Alexandra and Dave."

Rowing WA executive officer Pierre Pognault congratulated all three Bunbury Rowing Club members on their selection.

"This is a fantastic result for Bunbury rowing and is a tribute to Jamie's program and coaching skills," he said.

"This is the second year that Alexandra has made the team. Last year she rowed for Australia in a single scull."

Hagan will represent Australia this year in the women's quad scull and Prosser in the men's quad scull.

The 2009 championships will be held in France in August.



Alexandra Hagan is heading to France for her sport.