

News Update



UPDATE: Wednesday 2nd February - Tuesday 15th February



A Perfect Day

What an amazing Australia Day. Members and guests had so much fun, and the food was great! Volunteer Karolina did the best drunken trifle in Australia - if you missed it what a loss!

If you didn't manage to get down and celebrate with us make sure you follow the APYAC Facebook page, always the place to go for photos and upcoming events as well.

It would be great if we could get some regular volunteers as Covid Marshals. This would be most appreciated as since school has returned and we have lost our junior staff members at lunch time. Volunteers can use sign up link below, or call, and we will lock you in.

Also, its definitely slip, slop, slap time, the hottest summer in 5 years. Reminder to all members and guests to wear sunscreen if sitting on our decks during this amazing weather.

Elise Thomas
Manager

February General Meeting
Tonight via Zoom - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 2nd February

Due to the current Covid 19 situation, tonight's meeting is via zoom. All members are encouraged to log in.

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/5h4nzj55> at 6:50 p.m.

Meeting ID: 871 4833 1044
Passcode: 104023

Agenda

- Apologies
- Minutes of previous General Meeting – Chantal Meehan
- President's report (including community relations) – Peter Neville
- Treasurer's report (including operations) – Peter Taylor
- Boathouse report – Lee Spyrou
- Fishing report – Angling Committee
- Shellfish Reef / VR Fish report – Alex Spyrou, Brian Wright, and Bob Pearce
- Metropolitan Anglers report – Pat Hutchinson
- Sub Committee reports:
 - Marketing & Communications - Michelle Matthews
 - Functions - Lee Spyrou
 - Sponsorship - Kate Unsworth
 - Food & Beverage - Michael Blanche

First Sunday Live Music



This Sunday we have a new band, **'The Crowdaddys'**, with the numbers capped at 125. The band is briefed on the 'no dancing' Covid restrictions and will deliver a cruisy Sunday Chilled Session set list which won't disappoint.

We are expecting a sunny 29 degrees with a 12 kph SSE breeze, perfect deck weather.

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 from 4 p.m.).

Wear your mask when not eating or drinking. Use hand sanitiser.

Cheese platters will be available.

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

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

Function closes at 7 p.m.

President's Letter

Australia Day – Standing on the balcony with **James Nixon**, (our Photographer among many other contributions he makes to the club), watching all the clinkers go out to race in the most perfect weather conditions I have seen on this day for many years brought home just how lucky we are as members. What an extraordinary location and facility – all for the price of about two café lattes a week.

Congratulations to **Lee Spyrou**, our Boathouse Captain for her fantastic organisation and to all the racing captains, crew and volunteers for making it such a great day. We even had **Amanda Giannakis**, our Office Administrator, in her boat as the top marker. The race had the excitement of the usual breakdowns, last minute departures, sinking-boats and the traditional water-fights. Be sure not to miss this event next year.

Despite Covid the club is being well attended and our members are observing Covid safety protocols. Please assist the Covid Marshalls and the staff to ensure everyone's continued safety.

You may have noticed a two foot drop off the concrete apron of the boathouse where the sand has washed away during recent storms. As a result, we have had to postpone our planned boathouse cocktail party. We do not want someone toppling-off the edge with a cocktail in their hand.

Finally, from our staff please remember you need to take your dishes and glasses back to the collection points. We could, of course, put on more staff to do this and lift our annual subscriptions. However, the membership has repeatedly voted that they prefer the existing culture as a fishing club.

Stay safe

Peter Nevile

21st Birthday Parties

The Committee has decided to change the present policy regarding 21st Birthdays for members and their children.

Previously the Club had some bad experiences and banned them.

The new Policy is subject to a six month trial. If there are any bad experiences the ban may be reinstated earlier.

A summary is as follows:

No 18-year-old birthdays allowed.

21st birthdays for club members, or their children, permitted subject to the following requirements:

- The Member must be present at all times, and is personally responsible for the behaviour of all in attendance.
- A credit card guarantee of \$1000 is required, in addition to the catering and bar charges.
- For parties in excess of 50 people security will be arranged by the club at the member's expense.
- If there is any abuse of staff the bar will be closed.
- No guest who is intoxicated, in the opinion of the bar staff, will be served any further alcoholic beverages.
- Any guest causing trouble will be evicted by security.

The Committee wants to provide the facilities of the club to members as much as possible. It does however, have licencing responsibilities, as well as responsibilities to its staff and other members.

