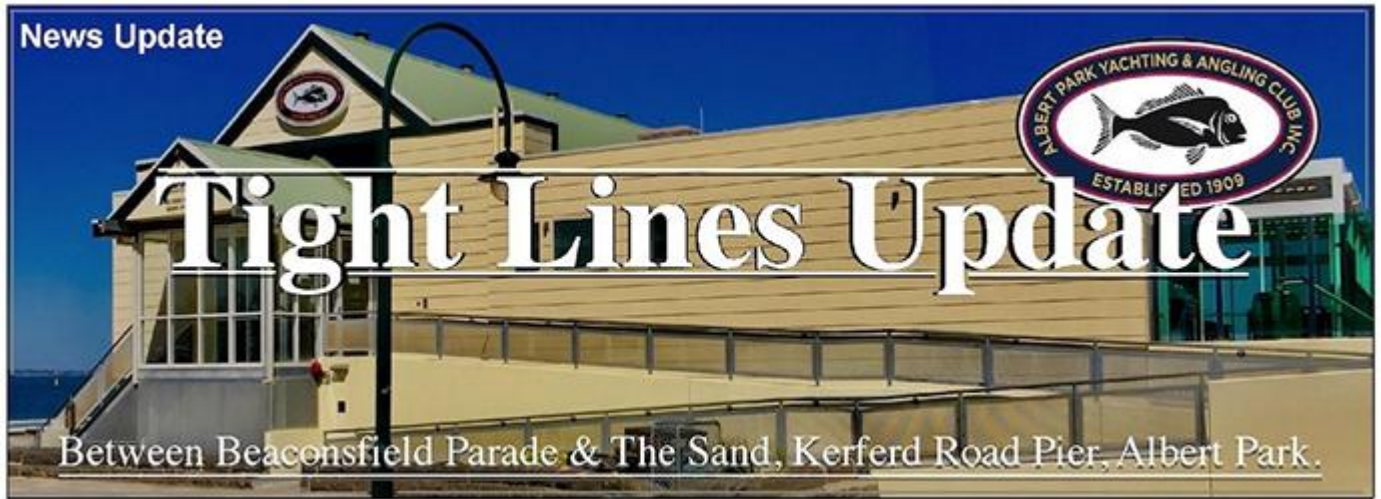


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Wednesday 11th - Tuesday 24th September 2024

What a start to the month!

We're excited to introduce our new Booking system. Please note that you will need to log-in using your **membership number** as your username (found on your invoice) and your temporary password, which is the **day and month of your birth**. If you haven't provided the Club with your updated birthdate, the default temporary password is 0101. Having logged in once, you can change your password.

This system offers more functionality than the previous one, making it easier for you to book beyond just dining. Once you've used it a few times, it will become second nature!

If you experience any difficulties, feel free to call the office between Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and we'll be happy to assist you. Please persevere, it's important for us to have accurate booking numbers to help with staffing and catering.

Be sure to check out our new kitchen hours and menus this week! We'll have lunch, dinner, and bar menus available. Stop by and say hi to our chef, Chris. Plus, don't miss out on the *Johnny Fab Trio* this Saturday night, along with the footy fever excitement!

See you at the club,

Elise Thomas,
Manager.

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New kitchen hours.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (Night Dining)

(Saturday Night dining is fortnightly)

Lunch 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Saturdays - (No dinner)

(If we are closed for dinner it is a bit adhoc.)

Lunch 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.

Bar snacks to 4:30 p.m.

Venue will Close between 5 - 6 p.m. depending on sport, how many people etc.

If there is a function, we close at 3:30 p.m. sharp.

Sunday

Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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.

President Lee Spyrou congratulates **Barry Church** for winning \$1,000 on the 29th August.

Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool is \$800 for the 13th September and 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 *Ramon Ridolfi*, *Cesare Iozzi*, and *Shane Pettiona*.

Weekly Raffle

Tickets are sold in the hour prior to the Member's Draw and the raffle is drawn soon after. (If there is a football final, we run the raffle BEFORE the Member's Draw at 7:20 p.m. as the game starts at 7:40 p.m.)

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 8:30 p.m. Thank you.

This Saturday Night.

14th September.

Saturday night dining.

Live Music "Johnny Fab Trio".

