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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PARALYMPIC COACH COMES TO WA

Football West is pleased to announce that Australian National Paralympic Coach Paul Brown is coming to visit Perth this weekend.

Brown's task is not only to observe potential football prospects, but to also to meet with stakeholders and State players to discuss how to develop the game in certain areas.

He will be holding coaching sessions with State junior players as well as current and potential National players.

Brown will also revisit the national Technical Plan and upgrade it where possible, and is also keen to help establish a better organised program and build cooperation between Football Federation Australia, Football West and disability organisations.

A figurehead of the new disabilities football program is Chris Barty, Western Australia's most promising prospect in the Paralympic football field.

The 22-year-old sports enthusiast lives in North Perth and plays for local club Subiaco AFC in the Football West Sunday League.

Barty has been considered a real chance of making the National side and he hopes to impress State selectors and Brown while he is here in WA.

Football West would like to extend invitations to other young people with Cerebral Palsy and acquired brain injuries who are able to get around a pitch unaided to come along and join in.

Saturday 19 March will see the session begin at 9.00am at Gibbney Reserve in Maylands, while the following day's training kickoff at 10.00am.

Paralympic football runs most Saturday mornings of the year and further information can be found at <http://www.footballwest.com.au/community/equal-footingball/>

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