The Photos Are In



The Australia Day Boat Race was held in perfect conditions.

190 pictures are now available for your perusal on the club's Facebook Page, click 'Photos' and see the album. You can also look back on albums of club events going back to 2015.

If you *'don't believe in Facebook'* scroll down ...

Boathouse Report

Australia Day Clinker Boat Race

The biggest annual event on the APYAC Boathouse calendar is always the Australia Day Clinker Boat race, which took place last Wednesday. The last two years were disrupted and delayed due to Covid, so it was with much excitement that this year's race went ahead.

Boat preparations were in full swing early in the week, with many captains sprucing up their boats for the big race. This year we had 19 boats registered to race.

It's highly recommended that owners make sure that their boat is in good running order before the big day. After all, there's nothing more frustrating than a boat that won't run, nor more time consuming for the volunteers trying to make sure all flows smoothly. Engines, batteries and safety gear, especially life jackets, need to be in top condition in the lead up to the big day. Make a diary note for next year.

Some boat owners who were unable to take out their boats made them available for other skippers to race. **Maryann Phoenix** captained PA20 thanks to **Michael Kotsanis**, **Chantal Meehan** captained PA28 thanks to **Kinsey Reeves**, and **Ian Sekac** took the controls of PA25 thanks to **Phil Langdon**.

The race is always full of laughter, fun, colour and drama. It was wonderful to see the energy and love that went into boat decorations and costumes. The water pistol attacks cooled everyone down, as Melbourne turned on its best weather possible. Thanks to all the Members who turned up to cheer on the racers, flooding the sand and balconies, then erupting into cheers as each boat raced home, making the day extra special for the competitors.

We then all headed upstairs for the Volunteer run BBQ lunch –a special mention to **Karolina Sevcikova** who spent all of Tuesday and Wednesday preparing salads & individual trifles– absolutely delicious.

Please check out the brilliant photos on our Facebook page, a huge thank you to our very talented '*Unofficial Club Photographer*' **James Nixon** who never disappoints.

Congratulations:

Diesel Clinker Category
1st Place - ZN206 -**Peter Hayes & Gordon Hammit**
2nd Place - PA36 - **John Borell and Amy Smith**

3rd Place - PA41 - **Neville Boyd and Sarah Pardoe**

Petrol Clinker Category

1st Place - PA002 - **Ray O'Keefe & Peter Murphy**

2nd Place - EA385 - **George Watkins**

Best Australia Day Boat

PA18 - **Chris Bridge**



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.

Two For Two

We are proud to announce our latest Honorary Member '**Lord Ian Botham**' to the club, and yes, he loves to fish!

You may remember his 8 wicket haul against the West Indies in 1984, or his 11 wickets against NZ at Lords in 1978, or his century at Old Trafford against Australia in 1981, (oh sorry ... delete that), we can go on and on as to why we love having Ian as a member.

But what you may not realise is that we have had another Cricket legend **John Emburey** (once considered the best spin bowler in the world) who, through his Australian Bride, **Susie**, has been an overseas member within our fold for a long time.

Alex and I took the boys fishing last week, and you couldn't find two more down to earth legends on the planet. If you see them around the club, please take the time to say hello and welcome.



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>

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

Beer battered fish & chips

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

(KIDS FISH N CHIPS \$12.00)

Porterhouse steak

of sauce (mushroom / peppercorn / red wine / Paris butter) \$32.00

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>

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)

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

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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, (see article below).

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.

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.

Brookford Trilogy covers all types of digital media, website development, broadcast media (TV and Radio), graphic design, events planning, product sponsorships, and brand development. They provide specialist advice to clients within various industries – defining their product branding and developing high impact marketing strategies.

"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)

In the last month 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. 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.

Paddle Craft



Paddle craft are vessels such as canoes, kayaks, row boats, surf skis, and stand-up paddle boards.

Maritime Safety Victoria has put together a web page so you can learn what safety gear you need for different paddle craft and waterways, and how to get set for an enjoyable trip so you come home safely.

