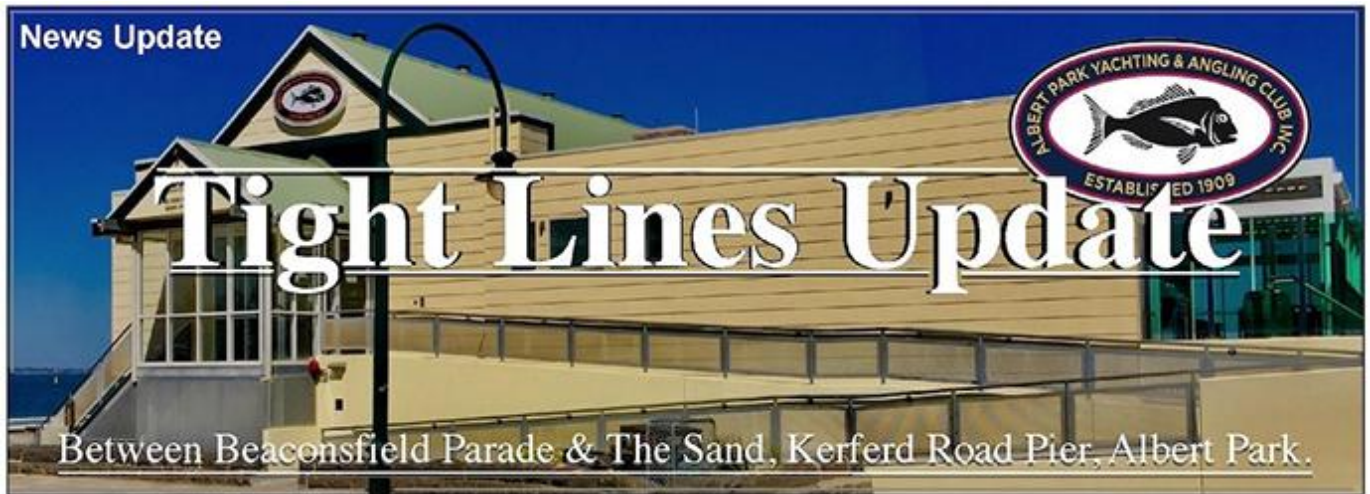


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Wednesday 13th November - Tuesday 26th November 2024

Super Spring!

What a fantastic week! We've had so much fun and excitement with both Melbourne Cup extravaganza and Oaks Day.

Breaking news.

We're excited to announce that **Scotchman's Hill** will be hosting a wine tasting for members tomorrow, Thursday the 14th, from 6 - 8 p.m.

Martin Kelliher from Scotchman's Hill will guide you through a selection of fantastic wines, and you'll have the opportunity to place orders on the night at exclusive, incentive rates. Plus, all orders will be delivered well before Christmas, perfect for stocking-up for the season, or finding gifts for friends and family.

Why not make a night of it? Book in for dinner, or just swing by for a taste.

Cheers to a fun evening of fine wines and great company!

Club Etiquette

Welcome to all our new Members, here's a tip on 'Club Etiquette'.

- When you are finished please clear your table.
- Plates to the kitchen, glasses and bottles to the bar, and rubbish in the bins.

Keeping costs down keeps your membership levy down.

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.

This Thursday (14th November) check out the **Scotchman's Hill Wine Tasting** 6 - 8 p.m.



The sea breeze dies off when the sea and land temperatures equalise, then, ten minutes after sunset the sky momentarily blazes.

Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool is \$1,100 for the 15th 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: *Maj Plemenitas and Reyna Futschik*.

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.

Saturday Night Dining

23rd November

Ian Banks Afternoon Session

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

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!



Ian will be playing a Saturday afternoon session 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. and a happy hour session 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., finishing earlier if no bookings.

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.

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



Fishing Charter - Sunday 1st December

Ron Amy Pot of Gold Competition Mixed Fishing Charter

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

Cost: \$75

Get on board by [Clicking HERE](#).

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

Members only, no guests or waitlist members.

Boat leaves St Kilda Marina at 5:00 a.m. sharp.

Wait at the wooden benches midway next to the Marina for roll call - we board together.

