

Clash of the soccer-mad nations

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Timorese soccer players in Queensland are getting serious about a friendly game with their counterparts from the Spanish community in Brisbane next Sunday, October 9.

They held a training session at the park opposite the East Timor Community Centre's headquarters at Benarrawa in Graceville on Saturday afternoon in preparation for the big match at Milton's Gregory Park.

The players showed great enthusiasm despite the midday heat at the session organised by ETCC sports coordinator Crissantos da Conceicao, sweating it out for about two hours to hone their skills.

ETCC chairperson Mario Ricardo said they needed good preparation because they knew the players from the Spanish community were very talented.

The Timorese team are set to unveil their new uniforms for the occasion, which kicks off at 2pm.

After the match there will be a cup presentation and the two communities will share a barbecue.

The training session was scheduled directly after the ETCC's monthly meeting.

Members discussed the match and final preparations for the Darra Street Festival being held on Friday, October 14.

A lot goes into hosting a stall at this fundraising event, and work teams have been assigned for set-up and equipment transport, cooking Timorese-style dishes and serving on the day.

Members involved in last year's festival say it's sure to be a great evening out at a fantastic community event, so please do come along if you can.

The community's next general meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5.