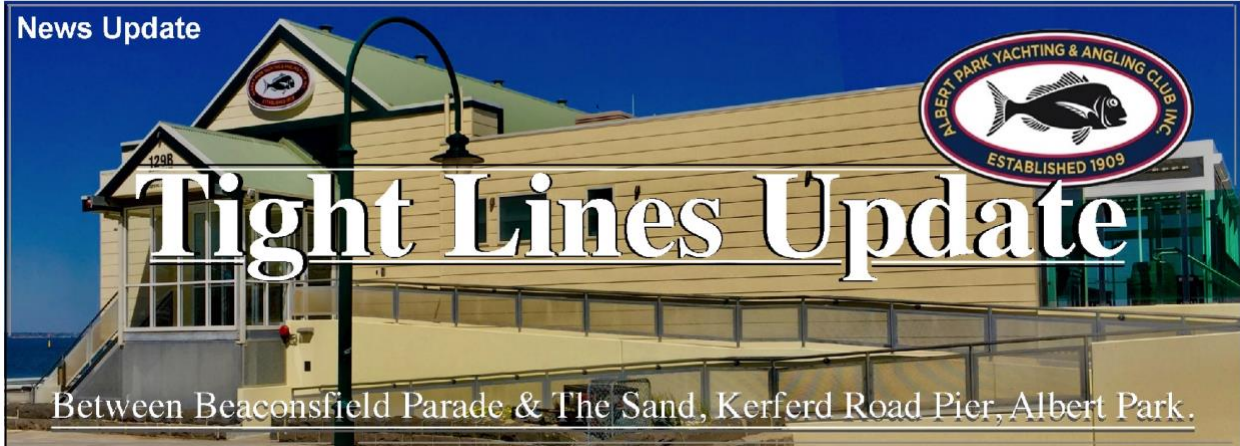


News Update



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Marvellous Melbourne.

What a wonderful week in Melbourne! It was so exciting to have the city back up and bustling, and the weather was just stunning.

Our free sky show always thrills when the RAAF Roulettes are in town, during Australia Day, the Grand Prix weekend, on Anzac Day, the Grand Final, and on Remembrance Day. They usually enter and leave over the Club, giving us a great view.

The balcony doors have been installed and have proven to keep the chilly southerlies at bay, making for delicious deck dining.

This is the second issue of Tight Lines produced within the Club's new management software, MemNet. Not only does it provide a cost saving in terms of time, and the need to pay for a stand-alone email mail service; for members it means that it can easily be read on your phone. We have increased the size of the links to make it easier for fat thumbs!

I am looking forward to the business network luncheon to be held at the club this Wednesday. Great to see members using the Club in innovative ways.

I am still looking for an Assistant Manager, check out the advertisement below.

Don't forget, we are open right through Easter Weekend, only closed on Good Friday.

See you down at the clubhouse!

Elise Thomas
Manager

ABC Landline



APYAC's Bob Pearce

Last Sunday's ABC Landline television show featured our Reefbuilder Project as:

'An ambitious project to rebuild shellfish reefs damaged or wiped out by dredging and over-fishing is being undertaken by conservation groups in Port Phillip.'

Watch the 12 minute program by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/mrpumfit>

Functions

Mother's Day Sunday 8th May – SELLING OUT FAST



Spoil your Mum on Mother's Day with a wonderful lunch at the Club.

Your ticket includes:

- Welcome drink - the 'President's Pinkie'
- Dazzling food platters
- Wonderful wines, beers and soft drinks
- An indulgent mind-blowing dessert
- Finishing with a delightful array of petit fours

- Washed down with Tea or Coffee

All inclusive \$85 per adult & \$25 per child (under 12)

Great door & raffle prizes

Limited numbers so don't miss out.

Book now by Clicking HERE

<https://tinyurl.com/APYACMothersDay22>



(Please note that bookings will only be taken via Trybooking, not by return email)

From The President



Bob Pearce, who has been a long serving member of the Committee, has decided to step down. **Michael Kotsanis** has been appointed in his place.

Our heartfelt thanks to Bob for the extraordinary work he has put in for the club over many years. He has been instrumental in the success of the Shellfish Reef project, in particular, making a number of successful grant applications on behalf of the club and contributing in many other ways to the wider fishing community.

