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**Wednesday 28th August - Tuesday 10th September 2024**

## Spring is in the Air.

I'm thrilled to announce that **Chris Lockhart** and the *Ascot Catering Solutions* team will be joining us as our new catering partners. Chris comes with extensive experience and a passion for delivering exceptional culinary experiences. He's ready to hit the ground running, and I have no doubt that he and his team will bring fresh energy and creativity to our plates, and events.

We ask everyone to extend a warm welcome to Chris and the Ascot Catering team as they begin this exciting new chapter with us.

Additionally, we are moving to a new booking system that will streamline our processes and enhance your experience. The new system will be live on our website by next week, making it easier than ever to manage your bookings. Please note we are still open as normal. Call the office Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. until the new system is active, or if you are wanting assistance with a large booking.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm as we make these positive changes.

See you at the club,

Elise Thomas,

Manager.

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## Happy Hour Thursdays.

**4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

**7 p.m. \$1,000 Member's Draw!**

It only spins once on Thursdays. To win, you must be present, and financial. When your name comes up, you must claim their prize within one minute.



## Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw is back to \$600 for the 30th August.

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 week's losers were *Stephen Mandie*, *Jillian Plummer* and *Gordon Coulter*. Congratulations to *Michael Hussey* who won \$900 on the 16th August.

### 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:

- The Meats Tray, from *Kirkpatrick's Meats*.
- Mumm Champagne.
- A \$70 bar voucher.
- A secret prize.
- Mystery Hamper.

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 the link here.

*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.*

## This Saturday Night.

### 31st August.

Saturday night dining. The venue is warm and cozy, and the drinks are cold. Book your table now!

#### 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. HAPPY HOUR

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

#### 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. BAND: *Into The Groove*

Saturday night Menu:

- Garlic bread
- Prawn spring rolls

- Spiced cauliflower bites
- Seafood chowder
- Salt & pepper calamari
- Beer battered fish & chips
- Chicken larb salad
- Seafood spaghetti
- Jumbo ravioli of pumpkin
- Chargrilled scotch fillet
- Cheese board.

The full children's and dessert menu will be as usual. Book your table by\* [clicking here](#).

*We may close earlier if no demand.*

*\* The booking system link expires after Monday 2nd September. After that date please check the Club website by [clicking here](#).*



## General Meeting.

**Wednesday 4th September.**

**7 p.m.**

### **Agenda**

Minutes of previous General Meeting

### **Updates and reports**

President, Treasurer, Operations,  
Boathouse & Sub-Committees

### **Members Q&A to the Club Committee.**

James Nixon will interview **Champion Michael Sass** for the Club podcast.

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

*All are welcome.*





## Roland Nicholls Memorial Fishing Charter.

**Sunday 15th September 2024 - 4:45 a.m. - 10 a.m.**

Cost: \$75 - Members only, no guests or waitlist members.

[50% off normal price as an APYAC subsidised event for Members - you are required to volunteer for raffle/or door duty on a Friday night]

Boat leaves St Kilda Marina at 05:00 a.m. sharp.

Check out all the details and add your name to the list by clicking the red button.

[READ MORE & BOOK HERE](#)



## Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery BBQ & Fishing Day.

**Sunday 29 September - 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

200 Ross Road, Arcadia Victoria

At 11 a.m. Ryan will give us a private tour of the ponds and tanks explaining the hatchery process from start to finish.

We'll be fishing the large stocked lake, where you can try your luck for Murray Cod, Silver Perch, Golden Perch and Trout - all good size and just waiting for you to catch them - so bring your rods, lures, baits etc and your Fishing Licence. *(That's a must!)*

Fun prizes on the day!

Bring along your picnic lunch -there's BBQ facilities on site- you may even want to cook your catch!

Why not make a weekend of it? Stay in Shepparton or Nagambie, or camp down the road beside the Goulburn River, (also good fishing). Arcadia offers free showers and toilet facilities at the Hatchery - gates open at sunrise.

Friends are welcome!

