



Tight Lines Update

Between Beaconsfield Parade & The Sand, Kerferd Road Pier, Albert Park.

UPDATE: Wednesday 28th February - Tuesday 12th March

Summer has finally Hit.

Returning Committee Member **James Nixon** had his annual party at the Club last Saturday, what a huge success! The Full Moon, and the appearance of the International Space Station were such a hit, as was the famous *Keith Campbell Band*.



Grab a ticket to **Peter Cupples** Sunday afternoon session on the Labour Day weekend, he never disappoints! We will stay open by demand until 7:30 p.m. details below.

Please be mindful Friday nights book-up quickly, and are super busy, the busiest of the week.

Once bookings are made numbers are final —increases are difficult to accommodate. Someone misses out if others increase. Of course if you cannot make your booking, please ring us to cancel. If we're too busy to answer, that's ok —leave a message we will be sure to listen.

Thursday sees the introduction of Happy Hour. Now that's crazy happy.

See you at the club!

Elise Thomas,
Manager.

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Thursdays

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw will be \$1,800 for the 2nd. of March.

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 weeks losers: *Theo Christofilopoulos, Christine Howgate, & Joel Godde.*

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 Champagne.
- A \$70 meal voucher.
- A secret prize.

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

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: When making a reservation for dining it is expected you order within 30 mins of your booking time and all meals must be ordered before 8 p.m. Thank you.

General Meeting. Wednesday 6th March. 7 p.m.

Agenda:

Apologies & Minutes of previous General Meeting

Updates and reports:

President, Treasurer, Operations,
Boathouse & Sub-committees

Members Q&A to the Club Committee.

Ray from *Fishy Fishy Burley*, and Leopold Angling Club, and
Ange from *Clicks Squid Jigs*, and
Andrew from *Fish Hard*
will conduct a three-for-one evening.

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

All are welcome.

Saturday night dining.



Saturday 9th March.

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

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).

Peter Cupples Sunday session.



**Sunday 10th March
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

As a favour to our Club, Peter is including us in his Melbourne tour.

This is a ticketed event.

Grab your \$15 tickets

by clicking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPOER>.

Please arrive by 3:30 p.m. if you want to secure a good table.

Our Kitchen's Reduced Menu will be available.

Orders taken until 6pm.

Last drinks 6.45 p.m.

Online ticket sales will close two hours prior the show.

After this time, try your luck at the venue once doors have opened, but admission cannot be guaranteed.

EFT only.

Boathouse Hawaiian Night.



Boathouse Hawaiian Night
Come and join us to
'Farewell the Summertime Sunset'

Saturday 23rd March
5.00 -7.00 p.m.

Your \$70 ticket includes:
Famous 'Boathouse Cocktails'
Red & White Wine
Beer
Piccolo Sparkling Wine
Soft Drinks

Tasty treats such as:
Oysters
Chicken / Mixed Sandwiches
Sushi
Ham & Pineapple Sliders
Sumai
And more ...

Get in the mood. Wear your florals,
and everything Hawaiian!

These events sell out very quickly
so book fast to avoid disappointment
by clicking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPJX>

This is a Club event put on for members by volunteers.
We are looking for more volunteers for this event.
Please contact Sandra Rogerson by clicking here.



Angler's Kitchen.

Specials

Caribbean Salad of Quinoa,
*Red grapes, Cucumber, Red
Cabbage and Caribbean Spiced
grilled Chicken Thighs with a
light, zesty dressing.*
\$27.70

Double Wagyu Cheeseburger
*with Egg, Bacon, Lettuce & BBQ
Sauce. Served with Onion Rings.*
\$29.70

Smoked Salmon Rigatoni
*with a light White Wine &
Dill Cream Sauce with Thyme
& Garlic Pangrattato.*
\$28.70

Dessert

Chocolate Bread & Butter Pudding
with ice cream & strawberries
\$9.70

E.&O.E

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

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Kitchen hours.

Lunch

*Thursday-Sunday
12 noon - 2:30 p.m.*

Dinner

*Thursdays, Fridays, and Selected Saturdays
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

Website PDF version of Tight Lines. This PDF differs from the emailed version of Tight Lines in that the links are shown in their entirety. The position of each story and image may be different, but the content is all included.

From the President.



Nothing like visiting another sporting club to realise what an amazing place we have at APYAC. Our Tassie travelling group, which included Alex Spyrou and Tony Panayotou from the Angling Sub-Committee, were welcomed with open arms to the Bruny Island Bowls and Community Club, by their President 'Mick Baillie' - Mick has been their President since 2018.

