

UPDATE: Wednesday 13th.December - Tuesday 16th.January 2024

Ho Ho Ho

Can you believe it is only one and a half weeks till Christmas?

The best Christmas gifts are the ones we've had all year: a roof over our heads, food in the fridge, family, and friends. May the richness of gratitude be yours this Christmas and into the New Year!

We hope all our members and their guests are enjoying naughty *'Elf on the Shelf'*. He is hiding every lunch and dinner session awaiting to be found 'till Christmas Eve. If you're lucky enough to find him, take him to the bar for a free beer, wine, or soft drink.

Holiday closing dates.

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Very important reminder that bookings for Christmas Eve Lunch, Sunday 24th., are only by appointment.

Christmas Eve Buffet Lunch - \$60 per head

Children Under 12 - \$30 per head

See full details below. Be sure to come in and enjoy live music. There will also be a mystery Christmas gift to one lucky attendee.

Christmas Eve Lunch booking link, click here. <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1146022>

Management, Staff, and Committee wish all Members are very safe and wonderful Christmas break.

Elise Thomas,
Manager.

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*Bad boy **Barry**, **Santa**, and his **Elf**
at last Saturday's Children's Christmas Party.*

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Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw will be \$900 for the 15th. of December.

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.

Last Friday night the winners were: Ron O'Farrell, Mitch Osborne, Tom Zeglinas. If they'd been there, been financial, and claimed their prize within 60 seconds ... one of them would have won the money!

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.
- Brenta Meats tray, (*thanks Ches*).
- Mumm Gift Pack.
- A \$70 meal voucher.
- A secret prize.

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

Be nice to our Volunteers on the door and selling raffle tickets.

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

Reminder: meals must be ordered before 8 p.m.



HO HO HO Merry Boathouse Christmas
Saturday 16th. December
5 - 7 p.m.

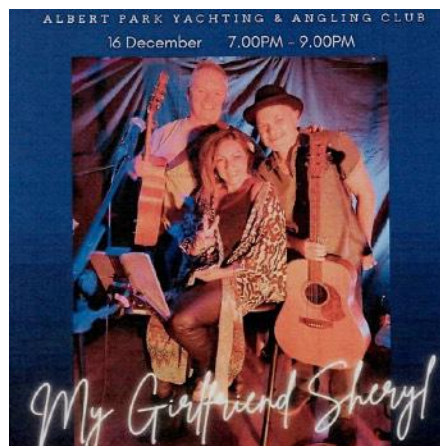
STOP PRESS Volunteers needed. **STOP PRESS**
If you'd like to volunteer please email
apyac.volunteers@gmail.com

Saturday night dining - and live music this weekend.



16th December
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!



My Girlfriend Sheryl
7 - 9 p.m.

An ultimate tribute to the iconic voices and timeless songs of Sheryl Crow, Alanis Morissette, Stevie Nicks, Shania Twain, Linda Ronstadt and others.

Menu for Saturday nights:

- Fish and Chips,
- Scotch Fillet Steak,
- Chicken Parmigiana,
- Rigatoni Pollo e Fungi / Vegetarian Rigatoni, and
- Seafood Spaghetti.

The full children's and dessert menu will be as usual.

Book your table by [clicking here](#).

Last drinks 9:30 p.m. (We may close earlier if no demand).



Christmas Lunch.
Sunday 24th. December
12 noon - 5 p.m.

Christmas Buffet Lunch - \$60 per head
Children Under 12 - \$30 per head

- Choice of two meats (all Gluten Free)
- Roast Maple glazed Turkey Breast with jus gras
- Five Spiced Cherry rum glazed Leg Ham

Vegetarian Option – Miso marinated eggplant and soba noodle with nori salt and toasted sesame

Served with:

- Roasted twice cooked duck fat potatoes
- Tossed Garden Salad
- Ancient Grain Salads
- Carvery Condiments
- Bread rolls and butter
- And finished with a selection of Christmas sweet treats (3 per person)

Members & Guests Only

Purchase your tickets **[by clicking here.](#)**

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.*

From the President.



HO,HO,HO it's that time of year,
Our last Tight Lines for '23 is here.

James Nixon has set his bar very high,
His best year yet, no one can deny.
We all thank you James, from the bottom of our hearts,
For keeping us entertained and informed, on all the good parts.

My Christmas thank you is far from complete,
Without Ian Sekac, I'd be run off my feet.
The Boathouse crew, is thriving well,
It's John Spragg's turn now, to give 'em all hell.

