

extremely hard.  
 "She trains six days a week and she just loves it," Mrs Galloway said.  
 "She's competed in the national titles and she killed it there but this is the first time she has represented Australia so she's over the moon," she said.  
 Kasey said she was eager

**HIGH HOPES:** Kasey Galloway will represent Australia at the WAKO Junior World Championships in Dublin. PHOTO: RACHEL LANG

to fight for her country.  
 "I'm mainly looking forward to competing for Australia," she said.  
 Kasey already has her eyes set on a career in martial arts.  
 "I definitely want to become a world champion and compete more for Australia," she said.  
 "I'd really like to be an MMA fighter because Ronda Rousey has always been my role model for fighting.  
 "She doesn't just give up if she loses a fight she just keeps practising and training hard."  
 Kasey will compete in Dublin on August 27 - September 03.  
 Competing internationally comes at a cost of \$10,000 per child, so to help the Queensland parents get their children to Dublin

WAKO Australia is hosting five MMA Main Event fights at the Deception Bay community hall on July 31.  
 The main card starts at 3.30pm.  
 Tickets are available at Red Dragon Martial Arts, Morayfield.

## Giving kids a chance to 'shine'

**BOXING:** Stacey Gibson had tried every sport under the sun to get her son Caden, 11, to start focusing at school without any luck - that was until she signed him up to Spiders Boxing.  
 Now Stacey works for the boxing club as it gears up for its biggest amateur boxing tournament for the year next Saturday.  
 Up to 80 young fighters will be there, from 11 years old up to 19-year-old Commonwealth hopeful Harry Price.  
 But next Saturday isn't so much about winning as it is about giving youngsters a chance to feel special, as Caden found out after his first sparring session last weekend.  
 "Caden had absolutely no focus in the classroom, a lot of anger issues and there was just no outlet for him," Stacey said.  
 "I tried a number of sports from karate to swimming to

get him interested, but something just clicked with boxing.  
 "The first time in the ring he was nervous as all hell, but when he settled down he was so pumped and proud of himself and we've seen a massive positive change in him.

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— Stacey Gibson

"He even does chores around the house now."  
 Spiders is not-for-profit and has some serious fighters with genuine chances for the Commonwealth Games, but Stacey said next Saturday's tournament was about

bringing the community together.  
 "A lot of young kids don't get good enough to fight in a tournament, so this is our way to let them shine in front of their family and friends," she said.  
 "We're trying to be that positive influence for them, get some money back into the club and support the local community.  
 "Caboolture Community Action Group will do all the food and drink.  
 "They feed the homeless and it's our way of helping them to keep feeding the homeless - they can take all the proceeds.  
 "We could either do it ourselves or call one of the groups who are doing a fantastic job and they need funds."  
 The doors open at the Caboolture Memorial Hall from 2pm on July 23 with tickets starting at \$20 for adults.



**PRIDE:** Caden Gibson has found a home with Spiders Boxing. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

to work hard for our wins - we're not walking around with our heads in the clouds," he said.  
 "Our for and against (points) will hurt us in the end if we end up finishing equal points with them. We'll probably drop a spot because of it."  
 But Caboolture's depth as a club could prove to be the difference leading into the finals after it called on three reserve players for the weekend's match.  
 It's this time of the year when players start dropping like flies through injury, but the Snakes will regain three A-grade players for this week's match against fourth-placed Maroochydore.  
 Rouse says his team's ability to draw players from the two reserve teams who are both doing well in Division 2 will prove pivotal.  
 "We have a strong colt team and reserve teams who are all keen to play because they see we are doing well," he said.  
 "It's in our club culture. We train together as a club at least once a week for a period and then we have a run against our under-18s too."  
 Meanwhile Beachmere had its first win in Division 2 beating Kileoy 16-14 after it failed to field a side last week against Brîbie Island.

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