

News Update



Hospitality, not hostility!

Great news, following supply issues, our new balcony sliding doors finally have an arrival date, and should be installed by mid-March.

The easing of Covid restrictions means the number of guests is now back to normal, and masks will not need to be worn from Saturday onwards!

Please continue to use the dining booking system if you wish to secure a table, it saves being disappointed. You can do it from your phone easily. Just save our web address, apyac.org.au. Go to the page, wait three seconds and the *Dining With Us?* pop-up appears. Easy.

QR code check-in and vaccination status rules still apply. Staff and Covid Marshalls will still be required to wear masks ... for now.

I have asked James to write a piece about table clearing, so you understand why we do what we do. I am of the old school '*It's Hospitality, not Hostility*' but when we have 140 guests and only 2 staff working, we are getting a little angsty with people not clearing their tables as per the Angling Club tradition.

This also becomes very important when dining, or drinking, on the decks. Napkins and menus, even glasses, have a habit of being blown by the wind and ending up on the beach, or in our beautiful bay. Please restrain them. If you see a stray napkin headed for a flying lesson, grab it.

Just think of it this way, if you are on the deck, you are on the beach!

Elise Thomas
Manager.

March General Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, 2nd March
At the club!

Bar open from 6 p.m. – Snacks after the meeting
All Members welcome.

There will be a captivating Speaker ...
You will leave knowing much more than when you arrived.

From The President

Recently I have mentioned a number of issues arising from the behaviour of some members. I am sure I do not need to keep repeating that the club is there to be enjoyed by ALL members.

We are a family friendly club, and we encourage children. We understand they want to let off steam. There is a whole beach outside. However, some behaviour is unacceptable, and this is a result from a lack of supervision by their parents.

Going forward the billiard table is NOT for use by anyone under 15. Staff have now been instructed to stop serving the parents of any disruptive, unsupervised children and they may be asked to leave.

It is simply not fair on the other members and their guests. I am very hopeful this will not be necessary. We do have a *Code of Conduct* displayed on the noticeboard.

On a happier note, we are looking forward to a return of our social activities. Please watch Tight Lines for events and booking details. Book early and book often!

Peter Nevile

President.

What Is It With Tables?

You've probably noticed that our President often mentions '*we are a fishing club*'. As if we didn't know! Why does he keep saying that?

For our new members, and there are over 230 of you, here's a little back-story.

We have been running since 1909, (a long time), and occupy prime real estate, including the best deck in Melbourne. We are a fishing club.

Our charter provides that we are a community angling club serving the local area, and that includes keeping our fees and charges as low as possible, so that anyone can join.

Part of the tradition involves diners clearing their own tables: plates and cutlery to the appropriate area —cleaned of excess food— plates stacked for easy clearing by the kitchen staff, and all glasses and empty bottles placed on the bar.

Tables cleaned-off for the next diners.

It's a great leveller. You never know who'll you be standing beside while scraping plates! We regularly have celebrities, top sports people, even movie stars. They enjoy being treated like just anyone else, and nothing keeps your feet on the ground like scraping-off cold chips.

One member, a top media star, says: '*There are only two clubs in the world that I am a member of ... one is in New York, and this is the other one.*'

We like it this way. And we ask you to play along. Same goes for your guests.

We could do it differently. We could add more staff, charge more, and treat you like a prince or princess. In fact, we **are** thinking about it.

We'll let you know in fifty years what we decide ...

Membership Applications

Membership applications have now reopened. Online applications can be made via our website - [Membership \(apyac.org.au\)](http://Membership.apyac.org.au) and, on acceptance, will receive a joining fee invoice for \$250.

Once on the waitlist, applicants will be invited to join the club (first come – first served basis) replacing resigned, or non-financial, members commencing mid-September each year.

First Sunday Band(s) – 6th March

For the first time we'll be presenting a double bill. Two great bands: *'The Pharaohs of Memphis'* supporting the fabulous *'Hefty Fines'*. Incredible value at \$10 for this double show.

After the success of *'The Detonators'* our member, **Rob Larkins**, has been working hard to bring you this special event. It'll be a fun mix of Swamp Blues and Pop spiced with a touch of Balkan!

