

News Update



UPDATE: Wednesday 25th January - Tuesday 7th February 2023

Club Etiquette Reminder

Lovely to see so many new members at the Club, but just a reminder: clearing your table is part of The Club's Etiquette.

When you are finished dining, please clear your table. Plates to the kitchen; glasses and bottles to the bar, and rubbish in the bins.

Keeping costs down keeps your membership levy down.

Dogs are not permitted in the club, or on the decks. Please do not tie-up your dog on the access ramp.

Signing-in is a rule for all clubs. It only takes a second, especially if you have your fob ready. All guests must be signed-in, this is mandatory and can be done simply with a driver's licence. If no licence, then a few seconds to fill in your name and signature is required.

See you at the Club.

Elise Thomas,
Manager.

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Last year's race gets underway.

Friday night at the Club

The Member's Draw hits \$1,100 for the 27th of January.

Assorted bar snacks are available.

The Member's Draw rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

To win, the member must be present, and financial. When their name comes up, they must claim it within one minute. If not claimed, jackpot increases by \$100 each week until it won.

Weekly Raffle

Tickets are sold in the hour prior to the Member's Draw and the raffle is drawn soon after.

Five Prizes up for grabs:

- Clamms Seafood platter.
- Brenta Meats BBQ Meat platter
- Mumm Gift Pack.
- A \$70 meal voucher.
- A secret prize.

Tickets: one for \$5, or six for \$20 (eft available)

If you wish to stay for a meal, please make sure you book a table by [clicking this link](#).

Australia Day Clinker Boat Race & Lunch.

Tomorrow, Thursday 26th January 2023

This is a long-standing annual Club event. Decorations are the order of the day, and water pistols are fully sanctioned!



Prizes for the best Australia Day boat, Kayak, and best costumes. Also a few mystery prizes up for grabs. All members are welcome. This is a club day, run by volunteers. The day starts with the race at approximately 10:00 a.m. (tide dependent), followed by lunch.

Being a regular club day, no BBQ this year as the kitchen will be open, so please make sure you book a table for lunch via the website ([click HERE](#)) or call Elise at the club on 9690 5530.

Great fun to watch from the beach or balcony, or even be a crew member. Jump on board with some of our most experienced Captains. Once again, Brenta Meats are supporting the event, with a meat platter being donated as one of our mystery prizes. Owner **Chas** will be competing in PA38, so please say hello, and thank him for his tireless support.

The Club will be open for you to watch the race from the deck. Although the bar and kitchen will be closed until midday, we will be selling coffees and juices from the window on the deck; as well as egg & bacon burgers, and ham, cheese, tomato croissants.

Times:

- Boat race preparation: 7.30 a.m.

- Races start: approx. 10:00 a.m.

(Boat owners encouraged to test your boat prior and also keep in the loop regarding race times)

- Lunch (approx.): 12 noon – remember to book via the website to avoid disappointment .

To register please email / text **Boathouse Captain Lee Spyrou** 0418 181 301
apyacboathouse@gmail.com

REGISTER NOW:

- Boat Captains: Register your boat / kayak.
 - Boat Captains: To invite crew, (do you have a vacancy for a member to jump on board?).
 - Members wanting to jump on board: We will do our best to find you a Captain.
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APYAC Boathouse goes to Hawaii 2023



Saturday 4th February 2023
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Aloha! Your \$60 one-way ticket will include: Sunset - Beach - Hawaiian tunes.
Please think sand when choosing your foot attire.
Dress Code: Chilled Hawaiian comfort.
Come down and enjoy great drinks, food and music.
Please be punctual.

[Book by clicking here.](#)

*Remember that our club events are run by volunteers. If you would like to be part of our dynamic crew, please email Peter Nevile peter.nevile@nevile.com.au or Lee Spyrou apyaccaptain@gmail.com

The APYAC event schedule can be found on the website, [click here.](#)

General Meeting.

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 1st February.

Wednesday 1st February from 7 p.m.

Speaker: to be confirmed.

Agenda:

- Apologies & Minutes of previous General Meeting
 - President's report
 - Treasurer's report
 - Operations report
 - Boathouse report
 - Sub Committee reports

Bar opens from 6 p.m. - snacks after the meeting.

Save the date.



Mixed Fishing Charter

04:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday morning

19th March

Tickets will be released
on the 22nd February.

