

News Update



UPDATE: Wednesday 19th January - Tuesday 1st February 2022

The Club will be closed this Saturday (22nd January) due to unforeseen circumstances.

No Mask, No Entry

A big reminder that Covid is still running hot in the community.

'No Mask, No Entry to The Club' is the policy. Far too many members and guests are turning-up without them.

Under the latest Covid guidelines we are back to watching our numbers. Bookings, while not essential, make it a lot easier to navigate. Bookings through our website, or the link in the Angler's Kitchen menu below.

Also, a friendly reminder: we do not provide table service, plates and glassware need to be cleared and your table left empty before leaving.

A big shout out to the wonderful afternoon we had with Peter Cupples. All enjoyed his music immensely, and we're looking forward to him playing again when he is next in Melbourne, hopefully on the 20th March.

Elise Thomas
Manager

February General Meeting

Wednesday, 2nd February – 7 p.m.
This meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

The link will be in the next Tight Lines.
All members welcome.

President's Letter

Unsurprisingly, we are seeing a drop in numbers attending the Club at present. As well as the traditional Summer exodus, I think many of us are concerned about the prospect of catching Omicron. Having said that, with the balconies and the doors open, and with mask rules in place, the Club is still being patronised and is operational.

Remember, ALL members and guests must show vaccination status, and wear masks, to access the club.

We are proposing to run the cocktail party downstairs in the boathouse on Saturday the 5th of February — dependent on numbers. As this event will be in the boathouse, with the doors open, and hopefully, good weather, most of the action will be out on the apron. It is probably as close to being COVID safe as is possible.

Some of you will have noticed that one of our most fervent supporters of the Club, and publisher of Tight Lines, James, has been absent having tested positive for Covid. Happily, he seems to be remarkably well, notwithstanding, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Stay safe.

Peter Nevile

News of our Treasurer - Peter Taylor

Recently Peter, who is, perhaps now was, a keen bike rider, fell off his sturdy steed at the roundabout in Black Rock. No third party involved, and the bike ... not a scratch. However, Peter was quite severely injured with a number of serious breakages.

He was operated on last week after a lengthy delay as a result of chronic staff shortages due to Covid. He is now in a long recovery and rehabilitation phase.

We wish him a speedy recovery. His firm hand on the Club's finances has put us in a much better financial position, notwithstanding the lockdowns.

[His sense of humour appears unaffected. He is expecting that the traction will leave him seven feet tall when he leaves hospital - ed]

Functions

Australia Day Annual Clinker Boat Race

Wednesday 26th January

This is a long-standing annual Club event, so let's give Covid the big heave-ho and show what the Club is made-of. Decorations are the order of the day, and water pistols are fully sanctioned!



Prizes for the best Australia Day boat, and best costumes.

All members are welcome, Covid rules apply, and all guests must be double-vaccinated. This is a club day, run by volunteers.

The day starts with the race at 9 a.m. followed by a lunch at midday-ish. Great fun to watch from the beach or balcony, or to even be a crew member. Jump on board with some of our most experienced Captains.

Once again, [Brenta Meats](#) will be providing our BBQ meat. Owner Chas will be competing in PA38, so please say hello and thank him for his tireless support. Salad donations welcomed.

Please let Lee know if you have something you would like to contribute.
apyacboathouse@gmail.com

Times:

Boat race preparation: [7.30 a.m.](#)

Race start: [9 a.m.](#) (Boat owners encouraged to test your boat prior)

Lunch (approx.): [12 noon](#)

Phone / Email Lee [0418181301](tel:0418181301) apyacboathouse@gmail.com

To:

Boat Captain: Register your boat, (many have already done this).

Boat Captain: Invite crew, (do you have a vacancy for a member to jump on board?).

Members wanting to jump on board with a Captain: We will do our best to find you a spot.

Members booking for BBQ lunch: \$15
(seating is not allocated, no reservations for spots).

Seeking a Volunteer for Covid lunch door Marshall.