Add your name to the list by clicking the red button.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

## Angler's Kitchen - Specials.

**Creamy Pumpkin Soup** with Crispy Bacon, Basil Pesto and Chargrilled Bread. \$16.20

**Aussie Double Cheeseburger** with Bacon, Beetroot, Lettuce, Mustard Aioli and Tomato Relish, served with Beer Battered Chips. \$30

**Creamy Chicken, Mushroom and Spinach Pappardelle** with Parmesan & Herb Pangratatto. \$27.70

**Sri Lankan Eggplant and Sweet Potato Curry** with Fragrant Rice, Mint Yoghurt and Pappadams.

\*vegan\* \$28.20

Dessert

**Churros** with Chocolate Sauce and Strawberries \$9.20

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.*

## Podcasts.

You can see the podcast **page here**

**James Nixon & Phill Langdon**

**Bev Pinder & Lee Spyrou**

**WINE OF THE MONTH**

**DEVILS CAVE**  
*Vineyard*  
**HEATHCOTE ROSE**  
**2024**

Nestled amidst bushlands in the McIvor Range Reserve, Devil's Cave Vineyard is a family-owned vineyard situated just past the Valley of the Liquid Ambers in Heathcote.

This rose offers a complex array of red berry fruits and florals. A crisp, bone-dry palate style with a crunchy red berry, savoury finish.

**\$36** per bottle

10% surcharge applies on Sundays




Devices (FADs), which helps reduce the risk of bycatch.

They believe that seafood sustainability is essential not only for ensuring the highest quality fish for their menus, but also for playing a vital role in preserving fish populations. During his interview Chris mentioned that a third of fish species are in decline, and around 60% are fished to their limits. Ascot make it a priority to source line-caught fish, and work with fishos and local fisheries who are committed to ethically harvesting wild fish, and that their menus are carefully curated to exclude suppliers that support overfishing, illegal, or destructive fishing practices, therefore doing their part to ensure that they're not contributing to the loss of species or the degradation of ecosystems.

You can see why we were so impressed!

## President's Report.

As Elise mentioned in the Manager's report, we're extremely excited to welcome **Chris Lockhart**, and *Ascot Catering Solutions*, to our team.

The selection process was incredibly difficult, we were very fortunate to have many wonderful candidates submit proposals. I would like to offer a huge thank you to **Allan Forsdick** from *FutureFood* for mentoring us through this exciting time --your wisdom, and guidance, has been faultless.

However, in the end, there can only be one winner and Chris blew us away. We know that you'll be as impressed as we are at what Ascot is literally, bringing, to the table.

Sustainability is a core focus for Ascot Catering Solutions, and this commitment was reflected in every aspect of their proposal, particularly in how they source their fish and seafood. They're dedicated to ordering from only suppliers who provide fish caught without the use of Fish Aggregating

Our last day with Phil, Dom and the *Elizabeth Andrews* crew will be Father's Day, Sunday 1st September. We thank them for their efforts --*they'll always be part of our family*-- and we wish them luck as they move to the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron.

Priority one is to reopen the kitchen on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September after the official handover, and industrial cleaning. This is done to provide a starting-point for the new contract. Chris will only have 22 hours to get up running. As a result the changeover from EA's menu will take a couple of weeks.

We will be organising a Black-Tie Launch Event to introduce Chris and his team to the membership. Stay tuned and make sure you get in early to avoid disappointment.

88.3 Southern FM's **Bev Pinder** interviewed me about the Club and our exciting projects on her show 'Pinder's Ponderings' which she hosts every Thursday between 09:00 and 11:00. She's almost as enthusiastic about the Club as we are! You can hear the interview on our podcast channel **BY CLICKING HERE**.

As for 88.3 Southern FM, you can find them **HERE**.

I am looking forward to **James Nixon** interviewing **Michael Sass** for the podcast at our General Meeting next week.

See you at the Club,

Lee Spyrou

President.

*Pic: With Bev Pinder.*



## Membership Reminder.

Payment of your membership subs are due by **31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**, as per your APYAC invoice. Late payments will put your membership at risk, we have a large number of people on the waiting list, eager to join.

If you doubt yours has arrived in your inbox check your junk and spam folders.

You can also log-in via the member portal on the website <https://apyac.org.au/> with membership your number [ e.g. 1234 ] and password [DOB day and month only (e.g. 2802)]. This will also allow you to update all your details and add credit to your house account.

Still having trouble? Contact the office and resolve 9690 5530 Tuesday-Friday 10-4 p.m.

