

News Update



From the President.

Table bookings

It is great to see the Club back to the numbers we used to have quite a few years ago on a Friday night. However, that also creates a number of issues. I'm sure by now that all members are aware you need to make a booking on OBEE. The tables are numbered, and you will be given a table number.

The problem is that we're getting members who either want to stay in from lunchtime and don't have an evening booking or members who come in an hour or so before dinner and sit at a table. We also have members using the side entrance to come in and sit at a table.

Firstly, that is unfair to members who have made a booking, and secondly, it's actually neither polite nor acceptable behaviour as it denies a member who has made a booking a table until it's sorted out. It also puts unnecessary pressure on our staff. So, please ensure that you make a booking, and if you are a walk-in, understand that there may not be a table available for you.

Access via the side entrance

A further issue we are having is the side gate access. The Executive has decided for the time being to remove side gate access for the following reasons:

The issue of people coming in via the side gate and not via the front is, of course, a breach of our licensing conditions, as everybody must register entry to the Club.

Several members have been circumventing the front door to try and get onto a table they have not booked.

We've had general security issues with people having access to the Club after hours, including non-members or members who do not have full access rights.

We have also had the gas on the barbecue left on after use, which poses both a fire and an insurance risk.

As a result, the Executive has decided for the time being to remove access to the side balcony for all members. We understand that this may not be a popular decision with a few of our members, unfortunately, we cannot please all of the members all the time. As a Committee, we are bound to act in the best interests of the majority of members, so I trust we have your understanding.

If you have any comments, we are always happy to hear them.

Peter Neville,
President.

Nice people.

As I walked under a plane tree, a dried-out leaf fell, almost hitting me in the face. It can't be autumn already? But just when you think Melbourne's summer is over, another 35 degree weekend is forecast.

The fickle weather has been removing, and replacing, sand faster than ever. Check out **James Nixon's** photos below.

Nice to hear that members **Bettina** and **Joe** delayed their morning swim to help **Chantal** clear sand off the apron for the Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition. We are surrounded by lovely people.

People like **Pat Hutchinson, Tony Spinelli, John Spragg,** and **Bob Pearce** who represented our Club at last weekend's World Fishing Expo. Thank you.

I back the President's words, and thank you for understanding that we are trying to do our best. We are victims of our own success.

I look forward to seeing you down the Club.

Elise Thomas,
Manager.

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L-R: **Pat Hutchinson** (APYAC); **Travis Dowling** (Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Fisheries Authority); **Bob Pearce** (APYAC); **Craig Copeland** (Chief Executive Officer, OzFish Unlimited); **Ron Cocking** (Preston Angling Club) at the **World Recreational Fishing Conference**.

Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw hits \$1,500 for the 24th of February.

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 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:

- Mystery Hamper.
- Sparkling Gift Hamper.
- Mum 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](#).



*New Member **Yossi** won **Tiburce's** special bottle of wine.*

Functions.



Greek Day!

Sunday 5 March 12 noon – 3 p.m.

Tickets per three course Greek lunch

\$65 ticket per adult

\$30 ticket per child

Get in touch with that Zorba inside of you!

Bouzouki madness so dancing shoes are a must!

Lucky door prize.

Oooopah!

LIMITED TICKETS REMAINING

Sunday 5 March 12 noon – 3 p.m.

[Get your tickets HERE](#)



Boathouse Rock 'n' Roll Night

Saturday 1 April

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Dance the night away!

Tickets \$60 all-inclusive

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

FUN! FUN! FUN!

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

DRESS TO SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL!

Those interested in volunteering, please contact:

Peter Neville at peter.neville@neville.com.au OR **Lee Spyrou** at apyaccaptain@gmail.com

[Get your tickets HERE](#)

General Meeting.
Wednesday 1st March, from 7 p.m.



Speaker: **Peter Markowiec**

Education Coordinator, Melbourne Chapter, **Sea Shepherd Australia**
'Established in 1977, Sea Shepherd is an international non-profit marine wildlife conservation organisation. Sea Shepherd uses innovative direct-action tactics to investigate, document, and take action when necessary to expose and confront illegal activities on the high seas.

By safeguarding the biodiversity of our delicately balanced ocean ecosystems Sea Shepherd works to ensure the survival of our oceans for future generations.'

Bar opens from 6 p.m.

Snacks after the meeting.

All welcome.

Save the date.