Happily Bob will continue to assist where he can. He is an exemplar of the principle of leaving the club in a better place as a result of his volunteering. You can see him in the ABC Landline story, detailed below.

Member usage of the club continues to increase, however there is room for improvement on Saturdays. We continue to receive good reports about the meals.

Stay safe.

Peter Nevile
President

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.

The logo for Melbourne City Hyundai is displayed on a dark blue rectangular background. It features the text "Melbourne City" in a white, sans-serif font, followed by a vertical line separator, and then the Hyundai logo (a stylized 'H' inside an oval) followed by the word "HYUNDAI" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

Positioned right next to the Westgate Freeway. Melbourne City Hyundai always has a wide range of new, demonstrator and used car stock. Our team is friendly and professional and able to support all your new and existing vehicle needs. With factory trained Hyundai specialists and all the current diagnostics and repair tools. Our service centre can provide you with all your Hyundai servicing and repair needs and for most other car brands. Melbourne we've got you covered.

Melbourne City Hyundai
<https://www.melbournecityhyundai.com.au/>
37-39 Brady St, South Melbourne VIC 3205
03 9039 3133

Full Time Position Available

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

We are looking for an **Assistant Manager** to help support the Manager with the day-to-day running of the venue.

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.**

Hours 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

There was also another kayak induction last Saturday, which was well attended.

I've scheduled another **Boat Licence Course** for Monday 2nd May. Details will be in the next Tight Lines on the 27th April.

We hosted a Women In Recreational Fishing (WIRF) forum last Sunday morning, a session on knot tying and casting practice from Kerferd Rd pier.

These will be regular events and all women fishos who would like to learn fishing techniques, and enjoy the company of others, are encouraged to get on board. The WIRF Facebook page has over 3000 members and encourages APYAC ladies to join.

The crane in the centre aisle is now repaired and further works are about to take place on welding end stoppers to make all more secure.

APYAC has signed on with Victoria Fisheries to take part in a 'Yank' (southern bluespotted flathead) survey, see below.

Lee Spyrou

Boathouse Captain

Boathouse Volunteers

If you would like to be part of our dynamic Boathouse volunteer crew please contact Ian Sekac I.sekac@bigpond.com

'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>

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.



Angling

Kayak Induction Days

So far two kayak induction days have been completed with 12 members trained on launching and using the two kayaks available for hire.

Inductions usually start at 9 am and finish around lunchtime followed by a light BBQ.

The kayaks are Hobie Mirage Passport 12 Fishing Kayaks with powerful pedal propulsion (provided by you) with the new Kick Up Glide Tech Mirage drive, a raised breathable mesh seat, and a wide cockpit area with EVA floor padding to provide a stable platform for standing and stretching your legs.

Each kayak comes with an adjustable life jacket. \$30 per hire or \$120 for 5 hires. Daylight hours only.

On APYAC fishing competition days, boat & kayak hire will be prioritised to competitors ahead of casual hire.

To hire a boat members need to click on the updated APYAC website link:
<https://apyac.org.au/boat-kayak-hire/>

We will be conducting future inductions, so please register your interest or intent and we will arrange another session when we have sufficient numbers.

Members who are now trained can book online. Best to book early to secure a kayak and FOB entry. Preferably at least one working day.

- Tony Panayotou

Hire boat induction training.

We have now taken a total of 70 members through the Hire Boat Induction training. We also welcome Chris Smith as a new member of the Induction Training Team.

- Ian Sekac

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.

The President's Table.



We have installed a special table to encourage new members, singles and couples to visit the Club, hosted by a Committee Member when available.

- Singles, and couples only. No group bookings.
- First come first served basis.
- You must sit next to each other, to encourage conviviality.

The idea is well-known in many clubs, and in the hotel industry for special days, such as Christmas. It is known by overnighting air-crew as the '*Orphan's Table*', and often turns out to be the most sought-after table in the dining room.

Our table was sourced by Michael Blanche, with delivery and installation by Alex and Cooper Spyrou ... whilst Feng Shui placement was provided by Lee.

