

## WA's coaches Awarded for Excellence – at the inaugural AFCA Coaching Awards 2008

WA's finest coaches were honored at the Fremantle Football Club on Friday night for the inaugural Australian Football Coaches Association Awards for West Australia.

More than 70 guests were in attendance on the 7 November for an exclusive awards ceremony that included special guest presenters **Steve Malaxos, Andrew Jarman, Rob Wiley and Scott Watters**.

The awards night also gave an opportunity for the **JJ Leonard Medal, Greg Brehaut Memorial Scholarship & Ken Armstrong Senior Community Coach of the Year** to be formally presented and recognized.



WA Football Commission Coaching & Talent Manager Jon Haines said more than 40 coaches from Auskick through to Senior football had been recognised by their WAFL districts for excellence in coaching. Nominations had been placed via the District Development Councils in which seven award categories were offered for outstanding community and WAFL coaches.

"The West Australian AFCA awards night provides an opportunity to celebrate football at all levels and to acknowledge the significant role coaches play in the development of individual players and teams," Haines said.

The Winners of the West Australian AFCA awards were:

**NAB Auskick Coach of the Year:**

**John Rees - Kalgoorlie Boulder JFC**  
(Subiaco District)

**Female Coach of the Year:**

**Joy Wearing – Morley Senior High School**  
(East Perth District)

**Junior/ Modified Rules Coach of the Year:**

**Barry Cable Jnr – Riverton Football Club**  
(East Fremantle District)

**Ken Armstrong Senior Community Coach of the Year:**

**Damien McMahon- Northam Railways**  
Football Club (Perth District)

**Youth Coach of the Year:**

**Stephen Smith – South Perth Football Club**  
(Perth Football District)

**Greg Brehaut Scholarship:**

**Corry Bewick – West Perth Football Club**

**JJ Leonard Medal:**

**Chris Waterman – Peel Thunder Football Club**

*The night was a wonderful opportunity to recognise and show the industry's appreciation for the commitment and dedication demonstrated by coaches throughout Western Australian.*