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

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. BAND: Johnny Fab Trio

Full Dinner menu available, extended hours, and Bar Snacks.

Book your table by clicking here.*

We may close earlier if no demand.

*Please note you will be directed to the website, and need to log into your portal. The *NowBookIt* System is up and running.



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](#)

Staff of the Quarter

Congratulations to **Tully Bunce** and **Zac Waters** for being awarded **Staff of the Quarter** for March and July! We've been so busy that this presentation was a bit delayed, but it's well deserved.

Tully has truly stepped up, taking on extra responsibilities, guiding the new juniors, working solo on Saturdays, and covering every available shift. Be sure to congratulate them both on a job well done the next time you're at the bar!

A special mention also goes to Zac Waters, who has really impressed since turning 18, taking on bar duties and leading by example.

Well done to both of you, and great work, team!

PIC: Tully appeared in our recent catering opportunity documents





Wine of the Month

Willem Kurt Beechworth Vermentino 2024

A beautiful season has produced some lovely wines. This vermentino is full of bright pear, citrus and passionfruit flavours. The palate is fresh and crisp with an attractive savoury edge.

"BELLISSIMO!! Vibrant aromatic bouquet of fine apricots, peaches, a hint of lime & a smidge of nuttiness. Gorgeous palate with lively pears & pineapples + just a hint of steeliness & silky acidity on the refreshing finish. MAGNIFICENTI!"

\$54 per bottle

10% Surcharge Applies Sundays

Angler's Kitchen.

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

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APYAC Podcasts.

See the podcast **page by clicking here.**

James Nixon & Phil Langdon.

Bev Pinder & Lee Spyrou (88.3 FM).

Gavin McGrath & Lee Spyrou (ABC Radio).

James Nixon & Chris Lockhart.

James Nixon & Mick Sass.



President's Report.

Kudos to Ascot Catering Solutions for the smooth transition! I'm looking forward to **James Nixon's** Wednesday Networking lunch today, where I'll get to sample Chris's new menu, especially the desserts.

The past two weeks have been incredibly busy. The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) invited me; along with fellow APYAC member **Terry George** and the new Leader of *Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating (WIRFAB) Network*, **Wan Ting Zhang** (pictured), to participate in their Yarrambat Rainbow Trout 'Stonker' fish-stocking event. We transported 90 large freshwater Rainbow Trout, each weighing around 4 kg, from the VFA stocking truck to their new home in Yarrambat Lake. Interestingly, many of the trout needed a bit of coaxing to swim away after release.

Currently, VFA is stocking 1,000 large Rainbow Trout, and thousands of smaller ones, averaging 200 grams each, into waterways across Victoria, ready for the September school holidays. This brings the total number of fish stocked now to over 11 million!

Next, I headed to Queenscliff for our quarterly VFA *Recreational Fishing Licence Grants Trust Advisory Committee* meeting, held at the **VFA Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre** (read about it here). This was our last meeting with the current group, before the new team is announced in the coming weeks.

The Centre runs a fantastic program through Vic Fish Ed, which is a great resource for community members, teachers, educators, and students, interested in marine and freshwater environments.

Although the Centre will be closed during the September school holidays, I highly recommend a visit during their Summer Program in January. Definitely worth adding to your bucket list. Join the Vic Fish Ed Facebook page to be kept up to date on all that's going on. For the younger members, maybe even suggest to your Teachers, that they should include it as a school excursion - they'll love it as much as you.

The highlight of my trip to the Centre was seeing a white Flathead. I initially wondered if it was albino, but it turns out the colour is a camouflage adaptation (you will notice the white sand in it's tank).



The Flathead's white coloration helps it blend with the sandy bottom, making it nearly invisible to prey. When ready to feed, it bursts upward to capture small fish and prawns using a combination of ram and suction feeding. Fascinating!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club. Please come up and say hello - I always enjoy meeting our members and hearing your feedback and ideas.

Go South Melbourne! ... *I mean* .. The Swans!

Lee Spyrou
President.

Membership Reminder.

As of 8th September, 421 Members had outstanding subscriptions and are in danger of their memberships lapsing.

If you fall into this unfinancial category, to continue your membership you **MUST** pay outstanding subs immediately. Removal of unfinancial memberships will commence next week, paving the way for new applicants to join. There are 133 on the waitlist.

Barry Hayes,
Vice President.