Mixed Fishing Charter
Departing from St.Kilda Pier
04:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday morning
19th. March

Cost: \$65 [50% off normal price as APYAC subsidises this event]
Members only (not waitlist).
12 years and over only.

Bella Sandro Fishing Boat leaves St Kilda Marina at 04:30 a.m. sharp.

Meeting point: St Kilda Marina, 42B Marine Parade, St Kilda.
Wait at the wooden benches next to the Marina for roll call - we board together.
Time off boat: 10:00am

Only 15 spots / Breakfast BBQ / (Dietary requirements cannot be catered for) / Plenty of undercover seating on-board / BYO drinks including alcohol / no eskies / two staff supplied (they will assist any who have not fished before with bait etc.) / Bait and rods supplied / We will be fishing for Snapper! / Toilet on board / Check weather / Dress appropriately / 3 prizes will be awarded on the day. / Any catches over 1kg are encouraged to go back to the Club and weigh-in.

Victorian Fishing Licenses required for those 18-70 years of age. Purchase your daily licence the night before, once the charter has been confirmed: <https://www.service.vic.gov.au/fishing>

Queries? Contact **Olga Harradine** 0419 000 246 - do not call the Club.
Details & booking, [click here](#).

Strategy Update.

Thank you to the 250+ members who completed the Member Survey late last year.

Your responses to the three strategy questions as part of the survey, combined with input from members at the December General Meeting, the Zoom sessions on strategy and individual member feedback, have provided a very rich source of information to help determine the future direction of the club.

Your responses are currently being summarised into a draft report which will first be shared with the committee and then with the wider membership base in the near future.

Your input and feedback are important and appreciated.

Michael Kotsanis,
Committee.

Marine License Course.

Date: 6th March.

Time: 6 p.m.

Venue: Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club,
129 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park

Cost: \$135.00 cash

Please be at venue approximately 5.15 p.m. to fill in the enrolment form.

Course takes approximately three and half hours, including the test.

You get two attempts at doing the test.

Must bring any one of: photo ID, passport, driver's license, learner's permit etc.

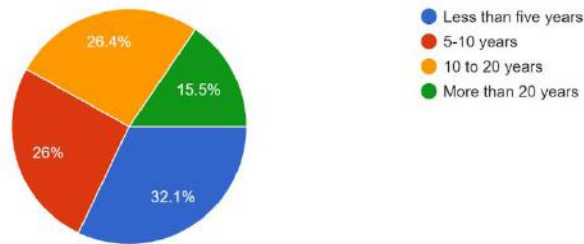
Children 16 and over are able to sit the jet ski license.

Please email Lee Spyrou apyaccaptain@gmail.com or call 0418181301

Annual Membership Satisfaction Survey Results.

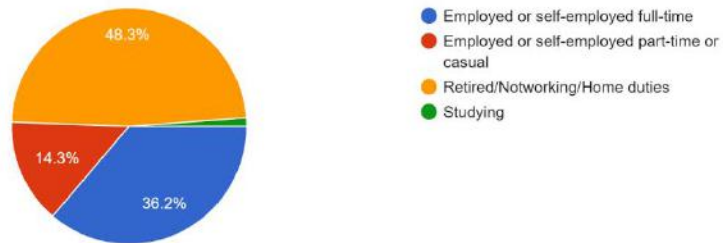
Continuing with the results shared in the last issue, the Membership Satisfaction Survey revealed a nearly 50% expression of interest in volunteering at the club. This is an incredible response that reflects the strength of our club culture. Those who have volunteered report feeling more connected to the club and that the experience enhances their enjoyment and feeling of belonging when visiting.

How long have you been a member?
265 responses



With almost 50% of members having retired/not working compared to the 36% working fulltime, volunteering is a great way to give back to the club and build greater friendships with other members for those that are able to donate their time.

Employment status
265 responses



Angler's Kitchen

Specials

Vietnamese Prawn Spring Rolls

with sweet chilli aioli and Asian herbs

\$14.50

Crunchy Fish Tacos

*with Pineapple Salsa, Corn Chips,
& Crème Fraiche*

\$28

Gnocchi

*with slow Braised Beef
& Mushroom Ragu with Spinach,
Parmesan & Pangratatto*

\$28

Dessert Special

Eton Mess of Meringue

Vanilla Cream, Berries & Passionfruit Glaze

\$9.50

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BOOKINGS: call 9690 5530 or click

<https://tinyurl.com/AnglersBOOKING>

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Brookford Trilogy
built and manage our new
APYAC website...