Only 15 spots / Breakfast BBQ / (Dietary requirements cannot be catered for) / Plenty of undercover seating on-board / BYO drinks including alcohol / no eskies / two staff (they will assist anyone who has not fished before)

with bait etc.) / Bait and rods supplied / Toilet on board / Check weather / Dress appropriately / 3 prizes will be awarded on the day / Brag mats onboard / Check SMS updates before you leave home.

Victorian Fishing Licenses required - 18-70 years of age (unless you have a Senior's Card).

Buy yours by Clicking [HERE](#).

Queries? Contact Olga Harradine

Able Fishing Charters "Bacardi" - St Kilda Marina,
42B Marine Parade, St Kilda VIC 3182

Children's Christmas Party

7th December

Captain Santa and His Elf are making a special visit to the Club!

Our Favourite clown, Andy from *Andy's Antics*, is back with fun and laughter for the kids!

Details:

- Date: Saturday, 7th December 2024
- Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Price: \$25 per child (under 12)
- Includes: Entertainment and lunch, Fish & Chips, Icy Pole, and Soft Drink



Special Gift Reminder

Parents, please bring a wrapped, labelled gift (valued at \$10-20) for each child. Captain Santa will personally hand out the gifts!

Lunch Option

If you'd like to stay and enjoy lunch after the party, remember to book a table in advance!

Book Now by Clicking [HERE](#).

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Duo of dips with Pita \$15

Yellowfin tuna crostini with cime di rapa, goat curd, chilli and lemon \$22

Rigatoni with sautéed tomato, onion, garlic, Napoli, cream, basil and parmesan \$25

T-Bone Angus 350g with Celeriac remoulade, butter beans and red wine jus \$48

BOOKINGS: call 9690 5530 or **Click [HERE](#) to make a booking.**

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

President's Report

The Club Is Buzzing: From Cup Day Glory to Exciting New Milestones!

It's been non-stop at the club since the last Tight Lines edition - and what an unforgettable stretch it's been! From thrilling fishing competitions to the high-fashion Cup Day event, and even groundbreaking environmental projects, the action has been nothing short of electric. Let's dive into some of the standout moments.

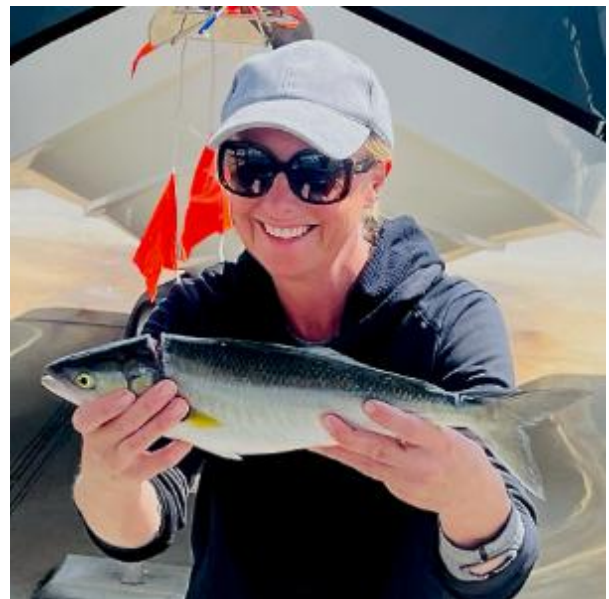
Max Coningsby Cup: A Tribute to a True Fishing Legend

We kicked off Cup Day weekend with the much-anticipated **Max Coningsby Cup** - an event that's close to the hearts of every APYAC member. For those who don't know, Max was a larger-than-life figure, remembered by his best mate, **W.F "Pat" Lewton O.A.M.**, as a man of unmatched ideals, forever passionate about advancing the cause of all fishermen. His dream? To see a world where every fisher could thrive. How proud he would have been to see so many dedicated anglers out there competing in his honour. The level of enthusiasm and sportsmanship was incredible! Huge thanks to the Angling Team for pulling off a seamless event.