They have an extremely active membership base of 200, who take part in their inter-club and in-house club competitions. There's no prize money involved for the in-house competition, just the reward of seeing your name on the honour board at the end of the season, and obviously huge pride if their small little club manages to win one of the inter-club pennant flags.

Like us, on a Friday nights they run a members' draw and also a lucky number spin —this is really cool, people put \$2, and their name next to a number from 1 to 50. After the spin the winning number wins the pot.

Their members' draw is currently sitting at \$150 and jackpots if the member isn't present, by \$10 each week. Their kitchen and bar are leased out, the food was delicious —with very limited choices— and like most of the Bruny Island residents, the service was very quirky, which added to the entertaining atmosphere, and YES, you need to sign in, as a member or guest.

All of their members were super keen to talk to us about APYAC, and share their fishing experiences and secret spots. They were blown away by the size of our club, our environmental projects and all of the benefits that we offer. Poor Alex and Tony had to drag me out, I was having such a wonderful time that I didn't want to leave. The community atmosphere and the Commodore, were so inspiring.

If you want a brilliant fishing holiday, then Tasmania is a must!

See you at the club,

Lee

Lee Spyrou,
President.

BRUNY BOWLS CLUB			
Lucky Number Spin			
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\$2.00 each	Names	Names	
1	Lee Sprou	MARIE	26
2	HAT		27
3	PTD	Sheryl	28
4	Di Denne		29
5	PTD	Emily Hansson	30
6	Paul Underwood	NEIL JONES	31
7	SUE. M.	SUE. M.	32
8	Sheryl		33
9		CTD	34
10	Karen Hansson	Ella Martyn	35
11	PTD		36
12	LES A	Sheryl	37
13	LES A.		38
14	LES A		39
15	LES A	CTD	40
16	LES A.	Sheryl	41
17	PTD		42
18	Arthur Diprose		43
19		Adam Diprose	44
20	Hat	HAT	45
21			46
22	Sheryl	PTD	47
23			48
24	Carolyn Martyn		49
25		Lee Sprou	50

APYAC Footy Tipping 2024

Are you ready to start tipping in this year's APYAC competition? The first match is on 7th. March!

Will the Pies salute again, or will the Blues keep on improving all the way to the Premiership? What about Essendon fans? Another season of almos'ts? Will Tiger's fans be happy with their new coach's moves? And what is the Demon's culture status?

[Will Hawthorn be able to field a team, since they have more injuries than the Russian Army? - ed]

To join the APYAC tipping competition, simply register, pay and tip:

1. Pay \$30 entry fee and give your name to the Club Manager or at the bar, before 7th March. All money received goes into the prize pool,
2. Download the ESPN Footy Tips app on your phone (or use the website version),
3. Register yourself on the app (name, email address),
4. Search for the APYAC Footy Tipping competition in the app. Password is *Snapper*.
5. Start tipping.

Mike Kotsanis
Treasurer & Footy Tipping oracle.

Boat House Report.

We are still considering when to hold the Clinker Boat Race ,and maybe combine it with a boat trip to Heron Island, as soon as dates are settled we will inform you via Tight Lines.

Boat house inductions are continuing, contact Ian Sekac at i.sekac@bigpond.com if you have not already been booked-in and been contacted. We will be sure to let everyone know the date and time and put it in Tight Lines.

Club Boat hire is being used on a regular basis. If you want to hire one of the club boats or kayaks contact Tom Harris at tomharris.au@bigpond.com There have been 13 boat or kayak hires since the beginning of the year.

We are planning on a boat licence session in March. Let me know those interested captain@apyac.org.au. Keep watching Tight Lines. To get ready for this you can study up the rules and get information [by clicking here](#), and grab a copy of the [handbook here](#).

Info:

<https://safetransport.vic.gov.au/on-the-water/recreational-boating/boat-licence-and-registration/>

Handbook:

<https://constructiontraining.com.au/pdf/Victorian-Recreational-Boating-Safety-Handbook.pdf>

Boat House volunteer mornings are happening every Wednesday, and the volunteers do a sensational job in keeping the boathouse running. There is work being done on restoring boats, maintenance on the hire fleet, maintenance on the general building. Everyone is very welcome, be at the boathouse at 8.30 a.m. and tasks will be given to match your skills. We sincerely thank Ian Sekac and his volunteer team for the great work they do. Come along on a Wednesday morning if you have some spare time and join the fun.