- ✓ Full marketing, communications and brand development partner
- ✓ Content creation and production
- ✓ Website and social media strategy development
- ✓ All media planning, placement and advertising



Contact club member Grant Brookes on 0411 187676

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 TRILOGY
WEB SOLUTIONS

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.

SCOTCHMANS HILL

BELLARINE PENINSULA
VICTORIA
ESTABLISHED 1982

Chief Winemaker Robin Brockett

Boathouse.

The Boat House has this week welcomed two restored boats back to the Club, **Michael Hurrell's** fibreglass boat (pictured) and **Trent Holbrook's PA33** Clinker.



The number of boats in the Club that have been restored in the last eight months is now six, with two boats in work to be returned.

Clinker PA 18 has been sold to a new member who is very excited about the prospect of going to sea in a clinker.

We still have three Clinkers, one Fibreglass and two Aluminium boats for sale at very negotiable prices. Please contact the Boat House Captain if you are interested. apyaccaptain@gmail.com

New Air Compressor



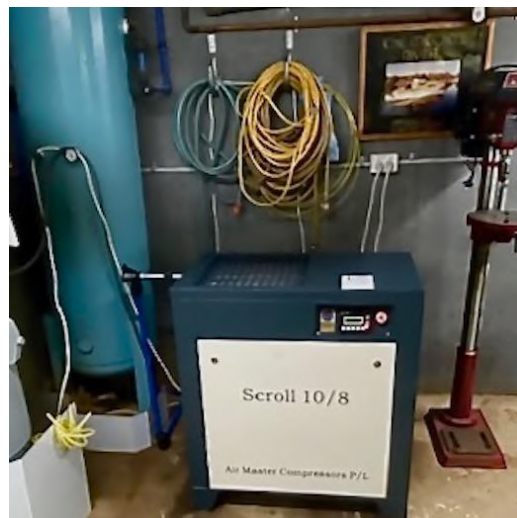
Air Master successfully installed the new Air Compressor on Wednesday 8th. It was a morning of out with the old and in with the new. (Apologies to Robert and Mal).

The new compressor has the following benefits over the old Piston Compressor:

1. Simpler structure, smaller size volume.
2. High volumetric efficiency.
3. Small vibration, low noise.
4. Low Energy consumption, long service life.
5. Air supply continuous and stable.
6. Easy operation, high degree of automation.
7. High operating reliability.
8. Widely used in industry, agriculture, transportation, medical machinery, pharmaceutical, construction, textile, and many other areas where compressed air is needed.

The compressor has a well-defined maintenance schedule, the first service is required after 500 hours operation.

Regards,
Ian Sekac.



The ever-moving sand.



2nd February

4th February

18th February

Angling News.

The **Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition** was not helped by the weather on the 11th and 12th. Sadly, the morning of Saturday the 12th was the only fish-able time. Nevertheless, we had several anglers on the water with some good results. Elwood Angling Club joined us in the competition. APYAC took out all prizes, apart from the junior prize. Williamstown Sailing Club Angling Group have invited APYAC to fish their Whiting Competition next Sunday (the 26th). All details are below. We hope to be well represented at this competition.

There are still good numbers of snapper in the south end of the bay, and pinkies are biting at many of the marks within a few kilometres of the club, with the odd snapper also being caught. Whiting are also still around, but can be patchy. Western Port is fishing very well for whiting. Off-shore is also patchy at present, numerous tuna caught one day, and nothing the next, even though schools of fish are being sighted.

Results of the Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition:

- Heaviest Whiting: Harry Tsoumbakos 530 grams
- Heaviest Bag Whiting 'in house': Rob Raffa & Harry Tsoumbakos.
- Heaviest Whiting Bag 'open': Mick Sass & Manny Hiotis.
- Mixed Bag: Mick Sass & Manny Hiotis.
- Mystery Weight: Michael Kotsanis.
- Junior: Summer Garcia.

We thank all participants, as the weather did not help the competition at all.

Most of the world is covered by water. A fisherman's job is simple: Pick out the best parts - Charles Waterman

John Spragg



Established in 1974, **Apex Electrical** is a leading electrical contractor that has a great long-standing reputation in the commercial construction industry for delivering quality projects across Australia.

