



# KANGA NOOS

March 2025



## Langwarrin Junior Football Club



*From the Prez - Brad McNeilage*

It's hard to believe we are only a month away from round 1! Feels like just yesterday we were preparing for a big finals campaign.

This preseason has certainly had its challenges but in true Langy spirit we've managed to get through with some amazing support from our friends at the Langwarrin Cricket Club in Luke Smith and his team. Thank you for the opportunity to use your grounds and facilities during the cricket summer tenancy. I would also like to send a shout out to Elisabeth Murdoch College for the use of their facilities, we would be lost without that space to train. Thanks also to a couple of other local schools for allowing some limited access, again giving our kids the opportunity to gain extra sessions before we head back to Lloyd Park at full capacity as of next week.

With 35+ junior teams and another 5 seniors sides it's safe to say we are maxed out at Lloyd Park. On behalf of the executive team and the football department we would like to thank all the coaches and players for their patience and understanding as we work through ground space and availability. We know we have plenty to work on for future preseasons but we do feel that we are heading in the right direction.

Already this season our club has seen some amazing efforts from our volunteers. From our highly successful and fun Open Day, our ever developing grading programs to Gender Equity Education programs and much more. We have all been working very hard to provide the best experience for our Langwarrin junior families. Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us so far. Let's continue this momentum into the next phase of the season and get these sides doing what they love the most, playing footy!!

Bring on round 1!! Let's go Langy!!

*Welcome McGrath Real Estate Langwarrin*

Langwarrin Junior Football Club is proud to announce a new partnership with McGrath Real Estate Langwarrin.

The partnership is a significant milestone for the club as Chris McGown, Director and the team at McGrath Real Estate have signed on for three years as a Platinum Sponsor.

With over 740 players and 35 teams competing in 2025, Langwarrin Junior Football Club and McGrath Real Estate are bound to be a winning partnership.





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### Key Dates

**Put these in your diary**

- Tuesday 1 April** – April Fools Day
- Tuesday 1 April** - Back to Lloyd Park!
- Saturday 5 April** - Round 1 Langwarrin FNC Seniors Home Game v Pines
- Friday 18 April** – Good Friday Public Holiday
- Sunday 19 April** – Easter Sunday
- Monday 20 April** – Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Friday 25 April** – Anzac Day
- Sunday 27 April** – ROUND 1

### Women and Girls Chartered Club

We are proud to announce we have been approved by the AFL as a member of The Women & Girls Community Football Charter.

This is part of our commitment towards making our environments welcoming, safe and inclusive for Women & Girls both on the field and off the field.

This charter sets out the expectation that signatories will champion women and girls guided by four principles; opportunity, visibility, access and, investment.

We are proud to be approved to this charter and will continue to work towards creating inclusive environments for women and girls at Langwarrin Junior Football Club.

**FRANKSTON & DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2025 SEASON DATES**

1	27TH APRIL	ANZAC WEEKEND
2	4TH MAY	
3	11TH MAY	MOTHERS DAY
4	18TH MAY	
5	25TH MAY	
6	1ST JUNE	
7	15TH JUNE	FREEZE MND
8	22ND JUNE	
9	29TH JUNE	
10	6TH JULY	RECOGNISING RECONCILIATION
11	20TH JULY	TAC ROUND*
12	27TH JULY	
13	3RD AUGUST	NO GAMES * KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND - JUNE 8TH * SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - JULY 13TH
14	10TH AUGUST	*TAC ROUND PENDING AFL CONFIRMATION*

**FINALSDATES**

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	GRAND FINALS
17TH AUGUST	24TH AUGUST	31ST AUGUST



### Wellbeing corner



We have partnered with the Danny Frawley Centre to deliver 'Ahead of the Game' player mental health wellbeing programs to the U12-18 age groups this season. Sessions will also be offered to coaches, volunteers and parents. Watch this space and socials for session times and dates.



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## MERCH SHED

### OPEN DATES

5pm - 7pm

#### April

Weds 2 April  
Weds 9 April  
Weds 16 April  
Tues 22 April  
Weds 23 April  
Tues 29 April  
Weds 30 April

#### May

Tues 6 May  
Weds 7 May  
Tues 13 May  
Weds 14 May  
Tues 20 May  
Weds 21 May

*Register to volunteer today!*

To get our 740 kids on the field each week requires many hands to make it work. If you are planning to be an on field helper in 2025, please register (click below) at PlayHQ to be included.



*Little Saints Day*

Well done to all of our teams who participated in Little Saints Day on 30 March 2025. It is a great first hit out for our youngest teams and great practice ahead of their seasons.



*Graham Family Trusts Academy Program*

Thank you to the Graham Family Trusts and in conjunction with the Langwarrin Football Netball Club for providing this Academy opportunity for our Under 15 Boys teams.