Podcast

Professionalism and dedication. These are the ingredients that make a top angler and a leading chef.

In the Club's latest podcast, **James Nixon** explores these attributes with our champion angler **Michael --call me Mick-- Sassi** and our new kitchen head, **Chris Lockhart**, at the September general meeting.

For Mick, the key elements are preparation, timing, patience and bait. He has his rods prepared before setting out at daybreak or the sunset. He uses fresh bait - what he has caught or from a fish monger. If he sees a rod bending, the 1.5 metre dash to it is lightning.

Despite these organisation and skill, he said it was not unusual for him to return to the clubhouse without a catch.

A keen angler since boyhood, he joined the club in 1996 - membership about 60 - and found that a number of members did not welcome newcomers. The boathouse is now very accommodating and Mick is a champion at this. Several



members at the meeting spoke of his generosity in sharing his knowledge and taking people out in his boat.

The biggest fish he has caught: a 140kg marlin in New Zealand (sadly it gave him only a six minute fight as it became entangled in the line and drowned). His favourite eating fish: King George whiting.

Attendees had the opportunity to taste the offerings of our new pots and pans man, Chris. His first test providing finger-food for the attendees.

The applause showed that he passed.

With the previous contractor's contract not being renewed, the Club has been fortunate in getting the services of Chris. He has prepared fine dining for the most demanding glitterati and companies. Imagine having to take a photo of a plate, send the image to Sydney, and then wait for the okay from the host company before it could be served. Chris did this for one of his employers at a major event. He has headed the kitchen at the Emirates Airline marquee at the Australian Open tennis, and stood

over stoves at other world-renowned events such as the Melbourne Grand Prix.

Chris was attracted to the club because it is a community body and offered him the opportunity to develop his business skills.

Come and try his menu.

Grant Aldous.

Listen to the **APYAC Podcasts** by [clicking the link here](#).

Boathouse.

We want to thank all the eight volunteers who dug the club house out of the mountain of sand, after the recent storms, on Tuesday 3rd of September. It was a monumental task and the crew, run by **Ian Sekac**, did a sensational job. The Terex earned its keep, driven by **Stuart Cousins**. Thanks to you all.

Wednesday there was more cleaning-up, and the normal restoration and checks done. We thank **Bruce, Phil, Nigel, Chris H., Mal., Robert P., Marcus, Tony M., John L., and Stuart C.** for their attendance and great work last Tuesday & 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.



A polite reminder to all boat owners with boats in the Boat House: fuel containers for petrol or diesel, shall not be left in and around boats stored in the Boat House. 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. There will be a time where we may have to remove any stored fuel not in the boat's fuel tank.

Boat owners please check your insurance is up to date, all boats in the boat house need to be insured, it is to protect the club and owners. Contact us [captain @ apyac.org.au](mailto:captain@apyac.org.au) if any assistance required.

APYAC fishing season opened last Saturday, and we want to see boat house boats out on the water this season. We are an angling club and we want to the boats stored in the club house used. It is not a parking lot for boats it is a place were anglers can keep their boats when not out on the water.

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**.

John Spragg,

Boat House Captain.

Angling Report.

The APYAC 2024-25 fishing season started at 12.01 a.m. last Saturday. The first snapper over 43 cm was entered by **Harry Tsoumbakos** eight hours and fourteen minutes later. Measuring 51cm, the snapper was caught on a couta bait in the Williamstown area at 7:15 a.m. Well done Harry, your subs are paid for next year.

The *Roland Nicholls Memorial Charter* is planned for next Sunday, 15th September. This is a mixed charter, everything supplied, and no-experience needed and snapper over 43 cm will get championship points. The boat, Bacardi, will leave from St.Kilda Marina at 5.00 a.m. so you will be catching fish at sun up when they bite best. Last Saturday Bacardi landed a number of pinkies and at least two fish: 47cm. and 55cm.



There is a catch, the Committee will pay half of the charter cost, but charter participants need to do raffle ticket duty, or door duty, on a Friday Night. This is not an onerous volunteer task. Raffle and door duty volunteers now get a meal and a free drink. Look for the flyer with registration and payment details, get in quick. **Click here** and see if there are any spots left.

We will also try to run a charter most months but that will depend on support so keep an eye on Tight Lines as some dates will change.

