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Wednesday 30th October - Tuesday 13th November 2024

Best time of the year.

What a fabulous time of year for celebrations and gatherings. If you're considering making large bookings over the next few months, please be sure to respond to all correspondence promptly, as demand is high.

Dining Reminders.

To help us manage staffing and catering, please book all dining experiences in advance. While walk-ins are welcome, please note that tables cannot be guaranteed. Due to low demand, the club may close without notice if no bookings are received, so please book ahead to avoid disappointment.

Melbourne Cup is already Sold Out, and *Oaks Day* is selling out quickly, so secure your booking soon.

Feedback.

While I was away, I kept up with your feedback, and as a result, we'll now provide one bread roll for each member and guest at every dining session. If you'd like an additional roll, it will be available for \$1. A little patience and a smile go a long way in making our club a warm and welcoming place for all.

Melbourne Cup - Dress to Impress!

Get ready to turn heads this Melbourne Cup. Dress to impress for a day filled with fun, fashion, and fantastic prizes. Whether you're joining us for the races or the atmosphere, great prizes are up for grabs for the best-dressed attendees.

Interested in Being a Judge?

If you're attending and want to help judge the fashion, please email us at admin@apyac.org.au to express your interest. Don't miss out on the excitement --dress to impress-- and we'll see you there.

See you at the Club!

Elise Thomas

Manager.

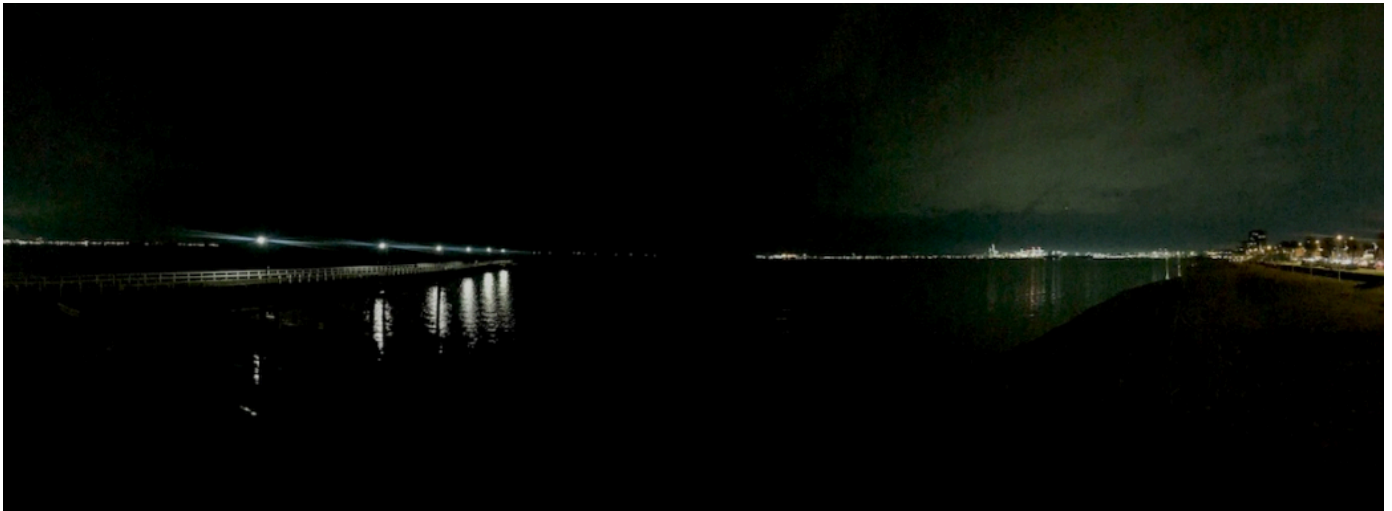
Happy Hour Thursdays.

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.



A great place to sit and watch the arrival of the night.

Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool is \$900 for the 1st of November 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, the jackpot increases by \$100 each week until won. The following Members missed out on claiming their prize last Friday night: *Anthony Counsel, Stuart Campbell, Jamie Zimmerman, and Eryn Kelly.*

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 8:30 p.m. Thank you.

General Meeting.

Wednesday 6th November 7 p.m.