Booking via Trybooking [CLICK HERE](#), or use the QR code:



Australia Day Lunch Bookings

Cocktails In The Boathouse
[Saturday 5th February 5-7 p.m.](#)



There will be sand, saltwater, great drinks, food, music & prizes.
Dress to impress, but leave the Jimmy Choos (or any other stilettos) at home.
Your \$55 ticket is all inclusive (these events are run completely by volunteers, that way we can keep our prices down).
Suggest you cab, Uber or walk.
All members are welcome, Covid rules apply, and all guests must be double-vaccinated.
Don't miss out, these events sell out very quickly, there are only 60 spots available.
(Our last event was sold-out within 2.5 hours)

Booking via Trybooking [CLICK HERE](#), or use the QR code:



Cocktails In The Boathouse

Volunteers Required.

Boathouse cleanup / setup:

With Ian Sekac from 9 a.m. Saturday 5th February

If you are able to help, please click on this link:

APYAC: [February Boathouse Cocktail Party](#)

or email Ian Sekac i.sekac@bigpond.com

Food preparation and service:

With Peter Nevile from 4pm – 8pm Saturday 5th February

If you are able to help, please click on this link:

APYAC: [February Boathouse Cocktail Party](#)

or email Amanda admin@apyac.org.au

First Sunday Band

6th February

Back by popular demand, The Detonators will take to the stage around 4:30 p.m.
\$10 cash at the door. (Cash makes it easier to pay the band).

At this stage there are no bookings. Members should arrive at 4 p.m. if they want to secure a good table. (Government restrictions may require this become a ticketed event.)

Cheese platters will be available.

The band will start playing at around 4.30 p.m. They'll have a break at some point and finish at around 6.30 p.m. Last drinks at the bar will be served at 6.40 p.m. Function closes at 7 p.m.

There will be no band on the first Sunday in March, the 6th, because the Club will be holding a private booking, but thereafter, bands will continue on the first Sunday of every month.



Australian singer / songwriter Peter Cupples joined us for a marvellous evening on the 9th of January. He hopes to return, for another show, on the 20th March.

Angler's Kitchen

Beer battered fish & chips

served with garden salad, lemon and tartare sauce \$25.00

(KIDS FISH N CHIPS \$12.00)

Scotch fillet steak

of sauce (mushroom / peppercorn / red wine / Paris butter) \$34.00
Cooked to your liking, served with chips Asian slaw and choice

Massaman beef curry

With rice, minted yoghurt and flat bread \$25.00

Crispy skinned salmon

On roasted chat potatoes with
sautéed asparagus and olive tapenade \$28.00

Chicken parma

Chicken schnitzel topped with ham, napoli and
cheese served with chips and garden salad \$25.00

Salt and pepper fried calamari

Served on an Asian slaw with chips \$25.00

Seafood spaghetti

Sautéed mussels, salmon, whitefish, prawns and
calamari tossed in olive oil, chilli and garlic \$28.00

Prawn Linguine

Tossed in a rich tomato, basil and chilli sauce with a roquette parmesan garnish (GF AV) \$27.00

Veg Linguine

Tossed in a rich tomato, basil, chilli sauce, asparagus and roquette parmesan garnish (GF AV) \$22.00

(KIDS PASTA N NAPOLI \$12.00)

Cheese Board

A selection of three cheeses and condiments \$18.00

Sticky Date Pudding

With butterscotch sauce and ice cream \$9.50

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BOOKINGS: call 9690 5530 or click

<https://tinyurl.com/AnglersBOOKING>

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Please call APYAC member **Grant Brookes** on [0411 187676](tel:0411187676) for any marketing needs including website development and social media.