We have also changed the scoring system 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** on the day of the catch, but we will also show fish caught and we hope whereabouts, on the Whats App '**APYAC measure in and fishing comps**', (the original Whats App Fishing Comp site). Take a look at Harry's fish while you're there.

Keep Sunday September 29th free, the club has been invited to Victorian Fisheries hatchery at Arcadia, 20 mins south of Shepparton, about a 2 hour drive from Melb. Apart from a tour of the hatchery there is a stocked large lake to try your luck. Cod, silver perch, golden perch and trout all good size are waiting for you. Bring light spinning rods and reels, bait, 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 that open at sun up for those who may want to make a weekend of it.

It is Grand Final weekend, Tigers, Dees, Saints, Blues and Pies not playing so a couple of days freshwater fishing good for the soul.



The Fish are out there, give it a go, but watch the weather. Snapper are hard to find, but a lot of boats around Altona, Williamstown. Try the area around Blue Light and the back of Williamstown Footy Ground.

Whiting are biting down the south end of the Bay, well worth the trip.

The Bait freezer has been stocked.

The fishing was good, it was the catching that was bad.

- A.K. Best

John Spragg

Pic: A happy Bob Snell

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

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

Sunday 15th 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 24th November - *Olga's Ladies Charter* TBC depending on numbers and weather.

Saturday 30th 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.

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. This 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 (TODAY) (-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.

An Ominous Request

March 03, 1976

'Australian Olympic team appeal for funds for Montreal'

As Aussies bask in glow of the record breaking gold medal tally from the 2024 Paris Olympics and the just-completed Paralympic Games, the minute books provide us with an insight into a less glorious era, when APYAC was requested to contribute funds to the Aussie Olympic effort in 1976 for the Montreal Olympics.

APYAC was a workingman's anglers club which struggled to pay its own bills. A request to help fund the Aussie Olympic effort from the Club was never going to be heavily subscribed. A quick look at the results of Australia's performance shows that the 1976 team was the only one without a gold medal for Australia since before World War II.

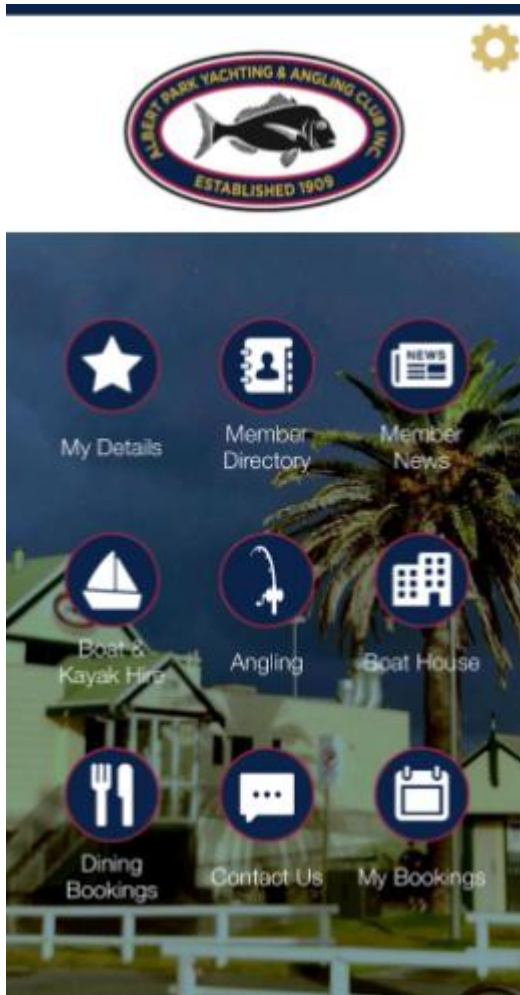
How things have changed!



If you have any old club pictures or documents we'd love to get a copy of them. Contact: **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 simply 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.

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.

For sale - EQ675

SAVAGE FISHERMAN \$11,000

Fresh two-pack paint to hull and deck.

Full length heavy stainless steel keel band & prop guard.

New lifting eyes, bow ring.

Re-wired with new fuel and exhaust hoses.