Front man of the Hefty Fines is that mainstay of the Melbourne music scene, **John Clifforth**.

Strictly \$10 cash at the door. If you are staying-on after lunch, bring your cash. The musicians are doing this gig as a favour, the least we can do is make it easy for them.

Please arrive before 4 p.m. if you want to secure a good table. (There are no bookings and the band's fans will be admitted after 4:00 p.m.).

Standard Covid check-in applies. Use hand sanitiser.

Our new Sunday Afternoon band menu will be available:

Arancini

*Cauliflower and Manchego crumbed
arancini with seeded aioli (5) \$13.50*

Bowl of Chips

With tomato sauce \$7.50

Cajan spiced chicken goujons

and chips with chipotle mayo \$16.50

Salt and pepper fried calamari

and chips with lemon and aioli \$16.50

Beef cheese burger with tomato relish

seeded aioli, pickles and served with chips \$17.50

Cheese Board

selection of three cheeses and condiments \$18.00

The band should start playing just after 4.30 p.m. and finish around 6.30 p.m.

Last drinks at the bar shortly after 6.30 p.m.

Function closes at 7 p.m.

Oyster Night – 12th March



The much anticipated 'Oyster Night' is back, Saturday 12th March, from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

This is a night to taste different oysters, matched with lesser-known wine varieties, together with pearl meat. It will be a night of experiences, and a night of fun.

A brief presentation between courses on their history of how they grow, and their tastes, which depend on a few factors much like the 'terroir' of wine. Their famed qualities, including health and other benefits, and some not so common wines to complement, but not overpower, their delicate flavours.

\$80 all inclusive – numbers are limited, so please book quickly

Booking via Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BXKSP> or click the code:



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Part Time Position Available

Immediate start. Join our fun, and vibrant, team at The Albert Park Yachting and Angling Club.

We are looking a **Supervisor / Bar Attendant / All-Rounder** to help support the Manager with the day-to-day running of the venue. With a view to grow in hours.

We are committed to providing our members and guests with a great atmosphere so whilst supervisory experience is not essential, a current RSA, cheerful attitude —and willingness to learn— most certainly are.

Requirements:

- **RSA qualified,**
- **Team player,**
- **A positive attitude, and**
- **Great customer service skills.**

- **Must be presentable, punctual, honest, and reliable.**

- **Must be available Thursday – Sunday, with expectation to grow on these hours.**

Our Club operates from:

Thursday	11a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday	11a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday	11a.m. - 5 p.m. (Functions until 12 midnight)
Sunday	11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Please send your resume to manager@apyac.org.au



The Best Deck In Melbourne

Recently the Club was hired by a film production company.
As soon as we are allowed, we will let you know when you can see the results.
If you would like to hire the Club, contact Elise manager@apyac.org.au

Boathouse Report

Door Pins

All boat owners are reminded that the pins must be inserted back into the wooden plank after you have retrieved your boat, through the middle Boathouse beach doors.



It was noted that over the weekend someone had failed to do so. These pins are there for security, so that the doors can't be opened from the outside when no one is in attendance.

New Keys For Boathouse Boat Owners

We have been forced to change the key locks on the boathouse doors as we are unable to identify who currently has keys. This practice will now be done every five years, or as deemed necessary.

Each key will cost you \$20, and you will be required to sign for it in the key register, which is located with Amanda. You don't need to have a key, they are only for access to the boathouse via the beach doors, to save boat owners having to walk around to the fob door access (street side) when launching and retrieving their boats.

Old keys no longer work.

Obviously, boat owners have the choice to take up the key offer, it's not compulsory that you do so. If you sell your boat, you will be able to pass over the key and recover your \$20 from them.

All members that currently have boathouse access via their Fob will still be able to gain entry for Fish weigh-in etc - we will also be reviewing the fobs and ascertaining the necessity of each member's need for entry. But keys are in place exclusively for Boat owners. Each hire boat will also have one of these keys in the glove box.

The Boathouse is a restricted, and secure, zone so it's extremely important that we keep it as such, to protect our valued assets and belongings.