Award Winners



At our last General Meeting, **Simon Branigan** and **Andrew Dunlop** from **The Nature Conservancy**, presented the Club with two prestigious awards:

- The Victorian Government's 2021 Sustainability Award, &
- An award from The Nature Conservancy for our long-term partnership in the Reef Builder project.

Outgoing Committee Member, **Bob Pearce**, accepted the awards on the Club's behalf. Fitting, since the idea of rebuilding the shellfish reefs started with Bob contacting Simon many years ago.

Through making grant applications and raising cash amounts, Bob's tireless efforts have raised over \$350,000 towards the project over the years.

Southern Bluespotted Flathead



Want to catch fish in the name of science and safeguarding the future of our fisheries?

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) is partnering with Victoria's fishers as part of this fisher-led, citizen science program which seeks to understand more about southern bluespotted flathead that inhabit Port Phillip Bay and are a highly valued recreational fish species.

Step 1: Catch a 'yank' flathead

Catch a southern bluespotted flathead (*platycephalus speculator*)

Step 2: Fillet fish

Fillet your legal (over 27cm) size fish, retaining complete frame (head, skeleton and organs).

Step 3: Bag & label fish

Fill out details (your name, email, date and location caught) on the waterproof paper provided with lead pencil, and place into a sealed bag with the fish frame.

Step 4: Freeze or take frame to drop-off location

Take your frozen fish frames to store in your fishing club freezer (or a designated drop-off location) for later collection and analysis by the VFA.

For more information about the flathead frame collection program, and to register your interest to be involved and support, please contact: **Michelle Wenner**, Senior Fisheries Manager, Victorian Fisheries Authority on michelle.wenner@vfa.vic.gov.au or mobile number 0497 999 744

Full details on the survey can be found here: <https://apyac.org.au/community/>

Plastics In The Bay



SeaToSource - National Day of Action

Date: Sat, 23 Apr

Time: 10am to 3pm for #SeaToSource event, Microplastic Survey between 11am to 1pm

Location: Meet at Marina Reserve, St Kilda

On Saturday (23 April), come and join Baykeeper **Neil Blake** on a Microplastics Survey of St Kilda beach as part of #SeaToSource, a project by Conservation Volunteers during Australia's, **National Day of Action!**

The National Day of Action will see hundreds of people across six states visit local beaches and waterways to take action on one of the world's most solvable environmental issues – ocean litter.

Activities on the day include learning about a step-by-step guide to source reduction behaviour with Plastic Oceans Australia, build your very own trash puppet, get hands on with educational touch tanks provided by **Kristy Cullen** of Sandringham East Primary School, learn about the Litterstopper app, meet the local Beach Patrol group, and more!

For more information, click here:

<https://www.ecocentre.com/civCRM/?civiwp=CiviCRM&q=civCRM%2Fmailing%2Fview&reset=1&id=689>

#SeaToSource event signup: Click this link:

<https://volunteerportal.conservationvolunteers.com.au/s/make-booking?id=a0r5j000008BOMWAA4>

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

Seaweed Farming



Auskelp's Chelsea and Chris Ride

At our last General Meeting, we heard from one of Australia's leading seaweed industry's pioneers, **Christopher Ride**, on the challenges, benefits, and opportunities of this incredible industry.

"Scientists predict that seaweed farming has the capability to feed the world, save our oceans, and halt global warming. In addition, seaweed is currently a \$10 billion per year industry worldwide, and growing."

Yet in Australia, despite having some of the most pristine coastlines in the world, we do NOT have a commercial seaweed industry.

Increasing water temperatures have reduced natural kelp forests worldwide by more than 80% - no seaweed, no fish. The time for action is now!"

To learn more about **Auskelp** click: <https://www.auskelp.net/>

Merchandise



Skye, Chantal, and Lee in the APYAC Fishing Tops

Get yours now. Use your house levy:

APYAC Cheese Boards engraved with our logo \$65 each

APYAC Fishing Tops \$50 each

APYAC Wine Glasses \$20 per pair

APYAC Beer Steins \$10 per glass^[L]_[SEP]

APYAC Stubby Holders \$10 each.

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^[L]_[SEP]

BAR: 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.^[L]_[SEP]

LUNCH: 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.^[L]_[SEP]

DINNER: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SAT-SUN^[L]_[SEP]

BAR: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*^[L]_[SEP]

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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