



Moving: Young footballer Marc Warren will leave his Sutherland Shire base after linking with A-League club Central Coast. **Picture:** Jane Dyson

Mariners snare Warren

By Michael Carayannis

SUTHERLAND junior Marc Warren has signed a senior contract with A-League side Central Coast Mariners just days before flying out to South America as part of Australia's under-20 football team.

Warren, 18, trialled with the Mariners against Adelaide United last month before agreeing to a two-year-deal with the club.

"I'm very excited," Warren said. "They offered me a week trial and I played well and then I got an offer from there."

The Menai Hawks junior, a left-fullback, played for the Australian Institute of Sport in the National Youth League last season.

But a broken bone in his foot resulted in

Warren missing a large chunk of the season and he feared he may have been out of sight and out of mind at A-League clubs.

"It got me down a bit," Warren said. "All the boys around me were getting contracts but luckily I pulled through."

Warren travelled with the rest of the Australian Young Socceroos squad to Argentina on Saturday.

The team played friendly games against Argentina and Paraguay.

Warren had been a previous captain of the Australian under-17 Joey squad.

"It's a big lesson for us all," Warren said.

Warren will move from Menai to the Central Coast before pre-season training with the Mariners starts later this year.