I'm sure Max would also be thrilled to see **three APYAC representatives** now sitting on the VRFish board - a game-changing development for the future of recreational fishing in Victoria. Check out the VRFish board [HERE](#).

Cup Day Extravaganza: A Day to Remember

As the fishing frenzy wrapped up, it was time to switch gears and dress to impress for the **Melbourne Cup Day** festivities, and wow, what a day it was! Thanks to **Elise** and our incredible team, including volunteer decoration dynamo **Robyn Monte**, the **Ascot Catering** team for the mouthwatering lunch, and of course, the ever-entertaining duo, **James Nixon** and **John Spragg**, who kept the energy high all day long. Members have



been raving about this being the best Cup Day event the club has ever hosted - and I couldn't agree more. The atmosphere, the fashion, the fun - it was all absolutely electric.

Kayakers 1 Shellfish Modules: Making Waves in Conservation

But we didn't stop there! Last Thursday, the Club took a massive step forward in environmental conservation with the delivery of the Kayakers 1 Shellfish modules. Hats off to **Bob Pearce**, who once again led the charge and coordinated the placement of these critical modules in the bay with the Shellfish team. This initiative is part of a game-changing project aimed at restoring our Bays' ecosystems.

At our November monthly meeting, we were also treated to an exciting update from **Ben Cleveland**, who gave us the inside scoop on the progress of **Kayakers 2** - the next phase of this transformative environmental effort. It's all happening, and it's a huge win for both our community and the local marine environment.

Oaks Day Lunch: Another Sold-Out Success!

And as if we didn't have enough to celebrate, Thursday brought us yet another action-packed event: the **Spring Racing Oaks Day Lunch**, which sold out faster than you can say 'horsepower!' The atmosphere was buzzing, the food exquisite, and the company was even better. It's clear that members love the action-packed event schedule, and we can't wait to keep the momentum going.

What's Next?

From fishing tournaments to Melbourne Cup glamour and environmental progress, the club has been firing on all cylinders. Stay tuned - there's more excitement on the horizon. As always, we're grateful to every member who's been part of these unforgettable events. Here's to even more action, achievement, and community spirit in the months ahead.

Keep an eye on Tight Lines for the latest updates - and don't miss out on the next round of thrills!

Cheers, and see you at the club,

Lee Spyrou

President.

New Member Inductions

Meet and greet session to discover other new members and learn the tricks of the Club. Door access cards will be available. The final session for the year will be **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

Check out the podcast archive:

Bev Pinder & Lee Spyrou (88.3 FM).

Gavin McGrath & Lee Spyrou (ABC Radio).

James Nixon with Guests:

Phil Langdon,

Chris Lockhart,

Mick Sass, and

*New Committee members, **Stuart Cousins, Barry Hayes and Chris Herbert.***

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

Boathouse.

With the weather getting better and big snapper on the bite, it is great to see so many people out on the water. We have had many first-timers seeking boat and kayak inductions recently, taking advantage of the Club's hire vessels. Where else can you spend a day on the water for \$50, including petrol and fish-finder?

Our final kayak and boat induction for 2024 will be held on Saturday December 14th. Please contact **Ian Sekac** (i.sekac@bigpond.com) if you wish to attend this session. Whilst on the subject of hire boats, the Boathouse Report would not be complete without acknowledging the tireless efforts of Ian and the enthusiastic volunteers that turn up each Tuesday and Wednesday morning. The work they do, including refuelling and checking the safety equipment on hire boats, continuously improves the Boathouse facilities and assets and is a benefit to all vessel users at the club.

A reminder that all persons aboard a vessel of 4.8 metres or less in length, must wear a life jacket at all times. This means donning the lifejacket correctly and fastening all buckles and clips, before stepping into your boat. Water Police place particular emphasis on safety, and failure to properly wear a lifejacket will likely incur a fine. I can confirm from experience (a visit to WatPol) that the camera at Water Police HQ in Williamstown can clearly identify vessels exiting St Kilda Marina, so the area around APYAC is well within their sights.

Finally, old equipment in the Boathouse is gradually being upgraded. The compressed air hose in the centre aisle has been replaced. The auto-retracting reel for the hose on the electric crane in the centre aisle is about to be replaced. In the meantime, please take particular care when using this, as it can foul on boats on the upper storage spots.