'Grab a Mate' WhatsApp Group

APYAC Members who have been inducted into the use of the Club Hire Boats can now seek a boating partner through the WhatsApp group on +61 438 468 164.

The aim of the group is to attract members who are new to boating and need to gain more confidence or experience, and those looking for a boating partner to go fishing with.

Visit the WhatsApp group and seek a boating partner, or alternatively, offer to be one.

The group is becoming very popular, and more members are taking the opportunity to 'Grab a Mate'; it's also a place for everyone to share their recent fishing experiences, and spots.

To download WhatsApp for your phone use your App Store, or for your computer use this link: <https://www.whatsapp.com/download>

Hire Kayaks

The Angling group are planning on running a Kayak induction morning on Saturday 5th March, see below, please register your interest with albertparkanglers@gmail.com.

Boat Licence Course

Monday 28TH February
Marine & PWC Licence Training & Assessment
Course conducted by qualified skipper: **Ian Boon**
Accredited Transport Safety Victoria RTO 20665

The Learning Professionals

Cash payment only: \$135

Neat casual dress please

You must bring proof of identity, and be double vaccinated, to attend.

Where: Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club

When: 5.15 p.m. registration 6.00 p.m. start.

Bookings are essential.

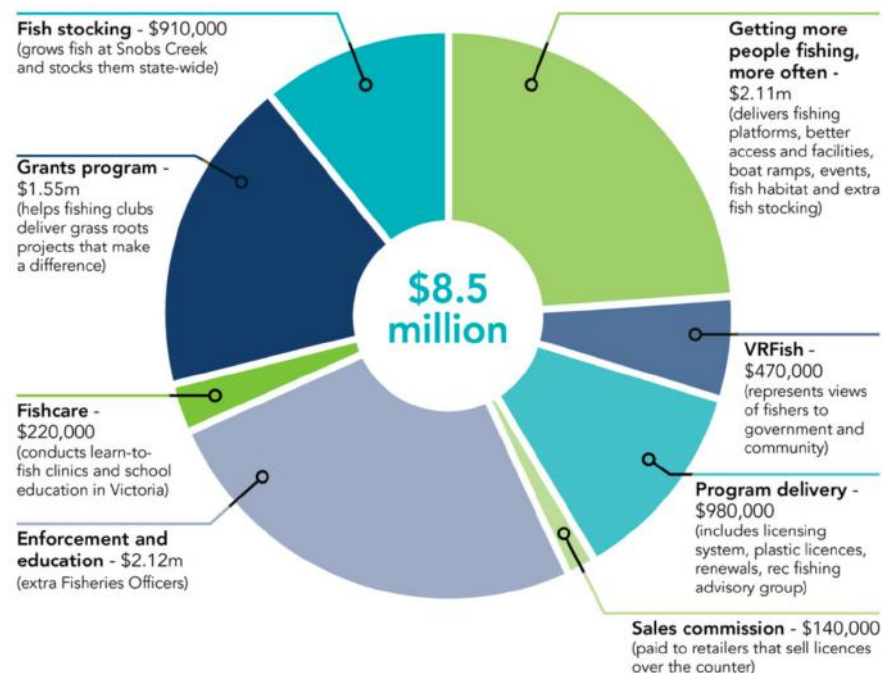
Email: Lee Spyrou apyaccaptain@gmail.com or text 0418181301

The bar will be open, and a light supper served.

Fishing Licences

Do you ever wonder where the money that you spend on your Fishing Licence goes? Recently I was appointed to the RFLTA - Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee. Our group is responsible to provide Hon Melissa Horne (Minister for Fishing & Boating) with advice on how your Fishing Licence fees are allocated.

Please feel free to approach me if you have any questions. I will, through Tight Lines, bring our members any information that I think you will find interesting. Check out the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/FeesAtWork>



Making sure your contribution is put to good use

Every year the revenue collected from the sale of Recreational Fishing Licences is paid into the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account, and the funds are used for projects and activities to improve recreational fishing in Victoria.

About \$8.5 million of licence fees are reinvested into programs to make fishing better for all Victorians.