Minutes of previous General Meeting

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

Speaker: **Ben Cleveland** will tell us about our Kayaker's Shellfish Reef project. A Marine Scientist, his PhD thesis was the first sub-tidal reef restoration trials for the native flat oyster (*Ostrea angasi*) in Australia. He went on to work with the Victorian Fisheries Authority, The Nature Conservancy, and OzFish Unlimited, before starting his own business: Cardium Marine.

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

All are welcome.

Oaks Day

Thursday 7th November.

12 noon - 4:30 p.m.

\$55 per head

Booking includes:

- + **Glass of Mumm Cordon Rouge**
- + **Canapés on arrival, main course and petit fours.**

Main course. (50/50 drop)

- + **Humpty Doo Barramundi** - Leek fondue / Beurre Blanc / Warragal greens / Salmon roe
- + **Beef striploin** - Caramelised kohlrabi puree / Mushroom duxelles / Red wine jus

Vegetarian option - please add in booking notes

- + **Ricotta tortellini** - Beetroot puree / Sage beurre noisette / Nasturtium
- + **Petit Fours** - Selection of mini bite-sized treats

Please try to book through **one table captain**, or advise the Office if you wish to sit with a group to avoid table issues on the day.

Click the link to grab your spot now!

<https://tinyurl.com/ApyacOaks24>

Saturday Night Dining

9th November.

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

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

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

Book your table by clicking here.*

If there are no bookings or demand, the venue will close at 7 p.m.

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

** Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. EVERY Saturday (except when closed early for functions)

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Duo of dips with Pita \$15

Skull Island Prawns with chilli Butter and Turkish bread \$20

Gnocchi with cavil nero, confit tomato and pangrattato \$24

Pappardelle with slow cooked beef ragu and truffle pecorino. \$29

Baby Snapper with Kipfler potato salad and saffron fennel vinaigrette \$38

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

Although Tight Lines is circulated to all, please understand that if you are still on the waitlist you are not officially a member, thus cannot book for Club functions or Anglers Restaurant Bookings until your membership is approved. Thanks for your understanding.

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. MAGNIFICENT!!"

\$10.50 per glass
\$54 per bottle

10% Surcharge Applies Sundays

WILLEM KURT
BEECHWORTH
VERMENTINO

We have a very good **Vermentino**, a beautiful summer wine. We are also selling it by the glass.

It has freshness and energy, a juicy green pear flavour, savoury almost umami flavour on the finish. Pair this with our quality Seafood.

Vermentino is a star pairing for most seafood dishes, from freshly shucked oysters and mignonette sauce to battered fish. The wine's light salinity echoes the ocean, and mellow citrus notes won't overshadow even the most delicate preparation.

Try it now!

President's Report

The sun burst over the horizon last Saturday morning, turning the calm seas to gold. At last, the water is the perfect temperature. All over, fishos were wide awake and alert, hearts racing with anticipation.

After a restless night, the breathtaking sunrise set the stage for the epic day ahead. Chilly air nipped at their fingers, but the thrill of the ocean's promise kept their spirits high.

Snapper Season!

For us, the first two hours were all about the Pinkies -so much fun- but time was fleeting. A shift was necessary. Decisions. Just a small move. This'll do. Here.

It happened at exactly seven o'clock. BANG! My rod jerked violently and the reel screamed with the expensive sound of line peeling off! How much money do we spend just to hear it?

My heart raced, but just when we thought we had a prize on the line, the monster pulled a classic hook spit trick!

No time to dwell on the heartbreak, though; rods were bending, and it was game-on for both of us.

The next morning rolled around and we were ready. Same routine, same spot, same baits. He was 45 minutes early today. ZING! My rod tip dived. Adrenaline exploded. Another fierce battle. Al's net skills were legendary!

A beauty, but then, silence. Not another bite.

That's fishing for you, highs and lows, and always an adventure waiting just beneath the surface!



Lee Spyrou

President.

Pic: Lee's Sunday monster.

New Member Inductions

Meet and greet sessions to discover other new members and learn the tricks of the Club. Door access cards will be available.

Saturday 2 November 2.00 p.m. sharp

Saturday 9 November 2.00 p.m. sharp

Saturday 14 December 2.00 p.m. sharp

New members have been emailed. If you have not received yours, check your spam folder. Can't find it? Contact the Club.

Podcast - New Committee Members.

