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Top junior cricketers heading to the Clarence

IF YOU want to see the future of Australian cricket, don't leave town.

Some of the best junior cricketers in Northern NSW are on their way to the Clarence Valley for the Northern NSW Cricket Pathway Challenge.

One hundred and eighty players from Bulahdelah to Tweeds Heads, and over the dividing range to Tamworth, are heading to the region for the four-day camp.

It's the first of two trials to select junior representative players to compete in NSW country carnivals later in the year.

Carnival co-ordinator, Rob Pye, said it was really exciting for the young cricketers, aged between 11 and 14.

"For some of the younger ones, this will be their first camp environment, so it's a great experience for them," Mr Pye said.

"Some of these kids are coming from draught-affected areas over the range, so it's also giving them and their families a bit of a relief from that environment."

The Under 13 age group will play in Grafton and South Grafton, and the Under 14s will play at Yamba and Harwood.

Thanks to sponsorship from the Sports Tourism Partner Program, a joint sponsorship intuitive from Clarence Valley Council and local businesses, a bus has been hired to transport parents and players up and down the valley.

Mr Pye said they wanted to use the funding to help reduce costs for cricketing families.

The carnival runs from Saturday to Tuesday and is expected to attract close to 300 visitors to the region.

"These kids have been selected by their coaches to play here, so it's exciting for them and their families," Mr Pye said.

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