

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## Langwarrin Former Military Camp

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### Location

Cnr Robinsons Road and McClellands Drive, Langwarrin, FRANKSTON CITY

### Municipality

FRANKSTON CITY

### Level of significance

For public view

### Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 14, 2000

On RNE, has natural significance

Construction dates 1886,

Hermes Number 126073

Property Number

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### Physical Description 1

Former Colonial military camp. No visible remains of military activity.

### Historical Australian Themes

Providing administrative structures and authorities - defence

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Flora and fauna reserve

## **Veterans Description for Public**

The Langwarrin Camp, on the corner of Robinsons Road and McClellands Drive, was a former Colonial military camp. The camp was used by the Victorian militia from 1886. The Victorian citizen forces paraded and drilled weekly at unit level. However it was clear that the forces needed to practice in larger formations. The custom of holding an annual encampment of three days at Easter began in the volunteer era, with camps often held on the properties of interested pastoralists, such as the Chirside's at Werribee and the Clarke's at Sunbury. After the reorganisation of the colonial forces in 1884, the camps were held at Langwarrin.

Because the Australian role in the First World War was primarily to provide infantry as part of a larger British military force overseas, there was therefore little need for extensive military establishments in Australia for anything other than basic training and marshalling. A number of camps were established for these purposes. Camps such as Langwarrin, Broadmeadows and Seymour had some semi-permanent buildings, mainly for administration, ablutions and cooking, but the majority of accommodation was still in tents. Today there is no visible remains of military activity at the Langwarrin camp site.

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