



Tight Lines Update

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

UPDATE: Wednesday 31st January - Tuesday 13th February 2024

Australia Day.

What a wonderful celebration we had down at the club house. Member **Peter Marr**'s table cleaned-up with two of the three mystery prizes.

How about **Novak Djokovic** being defeated at the AO —that was a wow moment— first time in 10 years!



Garry Voges and Glenn Ross.

It was great to see so many members enjoying themselves. Special mention to **President Lee, Glenn Ross**, and **Garry Voges** for their fantastic Aussie Day dress sense.

While on the topic. A reminder that *“Good manners and kindness are always in fashion”*. On joining the club, members agreed to be bound by a code of conduct and the Club's rules and not to behave in an unbecoming, rude or dishonourable manner. The full version of the code is displayed on the club noticeboard for all members and guests to read.

Please help ensure we have a safe, respectful, and pleasant environment in which to enjoy the privileges of being a member of APYAC.

See you at the Club!

Elise Thomas,
Manager.

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Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw will be \$1,400 for the 2nd 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.
- Brenta Meats tray, (*thanks Ches*).
- Mumm Gift Pack.
- 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: meals must be ordered before 8 p.m.

Saturday night dining - and live music.



Saturday 10th February.

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!



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7 - 9 p.m.

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).

APYAC Mixed Fishing Charter - 4th February 2024.

If you are booked on the Fishing Charter, don't forget to set your alarm.



Time to make history again!

Mixed Fishing Charter
Sunday morning 4th. February 2024.
Time: 4:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

General Meeting.
Wednesday 7th. February.
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.

Speaker yet to be advised

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



John Cali & Louise Powell

Angler's Kitchen.

Specials

Loaded Nachos

*with Chilli Con Carne, Guacamole,
Sour Cream, Cheese &
Pico de gallo salsa.
\$27*

Lamb Burger with the Lot!

*Red Onion, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce,
Egg & Beetroot served with
beer battered Chips
\$29*

Chicken Cordon Bleu

*with Creamy Mash &
Seasonal Vegetables
\$28*

Dessert

Crème Caramels

*with Chantilly Cream
& Strawberries
\$9.50*

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

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Liam Williams with another Flatty.

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From the President.



(To the tune of the Gilligan's Island theme)

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale,
a tale of a fateful trip.
That started from this tropic port (Kirks),
aboard our tiny ships (Kayaks).

The mate was a mighty sailing woman,
the skipper brave and sure (Alex).
Two Kayakers set sail that day,
for a three hour tour - *a three hour tour*.

The weather started well,
but was predicted to get rough,
But the duo were lured, by the whiting,
that've been really, really, tough - *really, really tough*.

Tik Tok sensation **Ahmed Eloin**,
Called Lee over for help.
She peddled like crazy, as anyone would,
concerned at his yelp - *yes desperate, desperate, yelp*.

What was thought to be rescue mission,
actually, turned in to much more.
Ahmed had landed on a whiting patch,
That made the trip a score - *yes, a real, real score*.

Lee being the perfect wifey, took the time to message Al,
while hauling in the whiting, a task which gave her hell.
Alex peddled his kayak frantically, to get on to the bite,
He finally arrived, hooked a big one, which was lost in a monster fight.

The wind then picked up drastically,
and our tiny vessels were tossed.
If not for the courage of the brave APYAC team,
our minnows would be lost - *our minnows would be lost*.

Finally, our Kayaks hit the sand,
after peddling beyond belief.
We stuck together tightly, like a well-polished team - *a well-polished team*.

The car then got bogged, on unchartered taurine,
thank goodness as part of our APYAC crew, we got it out like a dream - yes, *like a dream.*

So, my message friends,
is to don't get caught, up in what you catch.
Check your Willy weather App.
it's not all about what you snatch!

Lee Spyrou
president@apyac.org.au



*84cm Pike caught on a Berkeley Gulp 8cm Nuclear Chicken Paddle tale soft plastic - 1/4 oz jig head - thanks **Pauline Biffin** re grabbing the FG Wizz - www.fgwizz.com.au tying-off my braid to mono lead like a pro.*

Port to Park Open Water Swim - This Saturday, 3rd. February.