Boathouse Report

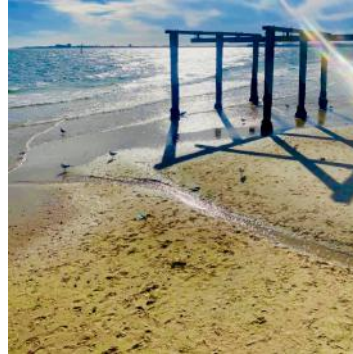
2022 Victorian Tide Guides

The Bureau of Meteorology has released the latest Tide Guides, grab yours now.

[Click here to download your PDF](#) for **Melbourne** (Williamstown)

[Click here to download your PDF](#) for **Western Port** (Stony Point)

WARNING – Check tides before launching



In the last fortnight you may have noticed that the sand had completely washed away from the Boathouse apron, relocated to the end of the gantry, making launching & retrieval impossible at low tide. This happened very quickly and can reverse just as fast.

Previously the Council has helped redistribute sand in the area. We are waiting for them to reply to our latest requests.

When checking weather reports, make sure you also check the tides so you don't get caught out coming home.

Boat Sales

We now have three of the Clubs favourite boats up for sale. These will all be competing in the Australia Day Boat race, so take the opportunity to come down and see them performing.



PA28 – Contact Kinsey Reeves:
[0425 713 989](tel:0425713989) kinseyr1313@gmail.com



PA18 – Contact Chris Bridge:
[0406 852 083](tel:0406852083) bridgie80@hotmail.com



ZN206 – Contact Gordon Hammet:
[0412 251 543](tel:0412251543) a.42261@bigpond.net.au



Michael Briffa also offers for sale his luxurious vessel: *THE DREAM*. Currently stored at St.Kilda Marina, it comes with an amazing fishing wrap decal and many, many extras. [Click HERE to see it.](#)
Contact Michael Briffa for more information: 0419 460 161 briffam@bigpond.net.au

Boat Licence Course

Today's course has been postponed, (Wed 19th Jan).
We will advise when it has been rescheduled.

Inflatable Lifejackets Annual Inspection



John Cali, before he blew up

The Water Police have recently been active, requiring people wearing inflatable lifejackets to produce records of the last annual inspection of their lifejacket.

The wearer is subject to a Penalty Notice (Fine) if the lifejacket has not been serviced in the last 12 months in accordance with the Manufacturers Inspection Certificate.

The owner of the Lifejacket is allowed to conduct a Self-Inspection and must record the last service date, or date of purchase, batch number and model.

Self-Inspection may be carried-out for the life jacket's first two years, the third and subsequent years must be by an accredited service agent.

The PFD File Certificate may be located near the gas bottle or on the bladder of the Lifejacket and this must be signed and dated and serviced by S-I (Self Inspection) e.g. *SI 0122*, if self-inspected.

Alternatively, the PFD could be sent for further inspection to an accredited service agent, such as Menace Marine, in Rowville. They have made a video showing the process, just [click here](#).

The link includes the steps of the self-inspection process, and test form, which can be downloaded.

Merchandise



APYAC **Stubby Holders** now available at the bar for \$10 each.

Amanda Giannakis reckons that her new APYAC Fishing shirt and stubby holder bought her luck on her recent fishing holiday at Phillip Island, landing loads of Snapper, Pinkies and Gummy's with her partner **Steve Crough** aka 'Croughie'.



Croughie is an APYAC member, and a new addition to our Boathouse Boat Hire Induction crew. Welcome aboard, and thank you for putting up your hand to help.

If you wish to Volunteer to our Boathouse crew please contact Ian Sekac i.sekac@bigpond.com

Phillip Island Family / Fishing Weekend

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th February 2022

Staying at 'Ripples n Tonic' Farm Stay, www.ripplesn tonic.com.au

Fun family and fishing activities to suit all.

Spit Roast, Disco Harry, and more.

Plenty of Accommodation, boat space parking.

For more information contact: Lee Spyrou apyaccaptain@gmail.com

Exterior Cladding on Clubrooms

By Bob Pearce

The exterior of our clubrooms was built with weatherboards, so how did it come to have exterior cladding rather than weatherboards?