From fish stocking, to extra fisheries officers, programs to improve facilities and fish habitat, and educating fishers through Fishcare, your licence fees are hard at work to safeguard Victoria's fisheries for the future.

This year, the program marks 20 years of reinvesting your contribution. You can read all about the projects in their newsletter here: <https://tinyurl.com/FeesNewsletter>



Check out the mention to APYAC in the *Restoring Shellfish* reef section – a huge thank you to our Life Member **Bob Pearce**. You may not know this quiet achiever, but Bob has put the club on the map when it comes us to doing our part to restore the health of our Bay.

Lee Spyrou
Boathouse Captain.

Would you like to meet new people?

We need volunteer Covid Marshalls to check vaccination status at the front door during dining sessions and functions. Can you help us? You get to meet everyone, and we feed you a meal.

Click this link and choose your session: <https://tinyurl.com/CovidMarshalls>



A sweet treat has hit the bar
'Karolina's chocolate chip cookies'
Try one with a Dimattina Coffee.

Phillip Island Family / Fishing Weekend

Friday 25th – Sunday 27th February 2022

Staying at 'Ripples n Tonic' Farm Stay, www.ripplesntonic.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



Australian singer / songwriter **Peter Cupples** will be back on **Sunday the 20th March**

Angler's Kitchen

This Week's Specials

Vietnamese Chargrilled Lemongrass Chicken Salad
with Vermicelli noodles, Asian Slaw, Fragrant herbs
& Nuoc Cham dressing (gf)
\$22.50

Spicy Chorizo and Salmon Penne Pasta
with a Tomato & Dill Pesto Sauce and torn Bocconcini
\$27.00

Main Course

Beer battered fish and chips
with garden salad, lemon and tartare sauce \$25.00

KIDS FISH N CHIPS \$12.00

Porterhouse steak
cooked to your liking, served with chips Asian
slaw and choice of sauce (mushroom / peppercorn /
red wine / Paris butter)
\$32.00

Crispy skinned Salmon
on roasted chat potatoes with sauteed
greens 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

Sauteed 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

greens tossed in a rich tomato, basil, chilli sauce,
and roquette parmesan garnish (GF AV)

\$22.00

KIDS PASTA N NAPOLI \$12.00

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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>



Angling

Kayak Safety Induction Day

Imagine having access to a couple of Hobie Compass kayaks only minutes from the city on the doorstep of a beach where Snapper, Whiting, Flathead, Salmon, Pike, Mulloway and Calamari were on offer. Too good to be true? Well, this dream scenario is real alright, and all you have to do to make this dream come true is to attend our **Kayak Safety Induction Day** to be held on **Saturday 5th March**, from 9am to Midday.

In order to hire our fully rigged fishing kayaks, you must register to come along to the kayak induction day, and boat house safety course.

For further information you can contact the Angling committee. Please email albertparkanglers@gmail.com

First King George Whiting



Congratulation to **Danny Vitkin** on landing his first King George Whiting. A wonderful ambassador for the Junior section of the APYAC Angling team, Danny would love to see more Juniors registering fish, come on kids, get involved!

Croc Catches A Marlin



Well done Croc AKA Tony Koumourtzis who landed this super sized Marlin at Eden.

Lake Purrumbete Angling Trip 2022



Labour Day long weekend 11, 12, 13 & 14th March

Anyone interested in coming call: **John** 0449 192865 or **Eddie** 0403 586 506 for information, or if you want to arrange other accommodation call Purumbete Caravan Park, on 0438 682 756.

This is a fantastic trip where you can learn a lot about freshwater fishing from Eddie and John as well as the caravan operator who is only too happy to impart his local knowledge. Fish species include Redfin, five species of Trout, Chinook Salmon, Atlantic Salmon, and Eels.

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.

Brookford Trilogy is a Marketing and Communications Consultancy dedicated to providing media solutions to achieve measurable results.

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"We can help your business with strategy, branding and development of an initial concept, through to marketing and implementation across traditional and digital media."

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

Check Tides Before Launching

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)

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. They all competed in the Australia Day Boat race and are tip-top condition.