This Saturday, 3 February, the *Port to Park Open Water Swim*, an annual swimming event, will be run by our neighbours at the South Melbourne Life Saving Club.

There are two events: a 1.1 km swim, and a 2.2 km swim.

The 1.1 km swim starts at Lagoon Pier, Port Melbourne and finishes next to APYAC. The 2.2 km swim both starts and finishes at Kerfed Pier. Approximately 300 participants are expected.

As the swimmers will be near our gantry at various times between 9.00 and 11.00 a.m., boat owners need to take this into account if they are planning to launch or retrieve their boats from our club that morning.

More details are available here: <https://southmelbournelsc.com.au/major-events/port-to-park-open-water-swim/>

Spectators are welcome along the foreshore, and near APYAC, and if you want to join in the swim, just click the link. [<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/83111/port-to-park-open-water-swim-2024>]

Boat House Report.

Most of you would be aware the Australia Day world famous Clinker Boat Race had to be postponed due to forecast high winds. Luckily for us this did actually happen, we had around 15-20 knots at the start time.

It has been suggested, with good responses so far, that we celebrate the end of the fishing season with the Clinker Boat Race on May 26, which gives a few owners more time to have their boats race-ready with superchargers and turbochargers fitted.

We apologise for the members who wanted to attend boat hire and boat house inductions — members on holidays beat us, and they are volunteers. Please contact Ian Sekac at i.sekac@bigpond.com or John Spragg at captain@apyac.org.au if you want to join the list for the next induction session. We will be sure to let everyone know the date and time and put it in Tight Lines.

We plan on a boat licence session in February and let me know those interested captain@apyac.org.au and watch Tight Lines.

The next Boat House volunteer morning is scheduled to start at 8.30am Wednesday the 7th of Feb 2024 all welcome.

Don't forget, next Saturday morning —the 3rd February— our neighbours, the South Melbourne Life Saving Club will be running two swimming events between Kerferd and Lagoon Piers. It's their annual *Port to Park Open Water Swim* and we'd like to give them a wide berth to help make their event a success. (see article).

We thank Jake Smith for his superb Boat House article (see below). Very well thought-out and much appreciated.

- John Spragg.

Shrine to Sea update



We have a hard copy of the Masterplan in the Club's library.
For any questions about the project, please email Shrine.To.Sea@deeca.vic.gov.au.

Angling News.

Our Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition kicks off at 12.01 a.m. on Saturday 17th of February. Weigh-in closes at 12 noon Sunday 18th. This is a team event with two anglers per boat, kayaks can enter alone, or team up with another kayak. We have adjusted the rules slightly: Longest Whiting is the longest submitted pic of a whiting on a brag mat. The Bag of Whiting will be total of weighed fish at the club.

We limit the number of whiting that can be entered in a bag per boat at 30 fish combined for the two days (not 30 per day). The longest fish cannot be counted in the weighed Bag of Whiting.

Please record your total bag weight each day in the register.

Fishing only is in Port Phillip Bay and Juniors are considered to be under 18.

Be sure you register your boat, kayak or team at APAYC Fishing Comps on Whats App or apyacanglers@gmail.com prior to the 11th of Feb.

Longest Whiting pics must be sent to apyacanglers@gmail.com as per normal.

- Tiger Lyons Whiting Comp. Prizes
- \$250 Longest Whiting
- \$200 Heaviest Bag in-house. (\$100 per angler)
- \$200 Heaviest Bag open (\$100 per angler)
- Kayak Longest Whiting \$150
- Kayak Heaviest Bag of Whiting \$150
- Every Junior who catches a legal fish \$25



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Only one prize per angler and you must attend the lunch on the Sunday to receive your prize.

Fishing has still been very weather dependent, more this year than most. The water near the club is only just starting to clear. Whiting up the club end are hard to find but there have been some reasonable catches.

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, we hope that has changed by Tiger Lyons Comp. which is slightly later this year.

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.

