

# Kookaburras set to inspire

LOCAL hockey players will have the opportunity to train like a Kookaburra when national men's coach Ric Charlesworth visits the South West next month as part of a tour that will see Australia play Netherlands in a two-match series in the region.

Various community programs including clinics, training sessions and forums will be conducted to coincide with the Kookaburra's games against the Netherlands that are being held in Busselton on January 20 and Bunbury on January 21.

South West Academy of Sport chief executive Bernice Butlion said she was pleased local athletes would have the chance to train under Charlesworth, saying it would be a good experience for the young hockey players.

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"Ric has one of Australia's most successful coaching histories and was recently appointed to coach the national men's hockey team through to the 2012 London Olympics," Ms Butlion said.

Academy athletes will train with him on January 19, with a clinic for the wider community also being held in Busselton that day.

To book a seat at the breakfast, phone Bernice Butlion on 9795 4504 after January 8.