Boating safety is extremely important, you often do not get a second chance if things go wrong on the water if you are not familiar with the required safety gear, where it is on the vessel, and how to use it.

If you are designated as the Skipper on a vessel you are responsible for everything that happens on that vessel while it is in the water.

Every person must wear the appropriate life jacket when underway in vessels under 4.8 in length and children under 12 must wear an approved life jacket at all times when on a vessel.

There is a 5 knot speed limit for all vessels when within:
50 metres of swimmers, other vessels, fixed or floating structures.
200 metres of the shoreline in Port Phillip Bay
10 metres of divers, or a divers flag.

John Spragg
Boathouse Captain.

Angling News

The Tiger Lyons Whiting competition results are:

Longest Whiting 40 cm caught by **Mark Mercieca**.

Heaviest Bag In-House 2.21 kg **Rob Raffa & Harry Tsoumbakos**.

Heaviest Bag Open 6.12 kg **Mick Sass & Manny Hiotis**.

Juniors **Henry Rudd & Matthew Gowans**.

The turn out of anglers for Tiger Lyons was disappointing and we may need to look had how to get more anglers fishing the comps. The weather was good for the comp and fish were caught, but I must say challenging up the Club end of the Bay. Suggestions always welcome.

Whiting up the Club end of the Bay are hard to find but there have been some reasonable catches. Live Mussels (\$10-\$11/kg at Coles), Pipis, or thin strips of squid the best baits.

Now the water has warmed-up Flathead are in great numbers. Drift over sandy areas and you should do well. Pinkies are in plague proportions on any reef area near the Club, I think they are taking baits before Whiting have a chance.

Snook and Salmon have been seen in large schools up the Club end of the Bay so keep a rod rigged with a lure for when you see birds working.

For those with a small float and small hooks Gar Fish are also very plentiful, burley-up with bread crumbs mixed with cut up pilchards etc and keep an eye of the float, best bait slivers of pippies, squid and bread dough.

The deeper water in the channels and around P2 is also producing Gummies but be sure you stay out of the channel and exclusion zone.

The Southern end of the Bay is still producing Snapper, Whiting and Squid around Avalon or Kirks Point, but you have to boat for almost an hour or more from the Club to get where they are. If your boat suitable it is probably worth a trip, but keep a close eye on the wind forecast. Better to be safe at home than sorry.

It has always been my private conviction that any man who puts his intelligence up against a fish —and loses— had it coming. - John Steinbeck

John Spragg.



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*APYAC Life Member **Bob Pearce**.*

Our Club, and Life Member **Bob Pearce**, are known worldwide for spearheading restoration of the reefs and indigenous shellfish to the bays of Port Phillip. Working with The Nature Conservancy and others we have won numerous awards.

As a member of the Club you may be asked about the progress, so keep up to date by attending Club meetings, and by checking out this short video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vlhYd9WsSc

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Nathan from *Jabbers Australia* shows how to fillet a Fatty in one minute!
 If you do not have an instagram account, just enter as a Guest.
[Click here](#) to watch it.

Scoreboard

MONTH	TOTAL	OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
SEPTEMBER	14	Michael Sass	52	184.4	Harry Tsoumbakos	18	85.1
OCTOBER	32	Michael Briffa	38	133.6	Tony Panayotou	9	27.2
NOVEMBER	131	Manny Hiotis	21	76.4	Rob Raffa	5	14.9
DECEMBER	17	Richard Muscat	13	46.7	Eddy Bernobich	4	11.9
JANUARY	15	Tony Spinelli	14	41.0	Jake Smith	3	11.1
FEBRUARY		Alex Spyrou	6	28.8	Robert Pope	1	4.0
MARCH		Mark Mercieca	6	23.6			
APRIL		Lee Spyrou	4	13.1			
MAY		Grant Ahearn	2	9.1			
		John Spragg	2	4.4			
		Yossi Merimi	1	2.4			
		Rob Misitano	1	3.5			
JUNIORS		Danny Vitkin	8	11.2	Heidi Osborne	1	1.0
		Kye Cormick	1	5.8	Rebecca Gowans	1	1.0
		Andre Cartel	3	3.0	Matthew Gowans	3	3.0
					Will Osborne (Jnr)	1	1.0
					Henry Rudd	2	2.0

Spreadsheet updated by **Chantal Meehan**.
 The scoreboard is updated at the Club by **Roland Nicholls** every Friday night.