Our Angling team introduced a new rule,
No Fisho at APYAC wants to be labelled a fool.
We now measure for length, then can set our fish free,
A move that's made Bob Pearce jump-up with glee.
Thanks guys for helping APYAC lead the way,
Preserving, and nurturing, Port Phillip Bay.

Let's not forget our Elise and her staff,
Dealing with us lot —it's not always a laugh.
Yet they do it with smiles, jokes and panache,
But if you don't clear your table, they'll appear in a flash.

So from me to you, stay safe and enjoy,
Maybe a rod will be, your new Christmas toy.
See you next year, when to the club you will flee,
Merry Christmas —best wishes, from President Lee.

Lee Spyrou
president@apyac.org.au

Bazza's interesting membership facts.

Membership is full. 2,000 capacity under the rules is the limit & is our current number.

Average age of members: those who have birth dates recorded (1,451 of the 2,000) is 56.1 years.

Females represent: 19% of total APYAC membership population, 31% of members who have joined since 1st January (325 total), and 48.78% of the people on the waitlist (41) since Lee was elected President.

Take Aways:

- Update your date of birth in the Member Portal on the Club's website – to be eligible for birthday vouchers coming in the new year.
- APYAC's bright future continues with an extremely strong membership base.
- You would think that 2,000 members should provide a voluminous number of volunteers.
- Want to volunteer? Drop me (Barry) a line at apyac.volunteers@gmail.com

Barry Hayes
Vice President.

Angler's Kitchen.

Specials

Seafood Chowder

with Toasted Garlic Focaccia.

\$22

1/2 Dozen Oysters Mignonette.

\$28.50

1kg Fresh Prawns

with Cocktail Sauce and Lemon.

\$60

Lamb Burger with APYAC Special Sauce,

Lettuce, Cheese & Tomato,

served with chips.

\$29

Chilli Con Carne

with Herbed Rice, Corn

Chips & Sour Cream.

\$28

Dessert

Crème Caramel

with Chantilly Cream & Strawberries.

\$10

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

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Club secures \$10,000 grant.

The Club has been awarded a grant for \$10,000 under the *Stronger Fishing Clubs Grant Program* from the **Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)**.

The grant will cover the cost of supply and installation of fish-finder equipment for each of our Club's hire boats and kayaks. In addition, the grant covers the cost of the production of Club brag-mats that allows for the measurement of fish, facilitating catch and release.

The grant also covers a new and improved Club door access system, and software. We are extremely grateful for the support provided by VFA to our Club.

Mike Kotsanis
Treasurer.



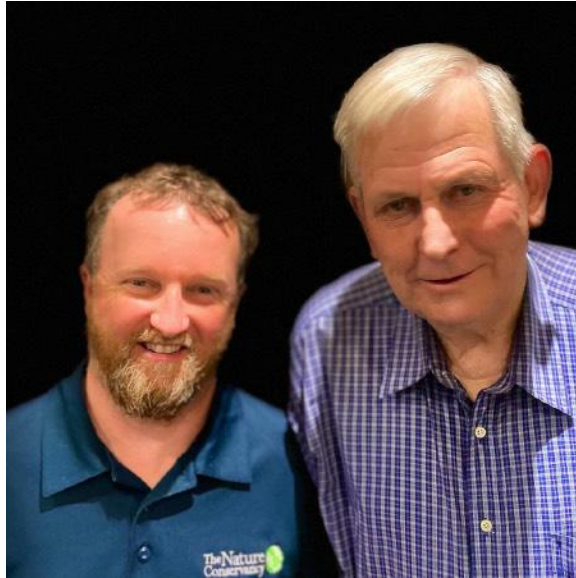
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Simon Branigan, from *The Nature Conservancy*, and APYAC Life Member **Bob Pearce**.

At the recent general meeting Simon gave us an update on the *Shellfish Reef Restoration* project. He explained how Bob Pearce's boyhood recollections inspired the reintroduction of the indigenous oysters in Port Phillip. How the project started, how the '*Shuck don't chuck*' initiative recovers shell, of *Margaret's* and subsequent reefs, fish-cam, the Premier's Awards, and the planned *Kayaker's Reef*.

*If you missed our December club meeting you can see the YouTube video of Simon Branigan's Shellfish Reef Restoration Project update **by clicking here.***
<https://youtu.be/LsudZgVXeCQ?si=KQpJ8fBfscKY1DZS>

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Boathouse.

There was another good turn up of volunteers last Wednesday. Ian kept them all busy and quite a lot was achieved. The Saturday volunteers' barbecue was also very well-attended.

Anyone with a boat knows they need tinkering on a regular basis. It is the same in the boathouse with almost 60 boats, there are always things to be done. If you have spare time on a Wednesday morning from 8.00 a.m. come along, remember it is not work if it is fun.

