



# Courage admired

TWELVE courageous young people, including two Cockburn children, have been recognised in this year's 17th annual HBF Bravery Awards.

The ceremony was held in admiration of the strength, determination and courage of the young people who pass through the wards of hospitals in the South Metropolitan Area Health Service.

Fremantle Dockers first-year players Tendai Mzungu, Jayden Pitt, Peter Faulks, Gavin Roberts and Josh Mellington joined mature-age recruit Nick Lower to meet the children and hear their stories.

Will Morton (7), of Spearwood, received one of the bravery awards after a period of time in Fremantle Hospital.

Will had his eardrum perforated after an accident at home, and had to have surgery to repair the damage.

Doctors couldn't save his hearing, but

Will has been fitted with a hearing aid, is now back at school, and is planning to return to his local cricket team next summer.

Fellow Cockburn resident Kayla Broxton (12) from Hamilton Hill is another inspiring award recipient. She has been admitted to hospital on many occasions since she was diagnosed with Nephrotic syndrome, a condition that affects her kidneys.

Kayla's stomach, legs and arms can swell up suddenly if she isn't careful about what she eats and drinks. Despite all that, Kayla's mum, Marie said her daughter keeps her chin up and her family on their toes.

Fremantle player development co-ordinator Liam Casson said the players thought the award recipients were truly remarkable.

"It really puts things into perspective for them to see what some of these kids have had to go through just to be here today," he said.



**Dockers player Jayden Pitt with Kayla Broxton and teammate Nick Lower with Jamie Lee of East Fremantle.** Picture: Martin Kennealey

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