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 very good numbers of Snapper, Sharks, Whiting, and Squid but you have to boat for almost an hour or more to get where they are. If your boat is suitable it is probably worth a trip, but keep a close eye on the wind forecast. Better to be safe at home than sorry.

'If your concentration is getting bad, take up fishing. It will really improve your ability to focus. If you aren't ready when that fish hits, you cannot set the hook.' - **Lee Trevino**

- John Spragg

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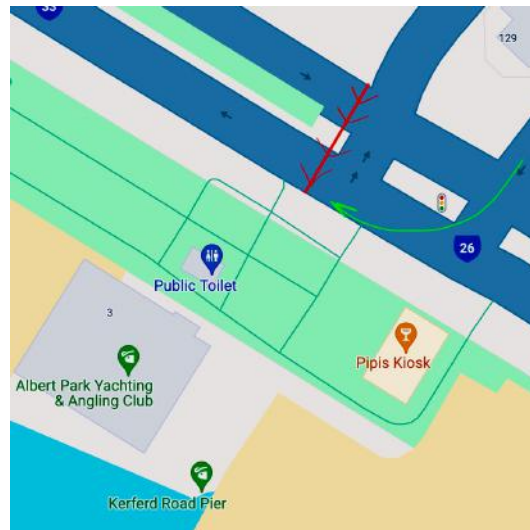
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Lachlan & Thomas Peters

Recently **Erika Peters** did her Marine Licence & boathouse induction at the Club and is now taking the boys out in the APYAC hire boats.

Protecting pedestrians crossing Beaconsfield Parade - Successful petition result.



Local **Pippa Binfield** was concerned that locals, families, kids and beachgoers were at risk of being hit by cars crossing Beaconsfield Parade from Kerferd Road (city side) at the designated pedestrian lights. She believed that inadequate time was allowed for pedestrians to walk across the six lane road before right turning traffic from Kerferd Road was given the green arrow.

Three weeks ago Pippa started a petition on change.org which was signed by 356 people. Local State Member of Parliament, **Nina Taylor MP**, announced that Pippa's petition has been successful, noting:

“On 11 January 2024 DTP implemented signal related changes that have:

- a) increased the hold time before vehicles can start making their right turn from Kerferd Rd into Beaconsfield Parade; and*
- b) increased the walk time for pedestrians to cross Beaconsfield Parade.”*



Richard Muscat killing it on the Tuna out of Western Port.
 Sharing the love by taking as many members as he can:
Shane Barwood, Liz Muscat & John Spragg.
 APYAC is killing it on *Jim's Bait and Tackle* pages.

Club Scoreboard.

MONTH	TOTAL	OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
SEPTEMBER	14	Michael Sass	45	171.0	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		Tony Spinelli	10	32.8	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	2	2.0	Matthew Gowans	1	1.0

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
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

My boathouse - by Jake Smith.



Penny and Jake Smith

Have you ever sat relaxing on the upper deck of APYAC and wondered what lurks beneath in the dark lower shadows?

Being members of APYAC allows us to enjoy the privilege of dining and meeting fellow members in one of Melbourne's most spectacular bayside locations, with amazing views over the sea. However, underneath the dining area there is another aspect of the APYAC community that many members may not be familiar with – *the boathouse*.

I didn't even know the boathouse existed when I applied to join APYAC. I just thought APYAC was a great location and that it would be nice to have a meal there. Now, I consider the boathouse to be one of the most valuable benefits of my membership.

The boathouse is an integral part of the Club, providing a launching and retrieval gantry, storage space and maintenance facilities for almost 50 boats and fishing kayaks. Some of these are owned by APYAC and available for members to hire. Others are owned by members who may be in search of crew. These boats and kayaks allow us to extend the APYAC community out across the bay, where members use them for fishing or for general pleasure boating. Having access to very affordable boating and kayaking facilities so close to the centre of Melbourne is one of the great benefits of APYAC membership. Details about hiring APYAC's boats and fishing kayaks are available at: <https://apyac.org.au/boat-kayak-hire/>

Climate-wise, the boathouse is in one of Melbourne's most aggressive environments. It is subjected to storm surges, high winds and corrosive salt spray. Keeping the facilities safe and operating smoothly is a continuous task involving a lot of work. Outsourcing all this work would be very expensive. Luckily, APYAC has a fantastic group of boathouse volunteers who meet up on Wednesday mornings and love getting stuck into the work.