Dates are:

May 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 5:30pm - 6:15pm

*St.K Academy*

*Congratulations to the following players who have been named in the St.K Academy. These players are now eligible for selection for Inter-League representation this season.*

#### U13 Girls

Layla Dekleuver,  
Sienna Fleisner,  
Charlotte Kiehn,  
Ryder Murphy,  
Summer Singleton,  
Lara Wilson.

#### U13 Boys

Finn Gallagher,  
TJ Gatiss,  
Ethan Goodman,  
Asher Guce,  
Eli Lynch,  
Mitchell Smith,  
Andre Woods.

#### U14 Girls

Grace Brittain,  
Georgia Cardona,  
Cleo Gilby,  
Genevieve Jones,  
Indianna Laurito,  
Chloe Maynard,  
Tahlia Ryan,  
Willow Templeton.

#### U14 Boys

Hamish Campbell,  
Cohen Schofield,  
Kale Snowden,  
Mason Stephenson,  
Jabari Turner,  
Ben Villiani,  
Knox Wehner,  
Tahj Whitehead.

#### U15 Girls

Lara Brittain,  
Olivia Burrige,  
Bridie Campbell,  
Keira Hopley,  
Ava Latcham,  
Lucy Thomas,  
Khaliah Turner.

#### U15 Boys

Hudson Carpenter,  
Lenny Cilliers,  
Mason Cruise,  
Jordan Dash,  
Harry Gallagher,  
Caleb Goodman,  
Ashton Harrison,  
Nathaniel Lea,  
Kai Parsons,  
Ethan Rogers,  
Cooper Watson.



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## *Get to know...* **Daniel Jones**

*Dan is the Coach of U12 Boys White and the Sponsorship Coordinator for the Club!*

**How long have you been coaching at Langy JFC for?** This is my 5th season, I have had the pleasure of coaching the same group since they started in U8s & have very much enjoyed watching the boys get bigger, stronger and enjoying their footy. I have also enjoyed getting to know our parent group who are all terrific.

**Who is the funniest kid on your team?** Kody Wolsley, he knows every rotation for every boy and always willing to let me know where he should play the next quarter.

**What do you enjoy most about coaching?** Watching the boys enjoy footy, seeing them develop as footballers and become young men, even in winter training in the rain and cold I have never once not wanted to be out there with them it is a privilege and a joy.

**What do you find most challenging about coaching?** Getting the balance between time spent with the group and the 24 individuals that make up our team to spread yourself evenly amongst the group is a challenge, you always want to do more but time is a limiting factor that gets us all.

**What has surprised you about the kids you've coached over the years?** They have all surprised me over the 5 years in one way or another, be it learning a skill they didn't previously have, pinching a win against a team we haven't beaten or just them taking what we practiced at training to game day and making it work.

**Did you grow up in Langwarrin and play footy as a kid?** I grew up in Wangaratta and played my junior & senior footy there, sadly due to injuries (and a mortgage) I had to retire very early.

**What do you love most about being involved in the Club and community sport?** I love the community and the way footy brings us all very different people together for the common goal of supporting the kids, having fun & enjoying this great game.

**What is your best coaching memory?** The way our team worked together to beat a team we had never previously beaten, who may have been more impressive on paper but the teamwork and care for their teammates got our boys the choccies.

**If you could have one lesson that the kids you've coached take away from their time with you, what would it be?** Chin up! Good games and bad games, good and bad days will happen but feel it, support each other and move on to the next game.

**Favourite AFL team?** Hawthorn

**Favourite AFL player current day / all time?** Will Day/ Luke Hodge

**If you could live the life of a TV or movie character, who would it be and why?** James Bond, would love an Aston Martin

**What is your day job?** Mortgage Broker

**Last concert you went to?** Red Hot Chilli Peppers

**If you could only eat one food for 24 hours, what would it be?** Steak

**Do you have a recommendation to share?** The 7 Habits of highly effective people OR any Hawks game is always very entertaining.





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## *Sponsors corner*

Welcome to our existing and new sponsors and thank you for jumping on Board with us in 2025. The Club values the support of all of these important partners, and where possible, asks members to support those that support the Club. A full list of our 2025 partners is below.

### *Platinum*

**McGrath Real Estate Langwarrin**

### *Gold*

**Toyota Cranbourne**

**Peninsula Private Hospital**

**Twista Sis Spuds & Poffertjes**

**Whip It Up Ice Cream**

**Acacia Park Early Learning Centre**

### *Silver*

**Caddyman - Cadillac Occasions**

**BLM Building**

**Top Deck**

**Roof Fix**

**Langwarrin Lawn Coring**

**Utow Caravans**

**True Blue Home Loans**

**Mirage Landscapes**

**Coffee in a Dee Cup**

**Tyrepower Frankston**

**Paul Mercurio Member for Hastings**

### *Bronze*

**Coffee on Q**

**Sunarch Pool Cleaning**