If you are interested in Fishing Competitions the 2024 Angling season commences at 12:01a.m. Saturday, 07th September. To participate you must be financial with funds cleared. To avoid any disappointment make sure your payment has been processed by no later than Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, as they usually take at least 2-3 days to clear.

Barry Hayes,

Vice President.

## Boathouse.

The recent crane training has highlighted how rules and practices have changed. We are considering having Induction Renewals every two years to keep owners, and those inducted for crane and boat use, up-to-date with

the changes to regulations and equipment. This will mean your induction will only be current for two years. Better to be safe than sorry.

It is permissible to bring into the Boat House an approved fuel container for filling up a boat's fuel tank. Filling the boat tank should be done outside the Boat House on the concrete apron before launching, take the container out in the boat as an added source of fuel, but that container should then be removed from the Boat House. By adopting this agreed practice, a potential risk is minimised.

I've been letting you know that I have been told that we don't do enough for boat owners who regularly-fish. We are diligent in punishing boat owners who just use the Club as storage for their boats. Personally, I'd prefer 30 boats regularly-used by anglers, rather than 60 boats with only 20 of those regularly used. This is probably a little controversial and needs input from boat owners --especially those who get out there on a regular basis. I look forward to comments **captain @ apyac.org.au** ... *we are an angling club!*

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 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 @ gmail.com** Shortly this will be able to be done via the APYAC App --*so stay tuned!*

We hope to hold future Boat Licence training & testing nights depending on numbers. Let me know if you are interested **captain @ apyac.org.au** and watch Tight Lines. To get ready for this you can **study up the rules here**, and get further information by **clicking here**.

The boat house Tuesday and Wednesday working bees and boat refurbishments are back in full swing, run by Ian Sekac. We thank **Bruce, Chris H, Mal, Neil, Colin, Robert L., Tony M., John L., James G., Stuart, Alex S. and Anna Reid** for their attendance and great work last Tuesday and Wednesday. If you want a morning of fun, and the satisfaction of helping the Club, come along Wednesday mornings at around 8.00 a.m.

John Spragg,

Boat House Captain.



**Bringing a Desert Back to Life**  
By Bob Pearce

"Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone" (Doni Mitchell - "Big Yellow Taxi," 1970) - a fairly apt description of what has happened to our cherished Port Phillip Bay". It would not, of course, be necessary to be re-building the Bay's lost shellfish reefs if they had not been destroyed in the first place. Whilst there is now a general awareness of our project, it is probably fair to say less is known about what we once had but has been lost, due to past over exploitation. This document will provide some background information about the problems we have inherited, how the project commenced and new shellfish reefs that have been restored.

When you mention the word 'oyster' most people will immediately think about the oysters that you can purchase at the local supermarket or fresh fish outlet. In Melbourne, these are mostly Pacific Oysters, which are a species introduced into Australia and are endemic to Japan. It is a sad fact that the majority of people are not aware of the fact that we have a native oyster species that grows right here in our own Port Phillip Bay. Our native oysters have been known as 'Mud Oysters' or 'Flat Oysters' but have the scientific name of *Ostrea Angasi*.



## Club continues to restore shellfish reefs.

As the initiator of the shellfish reef restoration project, the Club continues to play a major role breathing life back into the Bay. The latest development is a \$50,000 grant from *Victoria Fisheries Authority* for a reef to enable kayakers and small boat users to fish for snapper, flathead, King George whiting and calamari. An additional \$200,000 grant will triple the size of the area.

The Club's Conservation Specialist Bob Pearce has helped spearhead the project. Read his comprehensive report on this fascinating project by [clicking here](#).

- Grant Aldous.

## Angling Report.

There were a few dates not correct in the Angling Calendar caused by me using last year's calendar, (*I was trying to stave off ageing!*), my apologies.

The new season started with a barbecue at the club last Sunday. Before lunch we had a knot tying clinic, and a session on '*How to present baits to fish*'. Thanks Mick Sass.

The 'reel' fishing starts at 12.01a.m. on **Saturday 7th September**. If you catch the first 43 cms (or greater) Snapper for the season your Club subscription is paid for next year.

Our first charter is planned **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**. Come on the '*Roland Nicholls Memorial Charter*' and get on the scoreboard. This is a mixed charter, everything supplied, and no-experience needed. Snapper over 43 cm will get championship points. The boat 'Bacardi' will from St.Kilda Marina at 5 a.m. so you will be catching fish at sun-up, when they bite best! (We meet at 4:45 a.m. --if you arrive at 5 a.m. you will only see our wake).