From the President.



The reopening this year, combined with the hot weather, has been reflected in very high patronage of the Club. On the night of Friday 13th we did some 200 meals, with our thanks to the caterers for managing such a high volume.

We did have an incident of a member bringing a dog to the Club, creating somewhat of a commotion. The matter has been referred to our disciplinary committee for due process. I'm sure you can imagine that if everybody who had a dog brought their dog, we would effectively become a kennel club, not a fishing club.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the traditional **Australia Day Clinker Boat Race**, with the addition of a kayak race this year. It's always a fun day and very well patronised.

On Saturday 4th February there will be a cocktail party in the Boathouse, with a **Hawaiian & Hawaiian** theme. These functions are generally booked-out quickly, so if you would like to come (particularly as new members who have not experienced these events) please book by clicking the link above.

Finally, it was very satisfying to see so many new members attend the brief initiation to the Club, arranged by **Michael Kotsanis**. A special welcome to them, and if you have any questions at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me or any members of the committee. Our details are on the Club's website. If you haven't attended, we have the final **New Member Initiation** session on the 4th of February.

Peter Nevile,
President.

World Recreational Fishing Conference



**World Recreational
Fishing Conference**
20-22 February 2023
Melbourne, Australia.

'The headline conference theme for WRFC10 is: **Keeping Pace in a Dynamic and Challenging World with Changing Fisheries**. This is an ode to the fluid and rapidly changing landscape and acknowledges the challenges for researchers, managers and anglers involved in recreational fisheries.

The WRFC is the preeminent and largest international recreational fisheries conference attracting fisheries experts, researchers, policymakers, industry and anglers from around the globe. They come together to share their science, their issues, their experiences, failures, successes and vision. And together they unite to learn about current research trends, science breakthroughs, to network, to share problems and produce solutions.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to come together 'down under' face-to-face with the international recreational fishing community – the change makers, thought leaders and fishing enthusiasts – for what is set to be a week of riveting presentations, topical discussions, exciting research, and a chance to reconnect and forge new connections!

The conference is held every three years and aims to provide a unique learning opportunity as well as a chance to showcase Victoria's and Australia's fishing and tourism experiences to leading and influential recreational fishing stakeholders from across the world.'

Find out more, and register to attend HERE [<https://wrfc10.com/>]

New Members.

The Club is one more meet-and-greet session for new members to introduce them to the club.

We will run through a brief history of the Club, show them through the boathouse and explain how they can use the facilities of the club.

All new members are welcome to attend one of the sessions. The remaining session will be run on **Saturday 4th February** at 2.00pm. Further details have been sent to new members by email. Look out for that in your in-box.

Michael Kotsanis,
Committee Member



Andre Cartel caught a feisty painted sweetlip during his trip to Queensland.



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Please call APYAC member **Grant Brookes** on 0411 187676 for any marketing needs including website development and social media.

Angler's Kitchen Specials

Oysters 1/2 dozen

Mignonette OR Kilpatrick

\$26

Vietnamese Prawn Spring Rolls

with sweet chilli aioli and Asian herbs

\$14.50

'Aussie Aussie Aussie'

Wagyu Cheeseburger with the lot

Caramelised onions, Bacon, Egg, Beetroot
& Mustard Aioli, served with Beer Battered Chips

\$28

Aussie Mushroom Burger

with Caramelized Onions, Relish,
Halloumi, Tomato, Lettuce & Truffle
Aioli served with Beer Battered Chips.

\$28

Dessert Special

Pavlova with Vanilla Bean Cream

Passionfruit Glaze, Berries & Mango.

