

# Riley shines in national footy champs

COMPETING in the under 15 State Schoolboys football Championships in Maroochydore, Queensland was a big achievement for Manjimup's Riley Hutchison.

The Deanmill colt (and league player on two occasions) has been chasing the football since the age of four and said his dream was to play AFL, but most of all he enjoyed playing the game with his mates.

Playing for WA gold, the team won all five games by at least a 30 point margin putting them through to the grand final against Vic Country which they lost by 28 points.

"We had to win every game to get through to the grand final," Riley said.

Despite not taking home the flag, Riley said a big highlight was being announced as a best player against Queensland.

Playing in the championships involved attending 20 training sessions on Monday nights in Perth along with training sessions throughout the school holidays.

Riley said competing in the championships was a fantastic opportunity and an experience he would love again next year in the under 16s.

Riley also had to fundraise for the championships and thanked the clubs in the Lower South West Football League for their donations along with Tim Harrington who nominated him.

There is no rest for Riley who will now start preparing for the South West Academy of Sport football carnival to be held in Perth in October.



Manjimup's Riley Hutchison has returned after playing football in the Under 15 State Schoolboys Championships in Maroochydore, Queensland.