There's a catch: the Club's Committee will pay half of the charter but charter participants need to do Friday night raffle ticket, or door duty. This is not an onerous volunteer task, plus you get to meet a whole heap of new people! Raffle and door duty volunteers now get a meal and free drink. Look for the ad above.

We have also changed the scoring system so that even our Editor can understand --and maybe get *Slopalong Placidly* out for a fish-- a 43 cm snapper (our minimum size) now will be scored as 4.3 points, a 56 cm will be 5.6 points, a 87 cm fish 8.7 points and so on.

Photos of fish caught will still need to go to [apyacanglers @ gmail.com](mailto:apyacanglers@gmail.com) but we will also show fish caught and (hopefully) location on the Whats App *APYAC measure-in and fishing comps*, the original Whats App Fishing Comp site.

We will also try to run a more charters but that will depend on support so keep an eye on Tight Lines.

**Keep Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> free.** The Club has been invited to Victorian Fisheries hatchery at Arcadia, this side of Shepparton, about a two hour drive from the Clubhouse. Apart from a tour of the hatchery there is a large stocked lake in which you can try your luck. Good sized Murray Cod, silver perch, golden perch and trout all are waiting for you. Bring light spinning rods and reels, bail, lures and maybe even fly rods. Remember to bring your fishing licence. There is a camping ground near the hatchery on the Goulburn River (also good fishing) and there are free showers and toilet facilities at the hatchery for those who may want to make a weekend of it. It is Grand Final weekend ... Tigers, Dees and Pies are not playing so a couple of days freshwater fishing is good for the soul. If numbers dictate we may put on a mini-bus.

The Fish are still out there, hard to catch from your lounge room, give it a go so you're ready for opening, but watch the weather.

*All the romance of fishing exists in the mind of the angler, and is in no way shared by the fish. - Harold F. Blaisdell*

John Spragg.

[Image: **Ben Scullin** time off at Wallaga Lake]



**Email spam.**

To reduce the amount of spam emails Information Technology experts recommend that we don't put linked email addresses in Tight Lines. In future we will write the email address, but leave gaps between the words. It is up to you to put them together. For example: **members @ apyac.org.au**

## APYAC CALENDAR 2024

**Saturday Night Dining & Live Music.** *Into the Groove.* 31st August.  
**Father's Day.** Sunday 1st September.  
**AGM Official Notice Date.** 11th September.  
**Saturday Night Dining & Live Music.** *Johnny Fab Trio.* 14 September.  
**AGM Nominations Close** 5 p.m. 18th September.  
**Grand Final & Saturday Night Dining.** 28th September.  
**Annual General Meeting.** Wednesday 2nd October.  
**Saturday Night Dining & Live Music.** *My Girlfriend Sheryl* 26 October.  
**Melbourne Cup Day** Tuesday 5th November.  
**Saturday Night Dining & Live Music.** *Ian Banks* 23 November.  
**Kids Christmas Party.** Saturday 7th December.

*Note: Bands usually play from 7 - 9 p.m. Check the detailed listing as the event draws near.*

## APYAC FISHING SEASON 2024-25 CALENDAR

**Saturday 7th September** - 12.01 a.m. Fishing Season begins.  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - *Roland Nicholls Memorial Charter* - get on the leader's board.  
**Sunday 13 October** - Charter TBC depending on weather and numbers.  
**Saturday 2nd - Tuesday 5th November** - *Max Coningsby Snapper Competition.*  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - *Olga's Ladies Charter* TBC depending on numbers and weather.  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Sunday 1st December** - *Ron Amy Pot of Gold Competition.*  
**Sunday 8th December** - *Olga's Mixed Charter* TBC.  
**Saturday 26th January** - *Australia Day Clinker Boat Race.*  
**Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th February** - *Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition.*  
**Sunday 16th Feb** - Charter TBC depending on numbers and weather.  
**Friday 7th - Monday 10th March** - *Lake Purrumbete Fishing Weekend* (Labour Day).  
**Sunday March 23** Charter TBC depending on numbers and weather.  
**Sunday April 13** Final Charter for the year depending on numbers and weather.  
**Sunday 25th May** - Official fishing season closes 12.00 noon & BBQ.  
**Friday 6th June - Monday 9th June** - *Port Mac Tuna Weekend* TBC.  
**Saturday 26th July** - Presentation Night TBC.