\$9.50

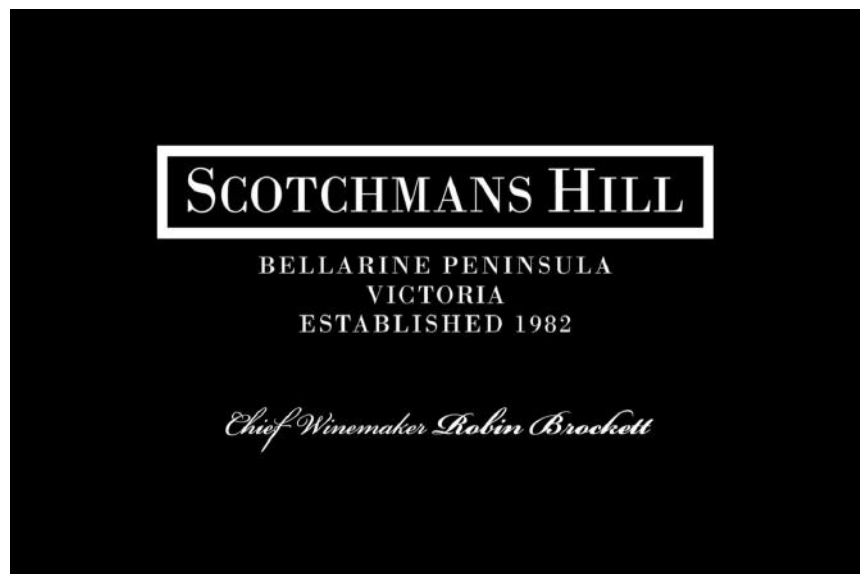
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BOOKINGS: call 9690 5530 or click
<https://tinyurl.com/AnglersBOOKING>

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President's Table.

Please note this table cannot be booked. It is for singles or couples new to The Club wishing to meet new people. Should you wish to sit here, you are obliged to welcome anyone else that sits with you.



Boathouse.

Working Bee.

The next working bee is Saturday 4th February from 8 a.m. – in preparation for the Hawaiian Boathouse event – a Boathouse BBQ will follow for those that volunteer in the morning.

Boathouse Bobcat (Terex).

We have had a full service on the Terex and had new side mirrors installed to enhance safety. The Bobcat was meant to be serviced on a regular basis according to Melbourne Tractors who we purchased the vehicle from, given our harsh environment. We have now organized for regular general maintenance. We have also run another course and now have eight people trained up to operate the Terex – essential to keep the boathouse and drinks fridge accessible.

Beach side door barrier protection.

Although we have new barriers in place, that are doing a wonderful job at repelling the sand from entering the club on large tide / wind days, the water is still causing us an issue. Jack Kagan is working with us on putting rubbers around the barriers to make the boathouse even more weatherproof.

Boathouse entry doors.

We had a situation where the east aisle entry door could no longer be closed. Jake Smith did a temporary fix (coming-down at a moment's notice – thank you Jake), however it showed how vulnerable and flimsy these doors are. Jack Kagan is now working with us on installing new kick plates to reinforce both doors.

Communal Boathouse dollies.

Jonathan Leahey (member & amazing sculptor) has been sensational in replacing the communal Boathouse dollies and organising for any in the Boathouse that need a new dolly to get one sorted. He has made sure that these new units are Aussie-tough, donating his hours and skills, only charging-us for the parts and equipment.

Crane hoses.

The two crane hoses were split and corroded to the point that very little air was being delivered. Both hoses have been replaced; just in time, as a blow-out could have caused a disastrous accident.

Boathouse compressor.

Over the next few weeks we will be replacing the 15 year old compressor which delivers air to the gantry. It's old and replacement parts are hard to come by. It makes sense to bring it up to the 21st century with a new model. This will benefit all who love to hire the club boats and kayaks.

External tap being left on.

This is a regular issue, meaning that the public can access the external tap and leave it running. Please make sure that you follow all cheat sheets and reminders that we send out.

Hire boats.

When you book a hire boat, with your confirmation you also receive a 'Reminder sheet' this is a check list for your peace of mind. Far too often we are having hirers not open the air valve on the petrol tanks, causing them to implode, resulting in lack of fuel to the engine. Please follow your check list.

Hire boat / kayak inductions.

Ian Sekac is constantly running hire boat induction refresher courses and newbie courses, please email him if you would like an induction i.sekac@bigpond.com

Reminder if you have not hired since your last induction, and your induction was over 12 months ago, then you need a refresher. Same goes for the Kayaks, if you are keen to take out one of our fishing kayaks and need an induction, please get in touch with AlexSpyrou alspools2@bigpond.com

Lee Spyrou,
Boathouse Captain.

Angling News.

We have seen a number of members out on the water, some fishing ... others catching. The weather has remained temperamental, keep an eye out for storms, rely on what you can see coming rather than forecasts. A couple of members were out a couple of days ago and the breeze came from every direction apart from that forecast.

There still have been some good days for angling especially of a morning.

A number of members have been doing well chasing King George Whiting with some great catches, and all marks accessible by club boats.