New Committee members, **Stuart Cousins**, **Barry Hayes** and **Chris Herbert** spent time with James Nixon at the recent Annual General Meeting. James started by asking Stu: ***'What was the first fish you caught?'***

Check out the podcast by [clicking here](#).



Stuart Cousins



Barry Hayes



Chris Herbert

Podcast archive:

Bev Pinder & Lee Spyrou (88.3 FM).

Gavin McGrath & Lee Spyrou (ABC Radio).

James Nixon with Guests:

Phil Langdon,

Chris Lockhart, and

Mick Sass.

See the podcast page by [clicking here](#).

Boathouse.

As ever, many thanks to **Ian Sekac** and the team of volunteers who work to continuously improve the APYAC Boathouse. A significant amount of effort is being undertaken to restore vessels owned by the club to their former glory. This week, particular thanks are due to **John Edison** who has done a great job installing a sensor light above the trip log at the southern end of the east aisle (see picture).

I'm sure this will be much appreciated by those early risers chasing snapper before sunrise.

Also at the south end of the east aisle, a freezer has been installed for exclusive use by Ascot Catering in the kitchen upstairs. This is for storage of food to be used upstairs, and must not be used by anyone other than Chris and his staff. The freezer has a lock to prevent unauthorised use. If, for any reason, you find it unlocked, please report this to the Manager or Kitchen.

The hose reel for the electric crane in the east aisle has a jammed bearing and will be replaced imminently. In the meantime, please ensure the hose is left in a way that is not a hazard to boathouse users, or on the beach where members of the public may trip.

A couple of reminders for those who own a vessel in the Boat House:



- **URGENT:** Please complete and return the Acknowledgement of Understanding of the usage of the electric cranes. If you have not received such a document, please contact Ian Sekac.
 - Please check your lifting equipment is compliant, in particular the condition and load rating of all shackles, chains and slings used to hoist your vessel.
 - Spare fuel is not to be stored in the Boat House. Please bring your approved containers of fuel to the club, top up on the apron, take your fuel out with you, and take it home at the end of the day.
 - To minimise the risk of fire, batteries are only to be charged whilst there is someone present who is responsible for monitoring it and taking action in the event of mishap. Batteries are not to be left charging overnight.
- Finally, it was great to see **Bruce Bourne** and **Chris Herbert** building big sandcastles this morning using the boathouse bobcat ("Terex") in preparation for their accreditation.

Cheers,

Stuart Cousins

Boat House Captain.

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**



Max Coningsby Fishing Charter.

Sunday 3rd November

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

Cost: \$75

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

Get yourself on the scoreboard!

Members only, no guests or waitlist members.

Click here to grab your spot

Angling.

Snapper season has arrived, there were some great catches the last couple of weeks. **Michael Briffa** doing very well, **Lee** and **Alex Spyrou** fishing hard for family bragging rights. **Mick** and **Tristan Sass** are now on the board along with **Richard Muscat, John Cali, Harry Tsoumbakos, Jake Smith, Mark Mercieca, Alex Bradelli, Andre** and **Alex Cartel, Rob Raffa, Alec Gillon**. I may have missed a few.

It has been good fishing at last.

I have been clearing the bay of Northern Pacific Seastars (*not by choice*).

At 12.01 a.m. Saturday 2nd of November the *Max Coningsby Snapper Competition* starts and runs until 12 noon on Cup Day -Tuesday 5th of November. Earn double points for fish caught above 43cm.

Max Coningsby Snapper Charter

As part of the competition we are running a charter on Sunday the 3rd of November, (not Tuesday 5th as mentioned in the last issue of Tight Lines).

All Charter Anglers qualify for the competition, and with the experienced skipper **Steve Napoli** on Bacardi, a charter angler has every chance of taking out the win. Just bring yourself --everything else is provided. No bananas (*we're superstitious*)! Book now, only a few places left. **Click here to get on board**.

The club pays half of the charter cost since each participant needs to do Friday night duty, either manning the front door or selling raffle tickets. This is not an onerous volunteer task. Raffle and door duty volunteers get a free drink.

We will try to run a charter most months but that will depend on support (and weather).

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 fish will be 5.6 points, an 87 cm whopper 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). Chantal's doing a great job posting the leaderboard in Tight Lines, and updating the *Roland Nicholls Board* in the club, a big thank you, Chantal.

OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
Michael Briffa	13	69.1	Harry Tsoumbakos	9	53.1
Alex Spyrou	3	18.4	Jake Smith	1	7.2
Mick Sass	3	18.1			
Richard Muscat	1	7.2			
Jack Mercieca	1	6.5			
Alex Gillon	1	5.5			

The weather has been kind to boaters and anglers. The Bay water temperature is good (16-17 C).

VFA expects a bumper season this year.

Fish shallow water as it is slightly warmer, there have been a lot of boats around Altona, Williamstown. Try the area around Blue Light and the back of Williamstown Footy Ground. Lots of boats have been fishing in close from St.Kilda to Rickets Point; they must be there for some reason. You do not need to travel far from the Club to get fish at present. Silver whiting, pilchards and salmon fillets, or plastics, seem to be the best baits.

Give it a go but always keep an eye on the weather!

"The solution to any problem --work, love, money ... whatever-- is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be!" - John Gierach

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	J SMITH / HARRY T	72
	OPEN	A SPYROU / R MUSCAT	72
FLATHEAD	IN		
	OPEN		
SHARK	IN		
	OPEN		
1ST SNAPPER	IN	HARRY TSOUMBAKOS	51 *
	OPEN	MICHAEL BRIFFA	59
LAST SNAPPER	IN		
	OPEN		
WHITING	IN	HARRY TSOUMBAKOS	37
	OPEN	MICHAEL BRIFFA	40
PIKE	IN		
	OPEN	Olivier Avian	66
MULLOWAY	IN		
	OPEN		
SALMON	IN		
	OPEN	Lee Spyrou	46
FLATHEAD	IN		
	OPEN		

John Spragg

APYAC CALENDAR 2024

Melbourne Cup Day. Tuesday 5th November. (SOLD OUT)

Oaks Day. Thursday 7th November.

Saturday Night Dining 9th November.

Saturday Night Dining & Live Music. *Ian Banks* 23 November.

Kids Christmas Party. Saturday morning, 7th December.

Saturday Night Dining & Live Music. T.B.A 7th December.

Marine Licence Course. Monday 9th December.

APYAC Closed Monday 23rd December 2024

Re-Open Thursday 2nd January 2025.

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 2nd - Tuesday 5th November - *Max Coningsby Snapper Competition.*

Sunday 3rd November - *Cup Day Charter as part of Max Coningsby Competition.*

Sunday 24th November - *Olga's Ladies Charter.*

Saturday 30th November - Sunday 1st December - *Ron Amy Pot of Gold Competition.*

Sunday 1st December - *Olga Harradine's Pot of Gold Mixed Charter*

Monday 9th December - Marine Licence Course.

Saturday 26th January - *Australia Day Clinker Boat Race.*

Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th February - *Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition.*

Sunday 8th February – *Olga Harradine's Ladies Day Tiger Lyons Charter*

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.



Lee's Saturday Snapper



Alex Cartel



APYAC Marine Licence Course



Marine Licence Course

Monday 9th December - 6 p.m.

Cost: \$140.00 cash payable on the evening.

Includes light supper. Be at venue from 5.15 p.m. to fill in the enrolment form. Course takes approximately three and half hours, including the test. You get two attempts at doing the test.

Must bring any one of: Photo ID, passport, driver's license, learner's permit etc. Children 16 and over are able to sit the jet ski license. **REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE**

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.

Tell 'em like it is ...

In this age of sensitive, supportive, caring, sharing, and affirming speech, we must do our best to avoid offending others by couching our speech --oral, written and digital-- in recipient-friendly terms. In 1978, it was brutally direct:

01 March, 1978: ***'Boat House Repairs: Broken promises from members offering assistance and not coming up with the goods.'***

Ouch. No gilding the lily there.

19 April, 1978: ***'Discussion took place on complimentary tickets to the effect that there be none.'***

This was an era when everyone paid their way.

01 February, 1978: ***'M. Rook can get good chairs from bank for 50 cents each. Whip round collected at General Meeting \$23.00'.***

When you can get 46 good chairs for \$23.00, you act quickly. They did.

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 State Library Of Victoria.



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.