New volunteers are always welcome (contact Ian Sekac - i.sekac@bigpond.com). It is a great opportunity to meet fellow members, give a little back to the Club and, get involved in another part of the community. You'll get to see some old wooden 'clinker' boats being beautifully restored down there too.

Two years ago, I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to purchase one of the boathouse's old clinker boats. I spent a lot of time (much more than I was expecting!) working in the boathouse to get it to a condition I was happy with. There's still more work I'd like to do on it ... there probably always will be. Restoring and maintaining these old boats is a labour of love. Restoring the boat has given me a lot of pleasure. I think it's great that the Club supports the restoration of these old beauties by making available special tools and workshop facilities. Restoring and maintaining the old clinker boats preserves our Club's unique boating history as well as contributing to the rich history of the local area.

But it's not the workshop or storage facilities that I appreciate the most about the boathouse. The most important aspect of the boathouse for me has been the social aspect. I enjoy working there partly because I like building and repairing things. However, I can do that stuff at home, where I continue the seemingly endless renovation of our house. The reason I prefer working at the boathouse (don't tell my wife!) is because I often bump into someone there and have a chat. I've met many interesting people down there over the last couple of years that I wouldn't have met painting my house. I've found this hugely beneficial, particularly after the social desert of Covid lockdowns.

I love having the opportunity to go over to the boathouse, where I can help fix something, mess around with tools, get my hands dirty, take a boat out on the bay, talk about boats and fishing, have a chat and a laugh, and maybe meet someone new ... in other words have fun. I'm wary of straying into the use of airy-fairy terms like companionship, camaraderie, wellness, etc. as some in the boathouse may not speak to me anymore ... so I'll leave it at that. I think this Men's (and Women's!) Shed aspect of the boathouse is a very valuable one and a significant benefit of Club membership. Based on the number of people attending the Wednesday volunteer meetings and boathouse working bees I suspect others may agree.

- Jake Smith

APYAC FISHING SEASON 2024 CALENDAR

Friday 26th. January

Australia Day Clinker Boat race
- postponed - new date to be decided.

Sunday 4th. February

Mixed Fishing Charter *- sold out.*

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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Albert Park Lake - can you eat the fish?



Parks Victoria state:

'Albert Park Lake is fed by stormwater runoff gathered from neighbouring suburbs and plays an important role in storing and treating stormwater and capturing litter prior to overflowing into Port Phillip.'

Fish include Rainbow Trout and Golden Perch. A Recreational Fishing Licence is required and Victorian Recreational Fishing Guidelines must be followed.

Parks Victoria encourages the 'catch and release' method of fishing but European Carp (a noxious fish) must be removed from the lake once caught.

Fish caught in Albert Park Lake are not considered suitable for consumption.'

APYAC FUNCTIONS CALENDAR 2024

Sunday 24th March
Greek Lunch

Saturday 4th May
Boathouse BBQ

Sunday 12th May
Mother's Day

Saturday 25th May
Oyster Night

Saturday 27th July
Presentation Night.

Friday night raffle.

The popular Friday night raffle has moved to a cashless payment process. This enables a smoother and more time efficient process for our staff and volunteers who coordinate the raffle, and otherwise need to create a cash float for each Friday; collect cash for tickets; subsequently reconcile that cash against ticket sales; and then to bank the cash that has been received into the club's bank account.

Thank you for your continued support of the Friday raffle which provides an important source of funding for club operations.

Mike Kotsanis
Treasurer

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.

Road Closures - Midsmma Pride March. Sunday 4th. February.



Please note: Kerferd Road will be closed between 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., south of the Club., the closures will affect those returning from the Fishing Charter.



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 31st.January - Tuesday 13th.February 2024

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