

Sports academy unveiled

ACADEMY: The first regional sports academy in Western Australia is well and truly off the starting blocks after achieving another significant milestone.

Sport and Recreation Minister Terry Waldron visited Bunbury last Wednesday to open the South West Academy of Sport's administration centre at the South West Sports Centre.

Academy chief executive Bernice Butlion said the new office would act as an important administration hub as the academy progresses.

The academy provides opportunities for gifted South West athletes to engage in high performance sports training.

It will help them establish their foundations for a career in sport without having to travel to Perth



Griffin Group executive director Jason Stowe and Sport and Recreation Minister Terry Waldron open the South West Academy of Sport's administration centre. Looking on is South West Academy of Sport chief executive Bernice Butlion.

Ms Butlion said the academy's basketball squad has begun training, with programs in hockey, Australian Rules football, soccer to follow.

A scholarship program

will begin this month.

Griffin Group executive director Jason Stowe also attended the event and said it was heartening to see the progress the academy was making.