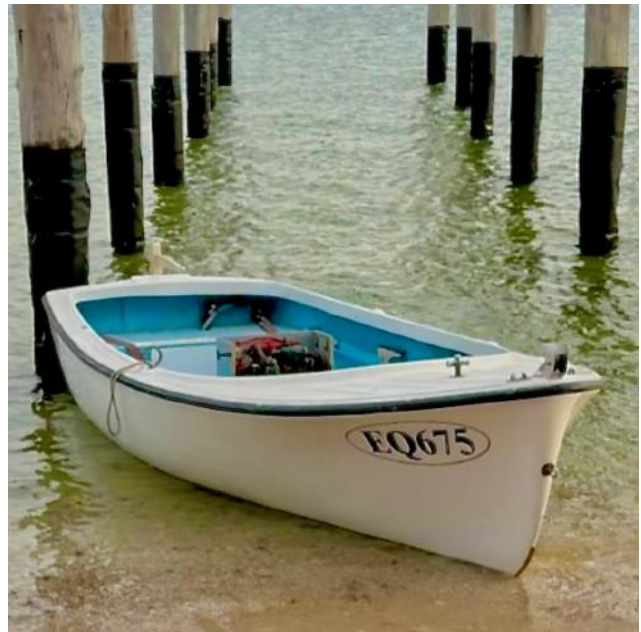
All in great working order.

Owned / work carried-out by a Shipwright.

Stern tube & shaft removed and overhauled.

Comes with spray dodger, oars, anchor, lifejackets.

Cradle, sundry extras. Call Michael on 0403 855 785 or mwhurrell@gmail.com



Heavy penalties for illegal fishing.

A man from Melbourne's western suburbs has received heavy penalties, including a \$20,000 fine, five year ban on fishing, and the loss of his ute, for illegally fishing in Victoria.

Victorian Fisheries Authority Acting Director of Education and Enforcement **Paul Shea** said the man, in his 60s, had faced several charges relating to an illegal haul of golden perch from Lake Hume and the possession of a commercial quantity of abalone in spring last year.

"The man was already serving a two year prohibition on fishing when Fisheries Officers apprehended him and another man at Lake Hume with more than twice the daily bag limit of golden perch," Mr Shea said.

"Officers had inspected the pair in a boat at the lake's northern end, where they presented 10 golden perch as their catch of the day. The bag limit is 5 per person so all appeared well."

"Further investigation however revealed another 12 golden perch concealed under the boat's floor, making a total of 22 goldens, ranging in size from 39cm to nearly 60cm. Officers seized their 5.1 metre boat on the spot, along with their fishing gear and fish."

"In the days that followed, two subsequent search warrants in Melbourne located more than 200 abalone meats in one of the premises."

"In the Sunshine Magistrates Court last week, one of the men pleaded guilty to five charges and was convicted, fined \$20,000, banned from fishing for five years, and had his 2014 model Toyota Hilux -worth \$25,000- forfeited."



The other man pleaded guilty to fewer charges earlier this year in the Wodonga Magistrates Court, and was ordered to pay \$850 to the Court Fund. He also gave an undertaking to be of good behaviour for 12 months. His fish and fishing gear were forfeited.

Mr Shea said Victoria is home to world-class fisheries that provide sustainable seafood and cherished recreational fishing opportunities, and we want to keep it that way.

In the same court last week, a couple also in their 60s, were convicted and fined \$7000, ordered to pay \$5000 costs and had their fishing gear and \$1370 in cash forfeited. The husband and wife were also banned from any recreational fishing for five years.

The pair had been taking squid and tailor at Queenscliff and Lakes Entrance under the guise of being recreational anglers, then selling them illegally on the street and to a restaurant in Melbourne's western suburbs. Only licensed commercial fishers can sell their catch.

If you see or suspect illegal fishing in Victoria, call our 24/7 reporting service, **13FISH (133474)**, to speak directly to a Fisheries Officer. You can remain anonymous.

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.



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.

Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (Night Dining)

(Saturday Night dining is fortnightly)

Lunch 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Saturdays - (No dinner)

(If we are closed for dinner it is a bit adhoc.)

Lunch 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.

Bar snacks to 4:30 p.m.

Venue will Close between 5 - 6 p.m. depending on sport, how many people etc.

If there is a function, we close at 3:30 p.m. sharp.

Sundays

Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We remain open later on Band Sundays, details during booking.

Wednesday 11th - Tuesday 24th September 2024

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