LONGEST FISH			
Kye Cormick (Jnr)	Snapper	Open	91
Harry Tsoumbakos	Snapper	In-House	81
Richard Muscat	Whiting	Open	43
Rob Raffa	Whiting	In-House	44
John Spragg	Broadnosed 7-Gill	Open	212
Mark Mercieca	Gummy	Open	127
Tony Panayotou	Gummy	In-House	90
Tony Panayotou	Salmon	In-House	46
Richard Muscat	Salmon	Open	52
Tony Panayotou	Mulloway	In-House	110
Alex Spyrou	Pike	Open	61
Harry Tsoumbakos	Pike	In-House	51
John Spragg	Flathead	Open	48
Danny Vitkin (Jnr)	Gummy	Open	46
William Pope (Jnr)	Gummy	In-House	85
Henry Rudd (Jnr)	Gummy	In-House	87
Andre Cartel (Jnr)	Rock Cod	Open	33
Rebecca Gowans (J)	Flathead	In-House	42
Andre Cartel (Jnr)	Flathead	Open	41
Heidi Osborne (Jnr)	Whiting	In-House	34
Will Osborne (Jnr)	Whiting	In-House	36

Receiving your Tight Lines email.

If you don't get Tight Lines in your email inbox, you won't be reading this!

So, this is for people whose friends are members but always complain that they don't know what's happening at the Club. If they are members they get our emails sent to them, but they may have ended-up in their SPAM or JUNK folders.

Please copy and paste this to them so they can sort it out.

The trick is to do a search for @apyac.org.au which will reveal every email we've sent. Then the detective work starts: WHERE are those emails? (Most likely in SPAM or JUNK)

Having found them, to make sure you are alerted to our messages:

GMAIL users:

Move us to your primary inbox so we aren't lost in the shuffle.

On desktop? Back out of this email then drag and drop this email into the "Primary" tab near the top left of your screen. (You can also make a LABEL, say, APYAC).

APPLE mail users:

Tap on our email address at the top of this email (next to 'From:' on mobile) and click 'Add to VIPs'.

OTHERS:

Add any of our email addresses (*memberships, admin, manager, info, or noreply*) to your address book, mark us a safe sender, or add us to your allow list.

If you don't see our newsletter over the next few weeks, we recommend checking your spam folder for our emails, and moving us back into your inbox. Inboxes can be fickle, and we want to make sure you get your regular dose of club news.

And, of course, it doesn't help if you change your email address without telling us. Email admin@apyac.org.au if you need to contact us.



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APYAC
FUNCTIONS CALENDAR 2024

Sunday 23rd March
Hawaiian Night

Sunday 5th May
Greek Lunch

Sunday 12th May
Mother's Day

Saturday 25th May
Oyster Night

Saturday 27th July
Presentation Night.

APYAC
FISHING SEASON 2024 CALENDAR

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
Australia Day Clinker Boat race
Postponed - date to be confirmed.
Official fishing season end & BBQ

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

Saturday 27th July
Presentation night.

Tour The Rip



Once a year, the **Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV)** conducts a tour of Port Phillip Heads to provide insight into how to transition the "*The Rip*" safely. We invite you, your family, and friends to join us for the 2024 tour on **Sunday, March 24th.**, departing Queenscliff Searoad Ferry Terminal at 10.00 a.m. on a chartered Searoad Ferry, the 36m 'Peninsula Princess'.

Getting in and out of Port Phillip Bay from and to Bass Strait, through the notorious Port Phillip Heads, which is affectionally known as The Rip, can be a little daunting for anyone not familiar with The Rip and its challenges:

- narrow entrance
- tides can flow very fast in different directions
- underwater reefs and rocks you can't see
- marine charts can be difficult to understand
- some weather conditions can be make it very dangerous
- more than 4,000 commercials ships transit annually

You can read a book, look at the marine charts and diagrams but there's nothing like seeing it from the water with expert guidance. The Rip Tour is a practical on-water training event where experienced offshore navigators will share information on how and when to safely transit. Everyone gets their own personal headset, so you don't miss any of the navigation aids, lead lights and shipping channels and a you'll also get a copy of the ORCV's Rip Guide.

We use one of the SeaRoad Ferries smaller ferries which is large enough to feel very safe and small enough to see everything from a recreational boat perspective. Suitable for any recreational boaters, divers, fishers, sailors, surfers and holidaymakers. It's a great idea for gifting an experience.

[Click here for](#) more information.

Victorian Fisheries Authority.



Managing our fisheries - now and for the future

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.



Slip on a top. 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!)

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**.

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 28th February - Tuesday 12th March

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