There have also been a few Snapper landed down towards the southern end of the bay.

Small pinkies are a pest for Whiting anglers taking baits before the Whiting have a chance, but that is good news for the future. Remember minimum size for "pinkies" is 28 cm.

There are plenty of reports of Australian Salmon, Snook, Pinkies and Garfish being caught.

While fishing over weeds or broken ground and you happen to catch a starfish, if it is yellow to orange with purple patches, or all yellowish, and has five arms with upturned pointed tips please keep on board and dump in the rubbish, this is the Northern Pacific Seastar, an introduced pest. The rest can be returned to the water.

Remember the Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition is coming up the weekend of 11th and 12th of February. This is a team event, so get your fishing buddy ready, (kayaks do not need a team).

We have also been challenged by Williamstown Sailing Club Anglers to compete against them in their Whiting Competition on Sunday 26th of February, more on this closer to the date.

We hope all members, especially anglers, flock to the club and watch the Clinker Boat and Kayak racing on Australia Day 26th of Jan. The club, for those already booked, or the pier will provide great vantage points to watch this exciting event.

If I can get my children to love fishing half as much as I do, then I will have done my job as a parent. - Unknown.

John Spragg



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Competition Scoreboard - 22nd January

FISHING COMPETITION									
MONTH	TOTAL	OPEN	FISH	POINTS	INHOUSE	FISH	POINTS	HEAVIEST FISH	
September	3	M. SASS	36	191.815	H. TSOUMBAKOS	37	169.585	Snapper	(1) 5.420 (10) M. SASS 8.250
		M. HIOTIS	20	117.485	A. OSBORNE	7	37.335		
October	32	R. MUSCAT	12	80.135	E. BERNBICH	4	33.205	Flathead	(1) S. CALI .860 (10) M. SASS 1.085
		G. AHEARN	4	18.85	R. RAFFA	7	29.520		
November	61	A. SPINELLI	3	17.775	D. VITKIN	3	26.900	Shark	(1) (10) GUNNY 4.525
		B. PEARCE	3	13.200	S. SPRAGG	1	10.740		
December	60	M. MERCIECA	2	9.465	A. CANTEL	1	2.000	1st. Snapper	(1) H. TSOUMBAKOS 1.085 (10) G. 445
		C. MEEHAN	3	6.660					
January		L. SPYROU	2	6.395				Last Snapper	(1) (10)
		M. MUSCAT	1	2.450					
February		M. BRIEFA	1	2.400				Whiting Bag	(1) (10)
March								Whiting	(1) .550 (10) .550
April								Other Species	
May									
TOTAL								M. BRIEFA	SEAHAM 200 KG
								DUPLO	PIKE 315
JUNIORS									
		T. SASS	3	19.585					
		D. VITKIN	3	10.210					
		ANDRE	1	2.885					

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'Men Overboard'



One of life's useless things: an unworn life jacket.

Life Saving Victoria revealed that eight in ten boating or fishing-related drowning deaths during the past decade involved incorrect, or no, lifejacket use.

Last year, two men fell overboard into cold coastal water, and couldn't get back on their tinny. The older man had stood up and lost his balance, his son reached out to stop him from falling, but the pair toppled out.