*Note: Beaconsfield Parade road closures may impact some events.*



*Last Saturday, in Albert Park with a strong offshore wind. we reached 21.6 degrees.*

## Well what a week of football!

*[What a season! -Ed]*

With two correct tips separating the top seven Tip-Stars, the competition came down to the results on the last day. A huge congratulations to **Queen Darlene** who has done it again, winning for the second year in a row! She picked eight matches correctly in the final round and won the competition. Tigerpfp (**Pete Powell**) came second and ESPNFAN 732 (**Carolyn Mulcahy**) was third. Amazing tipping, and really well done to all three of you.

Queen Darlene -for two years in a row- only ascended to the throne in the last round of the year. Whilst her Jokers were good, during the season she was an impressive model of consistency, and is deservedly our winner. She is a Carlton fan so was doubly happy at the end of the round. Pete Powell had much more joy in his tipping than his football team, and came in second place by one tip after solid tipping and excellent Joker choices during the year. Carolyn came from the clouds towards the end of year with a bright finish to end up in third overall.

Overall, fantastic tipping from all three of you.

Commiserations to DB (**Damien Barrett**), GoPies (**Bernie Reed**), Sam\_M (**Sam Mitchell**) and The Fass! (**John Fasso**) who were up at the top of the Leaderboard all season but just missed out on the glory of being in the top three.

Last year most of the top ten positions were completely different Tip-Stars, apart from Queen Darlene, so there is hope for others next year. Of note this year was that 14 tip-stars at one point had the glory of being in the top three during the season. But the prizes are not handed out for where you are mid-season. What counts is where you are at the end. You all tried hard, but overall you will be disappointed with your efforts. However, you do have my deepest sympathies. You also have all spring and summer to think about your tipping strategy. As in football, there is always next season. I trust hope you enjoyed what so far has been a highly entertaining AFL season, and hope that the tipping competition provided you with a little bit of fun over autumn and winter.

To each of you, you are all Tip-Stars. Check your email inbox. I spent some of my weekend coming-up with a YouTube clip that reminds me of *your* tipping efforts. Some people have tried harder than others, some people have had more success in their tipping, and some people have some room for improvement -and this has all been noted! Of course if you are offended by your song choice I truly, deeply, apologise in advance. And if you are worried that you may be offended then don't click, and if you are worried that you might be worried, then don't worry, be happy!

And now to the AFL finals, and AFLW season which starts next week. If you're team is still alive, best of luck and see you at the Club.

Mike Kotsanis.

# Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 2nd October 2024

This Notice specifies that the Wednesday 2nd October meeting is our Annual General Meeting, and lists the Agenda. At this stage we do not plan any rule changes requiring any Special Resolutions, so this Notice and Agenda, and availability of the Nomination Form [HERE](#) fulfils the **Minus 21 Day\*** items in accordance with the legislation. The next edition of Tight Lines occurs on the 11th September, 21 days out from the AGM.

## Agenda.

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Quorum Confirmation & Conflict of Interest Declaration
- Confirm Minutes of Previous 2023 AGM
- Business Arising from Minutes of 2023 AGM
- To receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last 12 months
- President's Address
- Treasurer's Report
- Accountants Report
- Auditors Report
- Appointment of Club Auditor for 2024-25
- Confirmation of 2024/25 Membership Fees including Boathouse Fees
- Results of election for New Committee Members
- Announce Executive Committee positions
- Other Business.
- Close of Meeting

## Nomination to Committee

There are three committee places available for nomination under our collegiate system. Committee members are appointed for a three year term.

The *Nomination Form* is available for download from the club's website, find the Nomination tab here.

### 1. Eligibility.

Only Full Members that have been financial for two years or more can nominate.

All financial Full Members are invited to nominate eligible members for the committee in accordance with the rules.

### 2. The Nomination process:

- Complete the Nomination Form, with a Proposer and Secunder who are full financial members for Financial Year 2024-5, (e.g. have paid their Annual Membership fees in full).
- Provide a photo and short biography / statement of intent.
- Email the Nomination Form, and supporting documents, to the Club Secretary (**secretary @ apyac.org.au**), no later than 5 p.m. 18th. September 2024.

