

## Langwarrin SC

### Description:

The Langwarrin soccer club was formed in 1964 by a man called Ted Thornton, Ted's idea was to form a soccer club for those kids in the Langwarrin area who weren't interested in playing Australian rules. The original name was The Langwarrin All Stars. They played their first games at the local Primary school, and thanks to the help of a local wealthy industrialist by the name of Wally Lawton soon moved to the site of the Frankston golf driving range on Cranbourne Road. The All Stars made history almost immediately because the first pitch they had was made of sand.

Permission was granted by the then South of the Yarra Soccer League for the game to be played and the All Stars were off and running. Their first game was against Melbourne who soundly beat the young All Stars 20-1. But it didn't matter the boys were off and running and playing soccer. The All Stars stayed at that ground for four years, until they moved to their current home in Barretts Road Baxter.

The land was donated to the club by Wally Lawton and became known as Lawton Park. Back in those days Lawton Park looked very different, we had an old clubroom, a canteen building and a changing room and shower block. The facilities were pretty ordinary but they were ours and we made the most of them. The first senior team at Langwarrin was formed in 1968. Later that year there was a split in the club which saw Ted Thornton leave Langwarrin, but such was his passion for the game that he still wanted to be involved with soccer, so he moved just a few kilometers down the road to Ballam Park and formed a new club, and that club was Karingal United.

The old canteen Such was Ted's popularity with the juniors and parents most of the junior side of the club followed Ted to Karingal which saw the end of the juniors at Langwarrin for quite some time. In 1977 there was an injection of young blood in to Langwarrin, when there was a break-up of the Mornington U20s team. Most of the players followed their coach Jim Smith to Langwarrin. They then became the Langwarrin Third Team and at the end of the season won the league. This was the first league championship ever won by a Langwarrin

team.

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