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## **DISABILITY FOOTBALL IN FULL SWING**

Football West's Equal Footingball Club League has kicked off in spectacular fashion, with the three established clubs having recently finished holding their Open Days.

The Equal Footingball Club League is a competition devised to create playing opportunities for teenagers with disabilities.

Cockburn City, Tuart Hill and Western Knights are the three clubs participating in the fledgling league.

Football West Inclusive Development Officer Gordon Duus says the Open Days were a success.

"It was pleasing to see the reactions of attending families to the new football format which caters for teenagers with disabilities who are able to independently make their way around a small pitch unassisted," said Duus.

"I think the line we have to get over is widespread realisation by families and youngsters out there that the World Game is easy to learn and play, and that there is an opportunity for everyone to shine on the field.

"That is when we will see numbers in the program grow and then we can look to expand to other parts of the metropolitan area and increase the size of teams from five players."

The event even saw one player identified from the Open Days as being good enough to play in a fully able-bodied competition.

Football West appeals to people that if they know someone or know of someone who could benefit from an opportunity to be involved in football programs specially tailored for people with disabilities to get in touch.

The ongoing club program formally kicks off this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

For more information on Football West's inclusive programs, please click [here](#)

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