Ian Sekac i.sekac@bigpond.com and the Boathouse induction crew are looking forward to hearing from you, and signing-you-up for the next step: **Boathouse Induction**. You'll be taken through all the working parts of the Boathouse and be given a full lesson on handling the tinnies. Then it's on to the website to book-a-boat (click here) and you're away.

Boat Licence Course. We hope to have the next one in February and will give a date once everything is confirmed.

We are considering a **Boat Trial**, (think car trial), from the club to Herron Island and back, questions to answer on the way, prizes for the most right answers and lunch on the Island. We are thinking Sunday 7th of April (after Easter) to celebrate the end of Daylight Saving. Open to all boats in house and open. The trip along the Yarra is very interesting and worth the journey. Just a consideration at present but we think worth doing, let us know if you are interested, and any other date. We like Autumn cool days light winds.

The Boathouse Christmas Party this Saturday night is a sell out, look out for future Boathouse functions and book early so you are not disappointed. They seem to all sell-out and are great fun, and good value.

January 26th. Australia Day will be upon us before we know it, get your clinker ready, test fire water pistols and cannons, make sure your flag is in good shape. Spectators, make sure you have blocked out the race in your calendar so you do not double book. We have already had to knock back Sir Richard Branson trying to enter Virgin Voyages' *Resilient Lady*. We do not believe he has done the boathouse induction.

May I take this opportunity to wish you, and yours, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

John Spragg
Boat House Captain



Kye Cormick with his 91cm Snapper.
[Yes, we are showing this for the second time.
If you catch a 91 cms Snapper, we'll show yours twice too! - ED]

General Meeting.
7 p.m.
Wednesday 7th. February 2024.

Agenda:

Apologies & Minutes of previous General Meeting

Updates and reports:
President, Treasurer, Operations,
Boathouse & Sub-committees
Members Q&A to the Club Committee.

Speaker: To be advised.

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

Can you help?

WW1 & WW2 Club Honour Roll Members

Research is underway by a Club Member, an Historian, with a view of producing brief biographies of the servicemen listed on the Club's WW1 and WW2 Honour Rolls.

By identifying and personifying these men we can gain a greater understanding, and appreciation, of their contribution.

We would be very happy to hear about all WW1 and WW2 Honour Roll members, in particular:

Coombs C.,
Edwards A.,
Evans H.,
Johnson A.,
Johnson B., and
Jones S..

Having identified members of the First and Second World Wars, we will address the more recent conflicts in due course.

Please send your email [by clicking here](#), and write *APYAC HONOUR ROLL* in the subject line.

Angling News.

What happened to summer? I got caught by the Melbourne Sun on Monday (the 4th), after a cold day's fishing on Sunday 3rd Dec. Then the blast furnace last Friday (the 8th) ... but since then wind, rain, mist, and cooler weather.

However for those who managed to get out, most anglers caught good fish—but it is hit and miss.

Snapper have been caught fishing just outside the shipping channels, around P2, and between P2 and the Cardinal mark, around the area of Fawkner Beacon, (*do not fish in the exclusion zone it can be expensive and is not allowed as per APYAC rules*), and the spoil ground, and the dumper. Best baits are silver whiting, pilchards and salmon fillets.

King George Whiting are starting to get caught on the close-in reefs, not in large numbers yet, but a start. Best baits fresh mussels (around \$10/kg at Coles, much cheaper at Costco), and pipis.

Snook have started to appear in very large numbers, and good size Gummy Sharks are being caught.

The bait freezer at the club has been re-stocked, please only take two packs of each bait you require, and let us know if supplies are getting low.

We want to clean out the upright freezer next to the bait freezer as we see bait stored there for a couple of years. We plan on issuing resealable plastic containers, so everyone has the same amount of storage. If you have bait stored in the up-right freezer, please use it, or you may lose it.

Max Coningsby Snapper Competition results:

In House

Longest Snapper Tony Panayotou
Longest Bag of Snapper Harry Tsoumbakos

Open

Longest Snapper Michael Briffa
Longest Bag of Snapper Michael Sass

Juniors

Danny Vitkin, William Pope, Andre Cartel

Ron Amy Pot of Gold

Open

Longest Snapper Mick Sass
Longest Bag of Snapper Harry Tsoumbakos
Mystery Prize Richard Muscat

Anyone who has not received their prize, they are with Elise in the office safe.

Monthly Prizes

Open - Longest Fish: Kye Cormick 91 cm
In House - Longest Fish: Harry Tsoumbakos 87cm
Mystery Length: Michael Sass

A real woman will not make you choose between her and fishing, she will make you take her fishing ... (Unknown, probably in hospital).