### 3. The Election process:

- If there are three nominations or less, the candidates nominated will be deemed elected.
- If there are more than three nominations to fill the vacancies, copies of all nominations will be posted on the Club Notice Board, and a ballot will be held.
- Voting can only be done by attending the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Club Rules. No proxy votes.
- Voting will take place prior to the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd October 2024.

#### 4. Key Dates

**\*11th September** (-21 days) AGM notice, Agenda, Special Resolution (amending rules), Nomination Form.

**18th September** (-14 days) Nominations for election close at 5 p.m.

**2nd October** (0 days): Voting (6:00 - 7:30 p.m.). Annual General Meeting from 8 p.m.

James Nixon,  
Secretary.

## History.

The History Group has been able to review some of the Club's Meeting Minutes over the past 80 years or so. Far from being a dry account of monies spent, and motions forwarded and passed, the Minute Books offer a rich vein of insights into how the Club became what it is today. We will be sharing some of the important (and also lighthearted) moments in our shared history in Tight Lines in the coming months.

The minutes of the Club's meeting are usually a dry recounting of the business at hand-keeping the Club, moving-forward in the best way possible. But sometimes, the odd bit of laconic Aussie humour comes through, as was the case in this entry from May 1972:

#### 52 YEARS AGO

***"Rats have been the curse of mariners from time immemorial, but Mr Masters was at pains to point-out that the type plaguing the Club's precincts at the time were the four-legged variety."***

Then, as now, there were none of the two-legged variety or, at least, they were not prevalent!

If you have any old club pictures or documents we'd love to get a copy of them. Contact: [apyac.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:apyac.volunteers@gmail.com)

Bill Ryan.

IMAGE: Thanks to the *Emerald Hill Library & Heritage Centre* and the **City Of Port Phillip** for this image 'from the '60s or '70's.



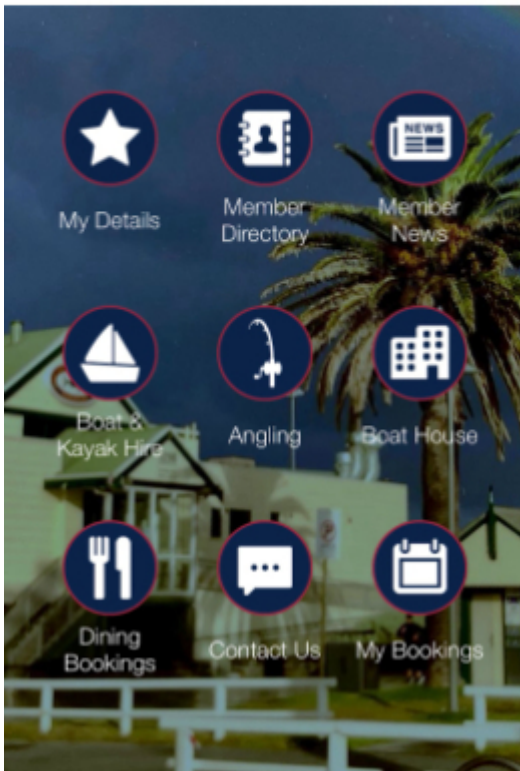
## The new App is here!

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new proprietary smartphone App.

Features of the App include:

- Members Area
- My Bookings
- Boat and Kayak Hire
- Push Notifications
- Dinner Bookings
- Member Information

The App also includes a fully integrated Members Area. To log into the Members Area, use the same login details (membership number / password) as you currently do for the Member's Login on the club's website.



All functionality within the Member's Area including My Bookings, make a Booking, and Member Directory is provided in a mobile-friendly format for ease of use.

The App is now available for download from the iTunes (IOS) or Google Play (Android) app stores. To download simple search for Albert Park Yachting and Angling Club.

It forms an important part of the club's marketing and communications strategy and we would strongly encourage all members and visitors to download the App to their mobile devices. *Just a tip: it has two pages, so swipe right to see all the links.*

Over the next few months, we will be adding many more interactive features to the App platform, we'll let you know as they are released.