After the conclusion of the angling season, the electric crane in the centre aisle will be serviced, and that in the west aisle replaced.

Stay safe,

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**

Angling.

Pic: The latest scoreboard.

The **Ron Amy Pot of Gold Snapper Comp.** runs from 12.01 a.m. Saturday 30th and closes off 12 noon Sunday 1st of December. Double points for Snapper above 43 cm.

Snapper season has arrived in force, there were some great catches the last couple of weeks. There are plenty of our members doing well. Weather has been kind and the fish plentiful. As predicted by Victorian Fisheries it looks to be a bumper season.

The charter that was fully booked for 2nd of November had to be cancelled due to a failed propellor shaft on the charter boat. That has been fixed so keep the Olga's Mixed Charter in mind. Thanks Olga.

Our scoring system is 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). Chantal doing a great job posting the leader board in Tight Lines and updating the Roland Nicholls Board in the club, a big thank you Chantal.

LONGEST FISH		LENGTH	
SNAPPER	IN	R. POPE	75
	OPEN	M SASS	90
FLATHEAD	IN	R. RAFFA	41
	OPEN	BARB GRIFFEN	45
SHARK	IN	JOHN CALI	95
	OPEN	OLGA HARRADINE	101
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
JNR SALMON	IN		
	OPEN	Andre Cartel	41
JNR FLATHEAD	IN	Will Osborne	44
	OPEN		

We are looking at a "learn to fly fish" trip to Noojee with Victorian Fly Fishers Association and Hurley's Fly Fishing. It is for beginners or anyone who wants a few pointers on fly casting. We spend a couple of hours learning to cast on the grass and once you can cast a fly we move to a stocked lake and there is a very good change of landing a fish. It is a catch and release lake. All ages welcome just must be able to move a fly rod (just under 3 mts long). All gear supplied, very experienced tutors, trout can be bought fresh or smoked at the facility, there are fishing ponds where you can catch and pay by weight any fish caught, rods and bait supplied and a barbeque area. Family and pet friendly, make a day of it. Whether it happened depends on interest, email me at johnrs3175@outlook.com. I am happy to take 4 people in my car if it happens. \$99 for teaching you to cast flys then probably catch a trout and release it. Another form of angling when the snapper have breeding on their minds.

The weather has been kind to boaters or anglers. The Bay water temperature is good (17C). 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. Fish are being caught in the shipping channels, moor outside all exclusion zones and cast into the channels. Make sure you are out of any shipping exclusion zone or it can get very expensive. 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 watch the weather!

Monthly winners for October were

- Longest Fish **Mick Sass**
- Mystery Length **Richard Muscat**
- Junior Prize **Tristan Sass**

"The two best times to fish is when it's raining and when it ain't" - Patrick F. McManus

John Spragg

P.S. Thanks **Chantal Meehan** for the Scoreboards.

The Max Coningsby Snapper Competition Results

	1ST PRIZE \$200	2ND PRIZE \$150	3RD PRIZE \$100
Longest Snapper Male Angler (OPEN)	Mick Sass 90cm	Tony Spinelli 70cm	John Spragg / Mark Mercieca 50cm
Longest Snapper Female Angler	Heidi Osborne 58cm	N/A	N/A
Longest Bag Male Angler	Harry Tsoumbakos 576cm	Rob Raffa 273cm	Alex Spyrou 172cm
Longest Bag Female Angler	Lee Spyrou 152cm	N/A	N/A
Longest Snapper In-House	Robert Pope 75cm	Anthony Osborne 74cm	Jake Smith 70cm
Kids Awards \$50	William Pope 70cm Snapper	Will Osborne 44cm Flathead	
Encouragement Awards \$50	Barb Griffen 45cm Flathead	Olga Harradine 101cm Gummy	