John Spragg.

FISHING COMPETITION									
MONTH	TOTAL	OPEN	FISH	POINTS	INHOUSE	FISH	POINTS	H/OP	ST FISH
September	16	M. SAYS M. BRIFA	36 33	151.3 119.4	H. TOUNBAROS T. PANAYOTOU	18 9	85.1 27.2	LONGEST Snapper	H. TOUNBAROS 81.4 K. CORACK 91.4
October	32	M. HIOTIS R. MUSCAT	20 13	74.8 46.7	R. RAFFA E. BERNOBICH	5 4	14.9 11.9	R. CORACK Flathead	34 cm
November	131	T. SPINELLI A. SPYROU	10 6	32.8 28.8	S. MITCH R. POPE	3 1	11.1 4.0	T. PANAYOTOU Shark	90 cm
December		M. MERCIER L. SPYROU	6 4	23.6 13.1				S. SPYRAC T. BERNOBICH	21.2 cm 49 cm
January		G. ANCAN J. SPRACK	2 2	9.1 4.4				1st. Snapper M. SAYS	58 cm
February		R. MISTANO Y. MERIMI	1 1	3.5 2.4				Last Snapper	
March								Whiting Bag	
April								Whiting D. DUBIE	41 cm
May								Other Species	
TOTAL								T. PANAYOTOU Salmon T. PANAYOTOU Mulloway R. MUSCAT Salmon	46 cm 110 cm 52 cm
JUNIORS									
		H. OSBORNE D. VITKIN K. CORACK R. CORACK	1 8 1 1	1.0 11.2 5.8 1.0				DANNY VITKIN Salmon FRANK CORACK Salmon KYLEEN FAY Salmon FRANK CORACK Flathead	46 cm 33 cm 55 cm 34

The scoreboard, updated by **Roland Nicholls** last Friday night.

APYAC Mixed Fishing Charter - 4th February 2024.

Sadly the charter was cancelled last Sunday due to strong winds.



Time to make history again!

Mixed Fishing Charter SAVE THE DATE

Sunday morning 4th. February 2024.

Time: 4:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Yet to be confirmed.

APYAC FISHING SEASON 2023-24 CALENDAR

Friday 26th. January

Australia Day Clinker Boat race.

Sunday 4th. February

Mixed Fishing Charter

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

Saturday 10th. & Sunday 11th. February
Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition

Sunday 17th Feb
Kayak Competition T.B.C.

Sunday – Albert Park Lake Family & Friends fishing
To be confirmed based on fish releases.

Friday 8th. – Monday 11th. March
Lake Purrumbete Fishing weekend (Labour Day)

Sunday 26th. May
Official fishing season end & BBQ

Friday 7th. June – Monday 10th. June
Port Mac Tuna weekend T.B.C.

Saturday 27th. July
Presentation night



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APYAC FUNCTIONS CALENDAR 2023-4

2023

Saturday 16th December
Boathouse Xmas Cocktails

Sunday 24th December
Christmas lunch.

2024

Friday 26th January
Australia Day Clinker Boat Race

Saturday 3rd February
Boathouse Hawaiian Night

Sunday 18th February
Yum Cha upstairs

Saturday 23rd March
Boathouse Cocktails

Sunday 28th April
Greek Lunch upstairs

Saturday 4th May
Boathouse Cocktails

Sunday 12th May
Mother's Day lunch

Saturday 25th May
Oyster night

Saturday 22nd June
Boathouse Cocktails

Saturday 27th July
Presentation night

Victorian Fisheries Authority.



Nice to see APYAC on the the front page of the VFA website. They have so many things going on, from forums to kids days, fish stocking, and more. Check out their WHAT'S ON page [by clicking here](#)

Merchandise.



Spring into spring. Got your Fishing Top?

Get yours now. Use your house levy:

Jackets \$85

Vests \$75

Hoodies \$65

Fishing Tops \$50

Polo Shirts \$50

Scarf \$20

Wine Glasses (pair) \$20

Neck warmer \$15

Cap \$25

Hats \$25

Beanie \$20

Postcards \$10 Eight cards and one stamp! (Buy for your Grandma! They're better than Xmas cards!)

Stubby Holder \$10.



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, (which we call *Slack Lines* behind the scenes), 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.

Tight Lines is edited by **James Nixon**.

Holiday closing dates.

The Club will be closed from Christmas Day, 25th December 2023 until (and including) 3rd January 2024. We reopen on *Thursday 4th January 2024*. [*Yes, for the third time! Last year people said we didn't tell you. - ED*]

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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