

## SWANSEA UNITED 1983-1995



Swansea Football Club Inc. is located in Channel Street Swansea, at the entrance of Lake Macquarie N.S.W. Australia. Chapman Oval is the home ground.

Soccer (Football) started in Swansea with a junior club; formed in 1950. The club was called Swansea Workers Club until it changed its name to Swansea Junior Soccer Club in 1974 and incorporated in 1988.

In 1973 a senior club started separate from the junior club. This club was called Swansea Workers Soccer Club until 1984 when it changed its name to Swansea United Soccer Club and then to Swansea United Soccer Club Inc.

In 1983 the Senior side of the Club requested and was granted admission to the Central Coast Association competitions. The club started in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division League (the second tier competition on the Central Coast region).

The move lasted 13 years until 1995 when the Club withdrew from the Central Coast competitions.

During this 13 year period Swansea team provided a breathe of fresh air and playing standard to the Central Coast competitions. The first grade team sent 8 years in the top tier Premier League and 5 years in Division 1.

In that period the club fielded 48 teams (1<sup>st</sup> grade – U17). The results were positive with 26 teams finished in the semis, nine were League Champions, 20 made a Grand Final with 10 winners (Premiers).

The overall period was highlighted by prominent first grade players such as Robert Bridge, Ray Broadbent, John Brough, Scott Burnley, Dave Campbell, Don Harrison, Ken James, Peter Jones, Les King, Paul Kirwan, Paul Matthews, John McCallum, John Mitchell, Paul Muir, Mark Mulhall, Andrew Nicholls, Mick Orlick, Paul Robertson, Grant Seal, Robert Seal, Peter Stephenson, Michael Ulrick, Greg Westcott, Peter Westcott

One of the successful teams was the 1987 First Grade side below.



SWANSEA UNITED - FIRST GRADE - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1987  
L-R (Back Row) Dave Campbell, Paul Kirwan, Robert Bridge,  
Don Harrison (Coach), John Mitchell, Paul Matthews  
L-R (Front Row) Paul Robertson, Peter Stephenson, Paul Muir,  
Ken James, Scott Burnley

Back in Swansea the two clubs (Juniors and Seniors) amalgamated in 1996 and was called Swansea Soccer Club Inc., where players could progress from U/6 to senior teams within the one club. So ended a significant short history of the border jumping Newcastle based Club.

In 2007 the club decided to change its name to align with the world name and is now called Swansea Football Club Inc.