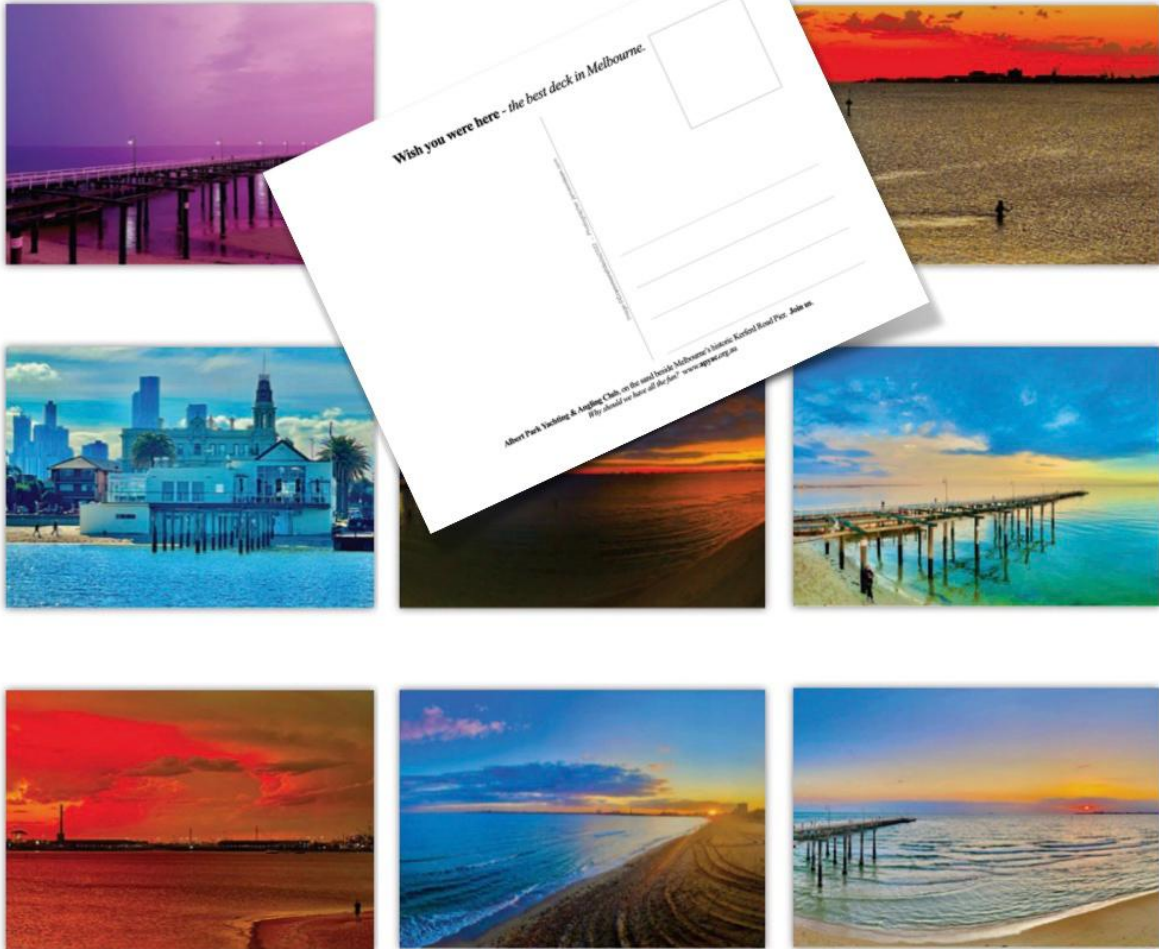
Thankfully, they were wearing life jackets and made it to shore. The vessel was recovered by VMR Mornington.

Even experienced boaters can be caught off-guard and end up in the water, which is why everyone should wear a lifejacket whenever in an open area of a boat that's underway.

Could you haul yourself back on your vessel in heavy, cold wet clothes? Have you added a ladder so you could help yourself if needed? Do you practise your person overboard drills?

Watch 'David' tell his story about the day he ended-up in the water. Click to see: **[Practise getting back on.](#)**

Bring back snail mail.



Wish you were here.

Who do you **love** the most? Who was your **favourite** teacher? Who was your **mentor**? Who would you like to **thank** for helping you get where you are?

Who do you know who is **sitting in their room** in a retirement village, or aged care home?

Who has sent you **pictures** on their phone from Iceland, or Paris, or St. Tropez ... or Noosa?

Now is the time to make them **drool**.

We have produced eight postcards taken from **James Nixon's** stunning images guaranteed to

make it onto the fridge (or wall) of anyone who receives them.

You know they'd love to receive a postcard.

Passenger to Cairns, Luggage to Perth.

You don't have to face the drama of the airport and spend half your holiday wondering where your luggage is.

Just catch the #1 tram to the Club, grab all eight cards, and one stamp for \$10, (we have more stamps for sale if you need them), write away, and make them jealous —right away.

We'll even post them for you.

Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club

On the sand beside Melbourne's historic Kerferd Road Pier.

Join Us. *Why should we have all the fun.*

Inflatable life jackets annual inspection



John Cali, before he blew up

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

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

The owner of the life jacket 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 life jacket and this must be signed and dated and serviced by S-I (Self Inspection) e.g. S/ 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.



The wind on the water shows the approaching cool change

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Hats \$25 (NEW)

Opening hours:

TUE-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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