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

Merchandise



Since **Mac** and **Joe** have been wearing the APYAC Fishing Tops behind the bar, they have been selling like hot cakes.

Get yours now. Use your house levy:
APYAC Fishing Tops \$50 each
APYAC Wine Glasses \$20 per pair
APYAC Beer Steins \$10 per glass
APYAC Stubby Holders \$10 each.

Code Of Conduct

The Committee has released our new Code Of Conduct to '*ensure we have a safe, respectful and pleasant environment in which to enjoy **the great privileges of membership of APYAC.***' All members are expected to familiarise themselves with the code.

APYAC MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

APYAC is a member club with public responsibilities

Members are united in their desire to uphold the highest standards of behaviour to:

- protect the health and safety of the club's employees and contractors,
- ensure the provision of a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for members, and their guests; and
- protect the reputation of the Club.

As members we share the responsibility to uphold the highest standards of behaviour.

On joining the club members agree to be bound by this code and the club's rules and not behave in an unbecoming or dishonourable manner.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- offensive, discriminatory, racist, sexist, aggressive or otherwise inappropriate discourse or actions towards any other person,
- harassment of any kind,
- unwanted physical contact,
- drunk or disorderly conduct,
- unsafe or unlawful conduct,
- abuse of, or inappropriate conduct towards, staff members,
- non-compliance with instructions given by staff members,
- consumption of alcohol in non-designated areas,
- smoking on the premises, including the Boathouse apron, and the downstairs entrance,
- possession or use of illicit substances,
- misuse of membership card and entitlements,
- acting dishonestly in any dealings with the club,
- any behaviour that brings the club into disrepute.

As a member you are expected to know the Rules and apply them. It is your responsibility to ensure your guests also understand the Club's expectations of them.

The club rules provide for disciplinary action when behaviour is contrary to the expectations set out in this code or the club rules. That action can include suspension or expulsion from the club.

Adherence to this Code will help us all ensure we have a safe, respectful, and pleasant environment in which to enjoy **the great privileges of membership of APYAC.**

Tour of The Rip

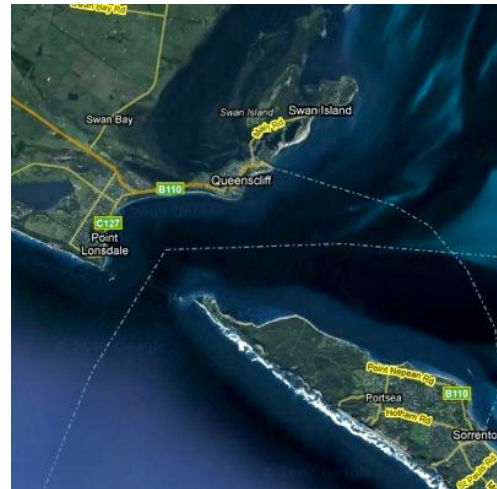
The Ocean Racing Club of Victoria provides training courses aimed at ocean safety and believe that their upcoming on-water '*Rip Tour of Port Phillip Heads*' familiarisation cruise may be of interest to our members.

Every year they conduct an informative tour where guests learn about the lighthouse, tidal flows, correct use of channels, communication tips and how to safely transit the Rip of Port Phillip Heads.

The next course will be on the 20th March.

For details click: <https://tinyurl.com/2p96kfwe>

They also run a series of on water safety courses and are an accredited Australian Sailing Safety Sea and Survival centre, so we look forward to offering places to upcoming courses.





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‘Too blokey’ no more: Women take to angling boys’ clubs like ... fish to water

By Wendy Tuohy - Sunday Age

Click the link to read the article:
<https://tinyurl.com/SundayAge13Feb22>

Tight Lines – Why so often?

During the season, Tight Lines sometimes appears every week, otherwise it's fortnightly. An issue will always appear one week before the first Wednesday's General Meeting to give you notice. And always on a Wednesday so you can plan your weekend. The clue is in the dateline at the top and bottom.

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.

UPDATE: Wednesday 23rd February - Tuesday 8th March 2022