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Wednesday 27th November - Tuesday 10th December 2024

Silly Season is here!

Have you had a chance to try the new menu yet? It's an absolute ripper! **Chris** has been doing a fantastic job, actively listening to feedback and making adjustments. We've seen price reductions, beautiful seafood dishes, and desserts that are simply off the charts with the addition of a *Citrus Sorbet* and *Pavlova Yum*. Be sure to check it out soon!

As we head into the busy season, a quick reminder: table hopping and chair stealing can lead to an unpleasant experience for members who have made bookings. While we always welcome walk-ins, please remember that it doesn't guarantee a seat. So plan ahead and book your table.

With the warmer weather upon us, let's keep it cool and comfortable-but don't forget, shoes are a must! Please ensure you and your guests, especially the little ones, wear appropriate footwear when visiting the Club.

FUNCTIONS

Here at APYAC we all love a great function. We proudly host events exclusively for our members, so if you're thinking about organising a private function, we'd love to hear from you. Let us know your plans, and we'll do our best to find a spot on the calendar for you.

Speaking of functions, please note that the Club will be hosting a private event on **Saturday, 30th November**. We'll be closing at **3:30 p.m.**, with last drinks served at 3 o'clock.

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.



After about eight months away **Shadow** is back! He loves mooching around the gantry, and sneaking up on swimmers.

Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool is \$1,300 for the 29th 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: *Eileen Rillie, Marlene McPherson, and Augustin Chevez.*

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.

Pot Of Gold BBQ Lunch - Sunday 1st December.

The annual **Pot Of Gold Snapper Competition** will be held over 36 hours this weekend, Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st November. (If you want to have a go, scroll down to Angling)

Snapper need to be entered into the Competition no later than midday on Sunday; and prizes will be awarded at the BBQ Lunch. Please RSVP no later than Friday, as we need catering numbers for the lunch. Just **click here to add your name**.

General Meeting - Wednesday 4th December.

Wednesday 4th December 7 p.m.

Minutes of previous General Meeting already on the Noticeboard.

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

Speaker: **Dr. Simon Conron**, Leading Scientist, Victorian Fisheries Authority, will be talking about Snapper and the lengths they go to in order to ensure sustainability of wild catch recreational fisheries.

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

All are welcome.

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) - adults free!
- 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**.

Saturday Night Dining - 7th December

Saturday 7th December

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.

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



Ladies Fishing Charter - Sunday 8th December

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 - Ladies only. We will open to mixed if numbers not reached / Breakfast BBQ - (Dietary requirements cannot be catered for) / 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 incl. headwear / 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

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Saffron and cheese arancini with rose sauce \$14

Rigatoni with creamy pesto, spinach, and grand Padano \$26

Australian salmon fish cakes with sour cream and smoked salmon \$28

Surf and turf, porterhouse, prawn, Paris mash, beans, hollandaise sauce \$49

Check out the new menu [HERE](#).

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.



INSIEME
PINOT GRIGIO

An ideal accompaniment for light appetizers, fish, and seafood!

WINE OF THE MONTH!

Insieme Pinot Grigio is from Veneto. Raised without oak and classic in style, this is a more fruit driven expression than the Alto Adige wines of Italy's north. Pear and green melon fruit with moreish juiciness and a zesty mineral undertone.

Golden-grey colour, fruity, full and persistent taste, this wine is excellent as an aperitif or paired with appetizers and fish.

\$34 Per bottle

10% Sunday / 15% Public Holiday Surcharge Applies

Wine of the Month

Now on the permanent list due to popular demand.

President's Report

Murray CODference calls for action to address carp problem

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), together with VRFish and with the help of 1 million Victorian recreational anglers are launching **Carpe Diem** (seize the day) - to save our native fish and reduce carp numbers.

Last Saturday week at Shepparton, John Spragg and I joined around 250 recreational anglers at the VFA's 'Murray CODference' to learn more about, and celebrate, native fish.

It included presentations by expert anglers, scientists, and fishery managers who shared their experiences and discussed how we can support the recovery of native fisheries.

We heard that carp populations are at record highs. They are up to 30 times higher than previously recorded - enough to fill the MCG 3.5 times over- meaning that carp represent 90% of our fish biomass.

Without intervention, our waterways and dozens of threatened native fisheries are at risk.



In the feedback session, we heard about the need to do more to manage carp populations, and unanimous support for VFA's plans to undertake a controlled field trial of the carp virus.

The National Carp Control Plan has undertaken a decade of research on the virus, yet there is still uncertainty about when a final decision will be made to release it, and begin the cull.

