



Graham Jeffery

Football coaches appointed

COACHING appointments have been announced for the South West Academy of Sport football squads.

The Lower South West (East Perth zone) will be headed up by Wayne Barnden, Busselton's squad (East Perth) lead by Brad Fraser, Bunbury (Swan Districts) by John O'Dea, and Leschenault (Peel Thunder) will be coached by Graham Jeffery.

Dylan Harper is the head of the SWAS football program.

South West Football Development manager Shane Atherton said it was fantastic news that Harper had been able to secure such highly qualified and credible coaches.

"These coaches will have an enormous positive impact on their individual squads and the competitions in which they play," Atherton said.

WAFL director of football Grant Dorrington echoed Atherton's comments and praised the academy concept, saying the appointments would have a big bearing on similar roles in the future.

"This Academy concept is a first in regional WA and therefore it is WA football's intention to make sure that it is an outstanding success in every way possible," Dorrington said.

"These leadership positions are not only about producing better players but most importantly better people."

Dorrington also suggested an agreed coach development plan with associated WAFL clubs and league coaches including Chris Waterman, Brian Dawson and Tony Micale.