To see the page click: <https://tinyurl.com/ycku3dbv>

Tour of The Rip

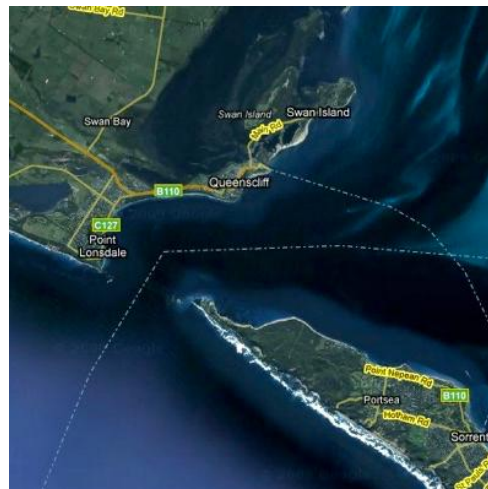
The Ocean Racing Club of Victoria provides training courses aimed at ocean safety and believe that their upcoming on-water '*Rip Tour of Port Phillip Heads*' familiarisation cruise may be of interest to our members.

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.



Road Closures Near The Club

Miles Devine, from the City Of Port Phillip, has contacted us to advise about various road closures.

“... while some road closures may not impact your venue directly, it may impact your members travelling to or from your venue.”

The Pride March, Sunday 6th, will see Beaconsfield Parade closed south of Kerferd Road between 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

St Kilda Festival

Date: Saturday 5 February 2022 Time: 11am to 9.30 pm Location: O'Donnell Gardens and Acland Street, St Kilda.

Full road closures (no access to any traffic):

- Acland Street, between Carlisle and Belford streets
- Shakespeare Grove, between Acland and Chaucer streets

Event hotline: [03 9209 6306](tel:0392096306)

Pride March

Date: Sunday 6 February 2022 Time: 11 am to 5 pm

Location: Fitzroy Street and Catani Gardens, St Kilda.

Road closures and times:

10 am to 2.30 pm: Beaconsfield Parade, Marine Parade, Jacka Boulevard and Ormond Esplanade from Kerferd Road, Middle Park to Glenhuntly Road, Elwood.

8 am to 4.30 pm: Fitzroy Street and intersections of Canterbury, Grey and Princes streets, St Kilda.

St Kilda Festival

Date: Sunday 13 February 2022 Time: 10 am - 9 pm

Location: Catani Gardens and Fitzroy Street, St Kilda

Full road closures (No access to any traffic):

- Fitzroy Street, between Grey Street and The Esplanade (including the Acland Street intersection)
- Lower Esplanade
- Pier Road
- Beaconsfield Parade / Jacka Boulevard, between Cowderoy Street and Cavell Street.

Partial road closures (Local Traffic Only):

The Esplanade, between Fitzroy and Carlisle streets

Access pass required: Beaconsfield Parade, between Cowderoy and Acland streets including the intersections of Cowderoy and Mary streets, will be closed to traffic.

Access to Cowderoy and Mary streets will be via Canterbury Road or Park Street.

I Don't Believe In Facebook

By James Nixon

If you don't do Facebook, how about considering joining? The Club has an active page, lots of pics, and instant information. It makes it so easy for us to post items and is easy to see.

Many people are worried about making a page and being exposed. But there is no need to be. You can make your profile secret, and only follow one page ... ours! Search: likeapyac and you'll find us easily.

All you need is a name, an email account, a birth date and gender. You can make them up if you want!

First, an email address. You don't need to use your real name, I have one called WaratahAuthor (named after the Bay where I caught my first King George Whiting, and what I do).

If you worry about internet privacy, you can get yourself a free email address that you only use with Facebook, again, sharing few details. ProtonMail is one that I trust, click <https://tinyurl.com/2p8zbed5>

ProtonMail.com was created by scientists who met at CERN in 2014, and has grown to become the world's largest secure email service, safeguarding the communications of tens of millions of people in over 180 countries.

Follow the setup procedure for a basic account. You don't even have to provide a recovery email address, or phone number, if you wish to remain invisible.

To make a long, strong, password that you will remember, just type 'ProtonMail and the number of your grandmother's old phone number.' *(If you're like me, your grandmother stopped using her number in 1967, but it's remembered forever).*

Armed with your new email address, go to facebook.com

Making a new account on Facebook is easy, you need another password, your name, your email address, your date of birth, and your gender (you can choose 'them'). When setting-up accounts like these, I recommend using a fake birthday, to protect against identity theft.

Facebook will send an email to your new email account to confirm that you intend to make an account, from that email you copy the code into the space provided.

Find your Facebook friends. You can follow APYAC, and if you like pics of the Melbourne skyline, follow me and see my daily series of photographs: *'We Did It Again'*.

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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