Here's a tip, go into the APYAC website, login and change your password (it's about time you did it anyway) ... THEN login to the App with the new password and it should work perfectly.

Another tip? To utilise Apple's App service you must be registered with an Apple iTunes account to download APPs --even though the app is free-- and that means that you must upload a payment option. If you don't want to use a credit card you can buy a voucher.



## More lakes open for Murray Cod fishing this Spring.

Anglers chasing Murray cod have more options in Victoria's lakes this spring with the iconic species able to be targeted in Lake Eppalock, Lake Nillahcootie and Cairn Curran Reservoir.

Spring sees the annual Murray cod closed season in effect throughout most rivers and lakes north of the Great Dividing Range, as well as the Yarra River, but consultation earlier this

year opened up another trio of large Victorian waters for year-round fishing.

Victorian Fisheries Authority Director Fisheries Management **Luke O'Sullivan** said it meant cod fishers would have more options than ever to wet a line in some of the state's biggest waterways this spring, many of which shared in our recent record -breaking 11.5 million fish stocking effort.

*"The Murray cod closed season is really important in many rivers and lakes to allow these treasured native fish a chance to breed, but that's not the case in several impoundments we heavily stock like Eppalock, Nillahcootie and Cairn Curran,"* Mr O'Sullivan said.

*"Our record-breaking stocking program means we can open these waters up year-round which is great news for those of us who love our cod fishing."*

*"Lake Eildon has become a year-round native fishing mecca since the closed season was removed in 2016 and a similar move at Rockland's Reservoir in the state's west in 2021 is also paying dividends for anglers."*

Lake Eppalock has been stocked with nearly 2.6 million Murray cod fingerlings since 2010, Cairn Curran has scored more than a million in the past 20 years and Nillahcootie has received in excess of 400,000 since 2011, in

addition to golden perch at all three waters.

The removal of the closed season is also expected to reduce fishing pressure on nearby systems where natural breeding does occur like the Loddon, Campaspe and Broken rivers.

The Murray cod closed season applies in the majority of rivers and lakes north of the Great Dividing Range, as well as the Yarra River, between 1 September and 30 November. It does not apply in lakes Eildon, Eppalock and Nillahcootie, Cairn Curran reservoir and waters of the Wimmera and Millicent basins - except for the Wimmera River.

Fisheries Officers will be chatting to and educating fishers on the Murray cod slot limit, between 55 and 75 centimetres, the bag limit of two in lakes that remain open, and not targeting cod in waters to which the closed season applies.

September 1 also sees the river blackfish closed season take effect until 1 January 2025 and the annual closure for Murray spiny freshwater crayfish through until 1 June 2025. For detailed information of size and bag limits plus closed season information download the free **Vic Fishing app** or head to [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide)

## Shellfish Reef Restoration.

STOP PRESS! The new Kayaker's Reef has been approved and should be installed by November!

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 the short video by clicking here.



## A Member says ...

*'Thank you all so much for a wonderful family birthday celebration yesterday. The table looked beautiful with the vases of fresh roses -thanks Annabelle- and the meals were fabulous. Special thanks to the staff for all their help with meals and drinks.*

*We all enjoyed another fabulous family lunch together, and appreciate our booking at APYAC.*

*Regards,*

*Deb.'*

If you wish to celebrate your special day at the Club, email us **admin @ apyac.org.au** or call 9690 5530 Tuesdays - Fridays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Merchandise.

Get yours now. Use your house levy:

**Jackets \$85**

**Vests \$75**

**Hoodies \$65**

**Golf Umbrella \$50.**

**Fishing Tops \$50**

**Polo Shirts \$50**

**Scarf \$20 (You need one!)**

**Wine Glasses (pair) \$20**

**Neck warmer \$15**

**Cap \$25**

**Hats \$25**

**Pom Pom Beanie \$25 BRAND NEW!**

**Postcards \$10 Eight cards and one stamp! (Buy for your Auntie!)**

**Stubby Holder \$10.**



## Tight Lines - Why so often?

The larger 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), usually 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.

We have removed all email addresses, not because we don't want to hear from you, but it stops the bots that roam the internet from finding them to send spam email. Just click the contact links instead. For email addresses, just put them back together without any gaps. Tight Lines is edited by **James Nixon**.

## Club 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.

**Wednesday 28th August - Tuesday 10th September 2024**

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