First, we need to appreciate the fact that the club has lasted more than 112 years, which is a remarkable achievement. When you look at it, there are not many clubs, organisations or businesses that have been around for as long as our club. There are a range of reasons that can be identified for this great achievement, but that would have to be the subject of a more detailed description of our proud history.

Back to the cladding. From memory, this would date back to about 1980. The club's exterior had become pretty dilapidated, and it needed to be dealt with, but our financial position was not great at the time.

Quotes to paint the clubhouse were obtained, as well as a quote to provide external cladding.

To paint the exterior of the clubrooms would cost about \$1,500 and it would only last in good condition for about for three to five years, given the hostile environment of storms and salty conditions. On the other hand, it was felt that cladding could withstand the tough conditions for many years to come. The quotation to provide the cladding was more than double the cost of painting.

At a club meeting, the members (reluctantly) voted to accept one of the painting quotations, as it was our only option.

In those days, \$1,500 was a lot of money, and more than \$6,000 for cladding seemed unachievable. However, one of our great characters, (the late) Les Bell, thought otherwise.

'Belly' was one of the best fishos the club has seen. He could never be described as your shy, retiring type. When he was around, everyone knew it.

After the meeting, we were enjoying the usual supper and a few beers. Les was seen to be moving from member to member, having a few words and moving-on. Eventually he got to me and my mate.

He thought that the club should go with cladding rather than painting, and 'invited' us to pledge 'personal donations' to get the job done.

'Belly' was not the most sophisticated person you could meet, but he had a way with words, not to mention a physical swagger. He was built like a rugby league player, and was not an easy person to say 'No' to. So we didn't. Nor did anyone else.

In a short time, Belly raised enough money to enable the cladding option to be realised from 'voluntary' donations. Extortion might not be quite the appropriate description of his modus operandi on this occasion, but pretty well all members made a 'voluntary donation' after his 'persuasive requests'.

In the end, everyone was happy with outcome, which is the main thing, I suppose.

Did 'Belly' make a donation to towards the cladding himself? We'll never know! But the cladding has done a pretty good job, so we have Les Bell to thank for that.

Volunteers

By Ian Sekac



Jake Smith is doing a wonderful restoration job on his recent acquisition PA34. Jake has also volunteered his time to be on the Boat House sub-committee and the Boat House volunteers.

Angling

Tiger Lyons Whiting Open Competition 2022

12th & 13th February 2022

Weigh in closes at 12:00 noon Sunday 13th.

\$150 BCF voucher for Heaviest Whiting (In house)

\$150 BCF voucher for Heaviest Whiting (Open)

\$100 BCF voucher for Heaviest aggregate Whiting bag over the two days (In house)

\$100 BCF voucher for Heaviest aggregate Whiting bag over the two days (Open)

Junior Prizes: awards will be given to junior anglers that weigh-in fish.

BBQ Lunch at 13:00 for competitors, \$10 per head payable on the day

Please register by email albertparkanglers@gmail.com including contact details, number of competitors (for catering purposes) and boat registration.

Please note Sunday 13 February is the final day of the St Kilda Festival and road closures are planned near to the St Kilda Marina. Further info can be found by clicking [this link](#).

Competition Rules

Team event for all boats (except Kayak entrants or by exception as agreed with the Angling Committee). That is two members are required per boat, team to be confirmed with registration.

You can combine your bag with your team member. Must be the same angler/boat for both days.

Kayakers can combine bags with one other kayaker (in separate yaks, provided the team is confirmed at registration) or opt to compete as an individual.

Maximum combined bag of King George Whiting that can be entered over 2 days is 30 fish max (please only record your total bag weight and heaviest fish for each day on the register).

Strict Victorian King George Whiting bag limits and minimum size limits apply.

You must register for the event by 10th February by email to albertparkanglers@gmail.com

Weighing fish in has to be done on the same day the fish is caught. Weigh-in closes midday 13th Feb.

You must be Presentation Lunch to be eligible for a prize.