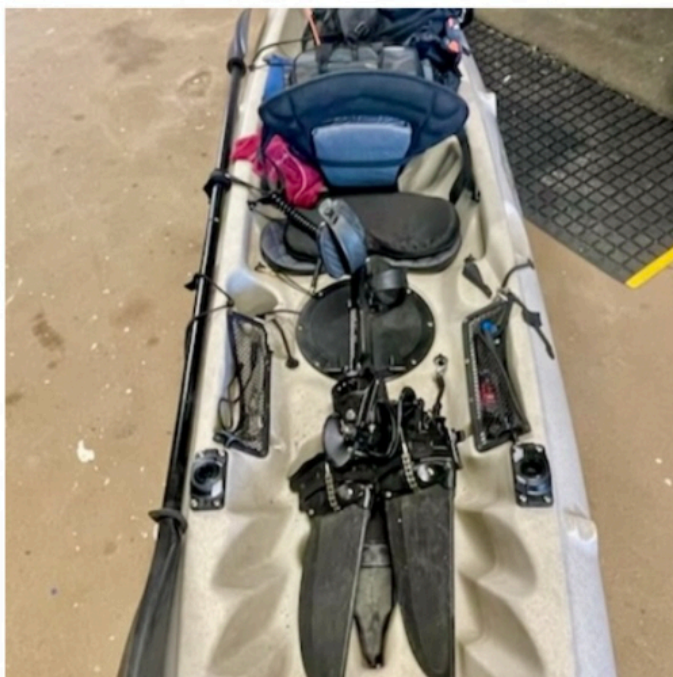
Owned / work carried-out by a Shipwright.

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**





KAYAK \$2000

13ft **Hobie Revolution Ocean Kayak** with brand new Lowrance Hook Reveal 5 fish finder.

Contact Nigel via **[captain @ apyac.org.au](mailto:captain@apyac.org.au)**

Shellfish Reef Restoration.

Work is about to begin on Kayakers Reef.

This is a spreader array that will automatically deploy multiple shellfish towers at a time, which will be seeded with oyster spats.

Be sure to attend next week's General Meeting to hear **Ben Cleveland** tell us about our Kayaker's Shellfish Reef project.

If you are not up to speed with our involvement in this project, check out the short video by [clicking here](#).

Bringing a desert back to life.

Bob Pearce wrote an article in the *Victorian Fishing Authority's* Annual Report. If you would like to read the full length version, [click here](#).



VRFish Board Elections.

We're thrilled to announce that following the VRFish AGM, three of our very own APYAC members. **Cody McLeod**, **John Spragg**, and myself are now part of the VRFish Board, Victoria's peak recreational fishing body.

What makes this achievement even more special is the diversity and strength we bring to the table. With Cody representing the vibrant voice of youth and education, John embodying the wisdom of both salty and freshwater fishing, and me adding my unique perspective, we truly cover all the bases.

We're also proud to share that our success has been recognised by some of the key figures in recreational fishing. **Bob Pearce** exclaimed:

"Fabulous outcome! An unprecedented achievement in the 29-year history of VRFish."

Ross Winstanley added,

"You're a stand-out Club, and Bob Pearce has been at the forefront for many, many years-well done all!"

A heartfelt thank you to Bob Pearce for being an incredible mentor and guiding us on this journey. Together, we're poised to make a real impact in the fishing community. Let's cast our lines and reel in success!

- Lee Spyrou.



Sprung!

A 56-year-old Brighton man allegedly took nearly four times the bag limit last weekend. On Friday night, Fisheries Officers inspected the man and his boat leaving the Hastings ramp, and found 18 snapper, of which 11 were over 40cm. The catch limit is 10 snapper per person, of which only 3 can be over 40cm.

Officers seized the man's 6.8m fibreglass boat on the spot, along with all of the fish and his rods. He will be charged on summons.

Anglers are encouraged to take only what they need and check snapper catch limits before they leave home ([check them out here](#)).

If you see or suspect illegal fishing, call 13FISH (133474) anytime to speak directly to a Fisheries Officer. You can remain anonymous.

- Victorian Fisheries Authority

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

Wine Glasses (pair) \$20

Neck warmer \$15

Cap \$25

Hats \$25

Pom Pom Beanie \$25



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.

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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.

Thursday Happy Hours 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 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.

Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. EVERY Saturday night (except when closed early for functions)

If there are no bookings or demand, the venue will close at 7 p.m.

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.

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