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WHITING FISHING COMPETITION

Williamstown Sailing Club (WSC)

This Sunday, 26th February

This competition is open to all clubs, including family members and friends.

Entry Fee: \$10 (kids under 12 years of age, FREE). Includes BBQ.

No B.Y.O. as the WSC bar will be open for drink sales.

Start: 4 a.m. Sunday 26th February

Weigh-in: Between 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. at WSC

(No fish to be weighed in after 1.00 p.m.)

Lunch / Prizes: from 1:30 p.m. at WSC.

Prizes For:

Heaviest Whiting

Heaviest Whiting Bag

Heaviest Mixed Bag, &

Kid's Prizes

RSVP: By Friday, 24th February.

Leave your name on the board at WSC, or email fishos@williamstown sailingclub.org.au

Alternatively, call James D'Aquino on 0419 597 550

FISHING COMPETITION									
MONTH	TOTAL	OPEN	FISH	POINTS	INHOUSE	FISH	POINTS	HEAVIEST FISH	
September	3	M. SASS	45	214.660	H. TSOUNBAKOS	37	169.585	H. TSOUNBAKOS	m 5.420
		M. HIOTIS	20	117.485	A. OSBORNE	7	37.335	M. SASS	m 8.510
October	32	R. MUSCAT	12	80.135	E. BERNOBILI	4	33.205	S. CALLI	m 8.860
		G. AHEARN	4	18.85	R. RAFFA	7	29.920	M. SASS	m 1.085
November	61	A. SPINELLI	3	17.775	D. VITKIN	3	26.800	Shark	m 2.800
		B. PEARCE	3	13.200	A. CANTCL	1	2.000	H. TSOUNBAKOS	m 1.085
December	60	J. SPRACK	1	10.790				1st. Snapper	m 6.445
		M. MERICIPA	2	9.665				Last Snapper	m
January	10	C. MCKEAN	3	6.660				Heaviest Whiting Bag	m 3.515
		L. SPYROU	2	6.385				M. SASS	m 5.050
February		A. SPYROU	1	5.620				H. TSOUNBAKOS	m 5.550
		M. MUSCAT	1	2.650				Whiting	m 5.550
March		M. BRIFFA	1	2.600				Other Species	
April								M. BRIFFA	FISH 200 MG 315
May								D. VITKIN	FISH 315
								H. TSOUNBAKOS	FLATHEAD
TOTAL									
JUNIORS		T. SASS	3	19.585					
		D. VITKIN	2	10.210					
		ANDRE	2	4.360					
		HEIDI	1	1.320					
		HARVEY	1	1.200					
		HILTON & SUMNER	1	2.470					

*Sorry about the quality of this pic, taken Friday 17th.
(It's hard to get a photo at night due to the glare on the board)*

APYAC Footy Tipping Competition.

The APYAC tipping competition is back and has moved online to allow more people to participate in the fun. If you think your tipping skills are extraordinary, you just want to pick your team for every single match, or you just want to be part of the fun, register using the **ESPN Footy Tips** app that you can download on your phone or register using the website www.footytips.com.au

Once you have registered search for the tipping competition called APYAC. The APYAC competition password is: Snapper.

More detailed instructions on how to register are also available in the Community tab of the APYAC website if you need them: <https://apyac.org.au/footy-tipping/>


There is a **\$20 entry fee** payable at the Club (cash) before the first match on **16 March**. Prizes are awarded after the home and away matches to first, second and third place-getters.

Good tipping, and go Tiges!

Merchandise.



Grab a new APYAC hat - three styles!

Get yours now. Use your house levy: 

Cheese Boards engraved with our logo \$65

Jackets \$65

Vests \$55

Fishing Tops \$50

Polo Shirts \$50

Scarf \$20

Wine Glasses (pair) \$20

Neck warmer \$15

Cap \$15

Beanie \$10

Beer Stein \$10

Postcards \$10 *Eight cards and one stamp!* **(NEW)**

Stubby Holder \$10.

Hats \$25 (NEW)

Tight Lines – Why so often?

The large edition of Tight Lines appears at the end of the month to advise you of the next club meeting, and always on a Wednesday so you can plan your weekend.

The smaller edition, *Slack Lines*, appears in the second week of the month to advise changes, events, band Sundays, and the latest Menu Specials.

The clue is in the dateline at the top and bottom.

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.

UPDATE: Wednesday 8th - Tuesday 21st February 2023