The Roland Nicholls Scoreboard

MONTH	TOTAL	OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
SEPTEMBER	11	Mick Sass	12	105.5	Harry Tsoumbakos	18	168.3
OCTOBER	52	Michael Briffa	16	88.0	Rob Raffa	5	59.9
NOVEMBER		Alex Spyrou	8	64.0	John Cali	5	45.1
DECEMBER		Tony Spinelli	6	56.1	Jake Smith	3	32.6
JANUARY		Lee Spyrou	7	53.7	Robert Pope	2	28.0
FEBRUARY		Richard Muscat	6	39.8	Anthony Osborne	1	14.8
MARCH		Mark Mercieca	2	14.3	Eddy Bernobich	1	10.4
APRIL		John Spragg	1	10.0			
MAY		Bob Snell	1	6.9			
		Jack Mercieca	1	6.5			
		Alex Cartel	1	6.0			
		Alex Gillon	1	5.5			
		Tristan Sass	2	9.8	William Pope	1	14
		Andre Cartel	3	9.5	Heidi Osborne	1	11.6

APYAC CALENDAR 2024

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 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.



Heidi Osborne - 1st Prize Female Angler



Heidi's 58 cm snapper



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.



Message deleted. No new messages.

25 May, 1988: *'Discussion on the Club purchasing a telephone answering machine as a means of 'signing-on' for Club competitions'*

Even the fact that the full Committee would be discussing the purchase of an answering machine is a little jarring in 2024. Nowadays, this is 'old' technology, right there with cassette tapes and VCRs. Now we have registering online, credit card for buying dinner or drinks at the bar, after having signed-in online to make your booking, and swiped your membership card for entry, making the 1988 discussion sound quaint by comparison. Time and technology march on. Interesting to think about how the Club will be handling these matters in 2060 --36 years from now.

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.

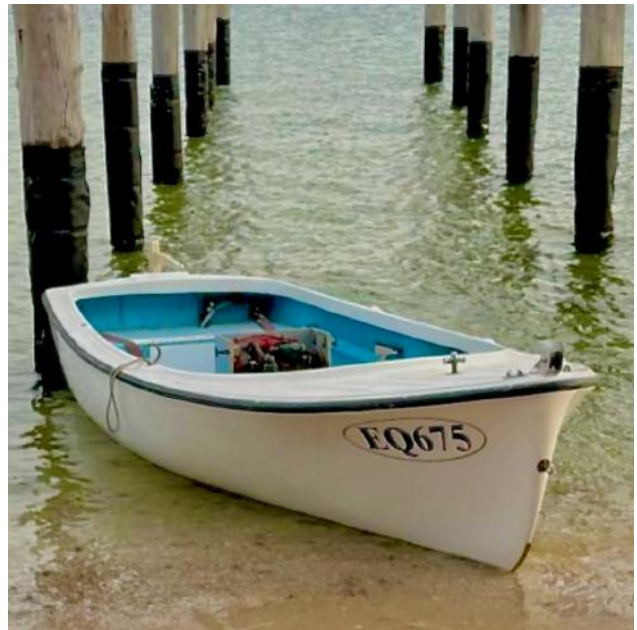
All in great working order.

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

Shellfish Reef Restoration.

Work has begun on Kayakers Reef, about 800 metres from Kerferd Road Pier, the moment captured by Rob Lorenzo as the first of the fish towers descended to their final position.

At our last General Meeting we heard Ben Cleveland tell us about the 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](#).

Catch the latest news from Fisheries

As we reach closer to the end of the year, there's no rest for the VFA! There's stacks to tell you about... We're super excited for our free **Murray Cod** conference event next weekend in Shepparton. We've got a huge lineup of experts sharing their tips and tricks for catching the mighty Murray cod and so much more! Seats are filling up fast, though, so get registered for a spot ASAP! Speaking of Murray cod...our Rocklands Metery competition is still around, as no one has caught the elusive metre-long cod out of Rocklands Reservoir yet. So, what are you waiting for? Head to Rocklands for your chance to win \$1,000 tackle voucher!

The abalone season in central waters kicks off this Saturday, 16 November, so if you're heading into the water make sure you know all the information beforehand, which you can read all about below.

Our **Better Boating** team is busy ticking off projects and working through more, with Torquay Fisherman's boat ramp car park upgrade complete, as well as dredging at Tootgarook boat ramp also done. Echuca's Victoria Park boat ramp is also looking great, with upgrades coming along smoothly.

