



Callum Richardson.

## Future Soccerroos star rises

**SOCCKER:** Australind teenager Callum Richardson is now a potential future Soccerroo after he represented Western Australian in a national soccer tournament.

The 13-year-old played for the State under 14s team at the 2009 Football Federation Australia national youth championships in Coffs Harbour.

The young gun made the side after impressing officials during intensive training and trials in

Perth.

He was one of 384 players from around the country to face off for national title honours.

The tournament forms an important part of the FFA talent identification where future national players are discovered.

For Richardson, a South West Academy of Sport athlete, the tournament proved an ideal opportunity to showcase his skills over eight days of soccer.

"It was definitely a good experience to play

at such a high level," he said.

"It was good being able to test your skills against all the other States and see how you measure up."

Richardson, who is trying out for the National Training Centre program, said he enjoyed playing the sport he loved every day.

SWAS head soccer coach Perry Krakowczyk said was a while since a regional player had been selected to represent the WA State team.