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VENUE ANNOUNCED FOR PERTH AFRICAN NATIONS CUP

Football West and the Perth African Nations Football Council (PAN FC) has announced that the 2012 Perth African Nations Cup football tournament will be held at Forrestfield United Soccer Club on Hale Road in Forrestfield.

The PAN Cup tournament is Perth's most parochially followed Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) community sporting event and is set to run across three weekends.

For the first time, some matches will be played under lights with Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening matches to take the tournament out of the worst of the summer heat when it kicks off in mid-January.

Forrestfield United SC President Heinz Luik said: "The Forrestfield United Soccer Club is proud to host the upcoming PAN Tournament. It is important that we promote and support any multicultural event as all our communities are multicultural and we should be proud to welcome members from all communities into our midst. There is so much we can learn from each other and promote harmony and understanding within our regions. I urge the public to get behind this event."

Football West Inclusive Development Officer Gordon Duus said: "This is the second year Football West will be a major player in bringing the PAN Cup to fruition. With the assistance of Forrestfield United, one of Football West's more inclusive clubs, and Shire of Kalamunda, we are able to get out of Saharan heat and under lights at a fantastic venue. We hope crowd and participation numbers will surpass the previous few tournaments."

A special fundraising event is also being planned with the contribution of Ashley Morrison Media, Football West and other friends of PAN FC to raise funds for relief efforts for the famine in the horn of Africa.

Other than the Famine Fundraiser date where there will be a small donation for entry, the event is free to all to attend and the club canteen will be open across the entire tournament with halal food on offer.

PAN FC Chairperson John Mutakiwa said: "With the help of Football West this tournament is growing from strength to strength. This year we are grateful to the Forrestfield United Soccer Club and Shire of Kalamunda for hosting this community event. This year's tournament is not just about displaying football skills but has fund raising focus for the severe hunger in the Horn of Africa. With help from Ashley Morrison Media and the participating communities there will be documentaries, music and food from different parts of Africa, proceeds going towards fund raising. We therefore invite the public to come in their numbers and support this worthy event."

Football West, who runs the world game in Western Australia, is proud to present this program in partnership with the PAN FC.

For more details about the program contact Gordon Duus Inclusive Development Officer at Football West on 9422 6914 or 0410 659 422.



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