Angling Committee - Expression of Interest

We would like to hear from members who are keen to join the Angling Committee.

If you would like to be part of a 'can do' team and feel you can make a positive contribution, please email albertparkanglers@gmail.com

The Angling Committee will consider Expressions of Interest received, and an interview may be requested.



Women In Recreational Fishing (WIRF) have released their 2022 Fishing Calendars. Our Club Secretary, **Chantal Meehan**, is featured in November. Grab your free calendar at the club.



Harry and **Chantal** took **Niki Duckstein** from WIRF, and Preston Northcote Angling Club Vice President, for a fish in Pat Hutchinson's Clinker, grabbing a nice catch of Whiting, Flathead and Pinkies.

The Power Of A Thunderstorm
By James Nixon



Everything that washes down the streets of Albert Park ends up here, at the storm drain beside Kerferd Road Pier.

Grass cuttings and leaves blown by leaf-blowers, dog manure, used masks, microscopic rubber particles from car tyres, brake lining dust, oil, petrol, plastic tile spacers from building sites, and other rubbish ... *probably numerous dead animals too*. Anything that washes down the gutter.



Everything festers and decays for weeks until a thunderstorm cell becomes active, (it only takes 20 mins), and the whole stinking mess starts moving. A cubic metre of water weighs one tonne, and this lot is moving at about 20 kph. Nothing can stop it. It's like a freight train.

On the 6th of January, following an isolated thunderstorm, it arrived at the Kerferd Road storm water outlet.

It pushed against the might of the sea, formed a bow wave, and the vortex generated sucked out nearby sand from the beach. Eleven days later the sand is yet to even out.

The smell was something to behold.

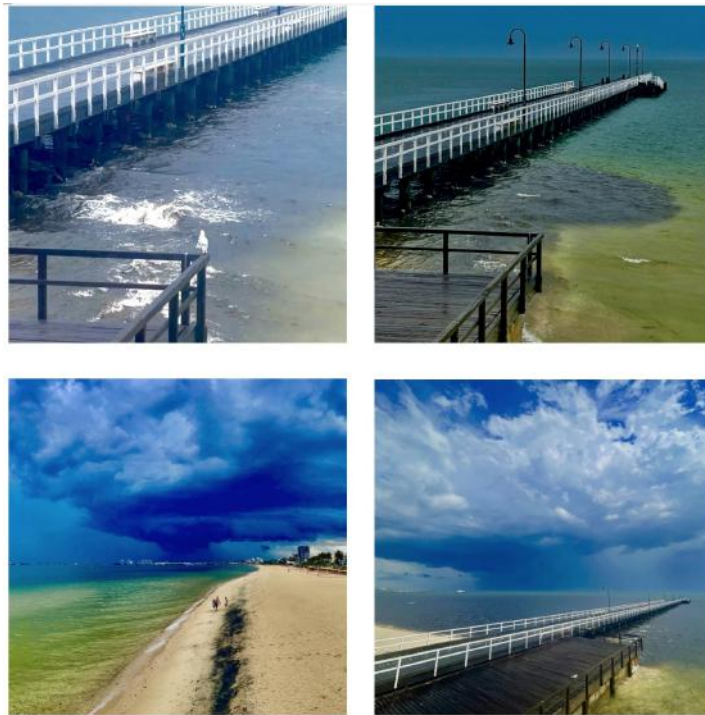
Within an hour, the black mess spread south to the Sandbar Cafe in Middle Park. It took three

days to dissipate.

One can only imagine what it does to the sea-life.

Watch the two-minute video, filmed during the recent storm, and share it with your friends.

[Click to see the video here.](#)



Opening hours

MON-FRI (OFFICE): 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

THU-FRI BAR: 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

LUNCH: 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

DINNER: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SAT-SUN

BAR: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

LUNCH: 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

*Bar closes at 4 p.m. Saturdays if there is a function booked & remains open later on Band Sundays.

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