Our **science team** is out and about conducting King George whiting surveys in Port Phillip, which helps us determine the future of our whiting stocks! There's a cool video you can watch below and you can see what else they found! There's also interesting information coming out of some trout cod we tagged in February from the Upper Goulburn River. It doesn't end there, we're excited about developing a breeding program for our native river blackfish! We'll be working with the Arthur Rylah Institute through our Conservation Hatchery on preserving this treasured species. There's plenty more information below on all of this and more, so enjoy your read of the November edition of Nibbles Newsletter! **Check it out by Clicking [HERE](#).**

Tight lines!

Travis Dowling, CEO.





You're invited

We invite you to hear what **The Nature Conservancy Australia** (TNC) has planned for ongoing marine restoration in Port Phillip. Our panel of conservation experts from TNC's Seascapes team will provide an update on the exciting projects happening in Port Phillip, including:

The past decade of vital marine restoration work

The upcoming shellfish reef restoration project in partnership with the Port of Melbourne - a world-first attempt at remediating dredge spoil grounds by creating new habitat and returning a lost ecosystem type to the area!

The planting of hundreds of thousands of baby kelp into urchin barrens - this is a first-of-its-kind project in

Victoria that is already seeing huge success

Join us to hear what's happening underwater and to have your questions answered!

Admission is free and light refreshments and nibbles will be provided.

WHEN

Thursday 21st November 2024

5.45 to 7.30 p.m., arrival from 5.30 p.m.

WHERE

60L Green Building (Ground Floor Meeting Rooms), 60 Leicester Street, Carlton VIC 3053

REGISTER by clicking [HERE](#)

Please register your attendance via Eventbrite by Friday 15th November 2024

For any questions, please reach out to TNC Australia's Events Team: events.aus@tnc.org

Sprung (again)!

ABALONE THIEVES COLLECT THOUSANDS IN FINES

The Lorne community is being praised by Fisheries Officers after information from the public led to the apprehension of 11 illegal fishers from two separate groups near Cathedral Rocks.

Victorian Fisheries Authority CEO **Travis Dowling** said calls from community members through the 13FISH (133474) reporting line helped officers plan a patrol at the popular location east of Lorne last week.

"Our Apollo Bay-based officers received reports of multiple groups of fishers allegedly collecting several species of shellfish, molluscs and crabs from the intertidal zone and during the abalone closed season for central Victorian waters," he said.

"Officers first encountered a group of seven people in possession of more than 100 abalone, including 24 that were undersize, 92 red shore crabs and approximately 15 litres of mixed molluscs. They had also allegedly used an incorrect tool to remove the abalone.

"The second group, comprising of four people, was intercepted with 193 red shore crabs (bag limit 30 per person), 24 abalone (14 undersize) and half a litre of molluscs.



"Individuals from both groups will face fines of up to \$2,174 each for offences including taking abalone during the closed season, exceeding the abalone bag limit, taking molluscs from the intertidal zone, and exceeding the bag limit for red shore crabs.

"We say a big thanks to those eagle-eyed residents who had been in touch with our Fisheries Officers for playing a vital role in looking after our fisheries."

Cathedral Rocks is within the Central Victorian Waters abalone zone, which opens on most weekends and public holidays from November 16 to April 30 every year.

Apollo Bay-based Supervising Fisheries Officer **Scott Hanger** said it was a timely reminder about the importance of 13FISH callers ahead of the region's busiest time of year.

"We're approaching peak season in areas like Lorne with snapper being caught off the rocks, Central Victorian abalone waters opening soon, and rock lobster season

beginning on November 16, so the more eyes we have out there the better," he said.

"We encourage anyone who sees or suspects illegal fishing to ring 13FISH to speak directly to a Fisheries Officer. Callers can remain anonymous."

For more information on the upcoming abalone season in Central Victorian waters, rock lobster season, intertidal zone rules, and size and bag limits for all species, fishers can download the FREE VicFishing app or head to www.vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide

- 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.

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.

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.

Wednesday 13th November - Tuesday 26th November 2024

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