Recreational anglers see the impact of carp firsthand, and our advocacy for better carp management can make a difference.

CARP VIRUS MYTHBUSTING

IT WON'T:

- infect other species (fish, birds, people etc),
- kill all carp, turn the water black, or starve our native fish, or
- result in native fish kills.

IT WILL:

- restore fish habitat, aquatic plants and water quality,
- recover threatened native fish, and
- improve recreational fishing

More information about the VFA's plans for the Carp Trial can be found at [by clicking here](#).

To subscribe to the VFA's month ***Carpe Diem*** newsletter, please [click on this link](#).

Follow and join the swell of support for the release of the Carp Virus at : **#carpediem #carp #joinus #seizetheday**

For those interested in writing to the Federal Government, (which I have done), please find my letter ([by clicking here](#)), that you may find useful. I encourage our members to draw inspiration for this letter, but use your own words to convey your feelings on this topic. As the largest fishing club in Australia, our combined voice makes a difference.

We will also have a petition sheet at the club which will be forwarded to the relevant parties.

The responsible Federal Government contacts are: **Julie Collins**, Federal Fisheries Minister, Julie.collins.mp@aph.gov.au and **Johnathon Duniam**, Shadow Federal Fisheries Minister, Senator.Duniam@aph.gov.au

Please send your email regarding the support of the Carp virus release to both, it would also be fantastic if you could please copy in: president@apyac.org.au so that we are all on the same page.

Regards,

Lee Spyrou

President.



Volunteers

With 2025 just around the corner, our **Friday Night Raffle & Door Volunteer Roster** has been updated and is ready for vacant positions to be filled. A fun way to meet and interact with Members while assisting the Club - a win/win result. [Click the link to the Volunteer Roster here](#).

Notice of Resolution.

Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club Inc.

Date: 25 November 2024

To: Members of the Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club

Subject: Notice of Proposed Resolution to Replace the Current Club Auditors

Dear Members,

In accordance with the Club's rules and requirements, this notice is provided two months in advance of the upcoming General Meeting of Members, scheduled for 5 February 2025.

At this meeting, the following resolution will be proposed for consideration by the membership:

Proposed Resolution:

"That the current auditors, Balance Corp, be replaced forthwith."

We acknowledge the contribution of Balance Corp during their tenure and will provide further details regarding this proposal at the General Meeting on 5 February.

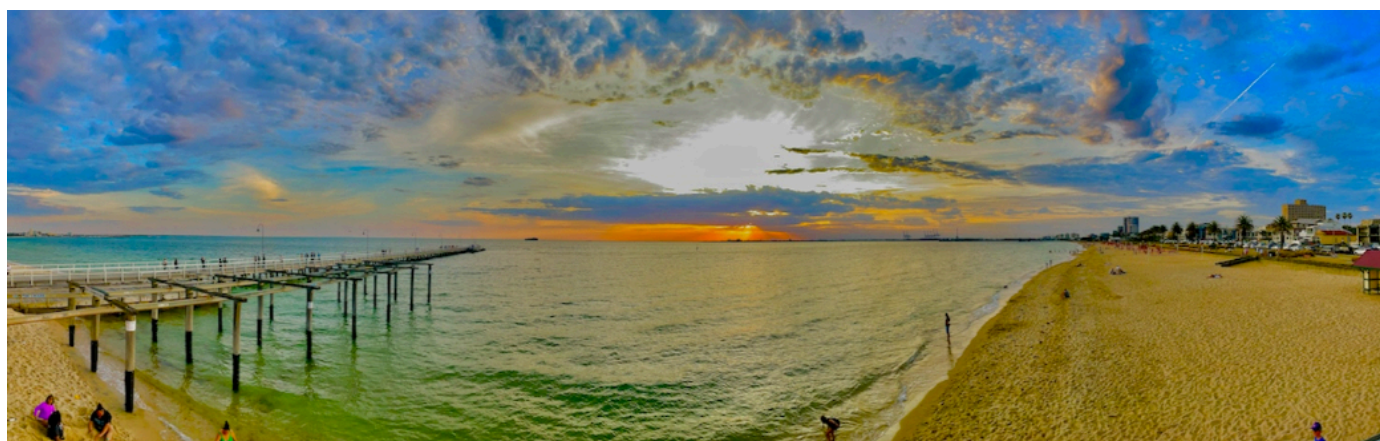
If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Club Secretary at **secretary @ apyac.org.au**

Yours Faithfully,

James Nixon

Secretary

Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club



The Sun sets on the first scorcher of the season, and our innocence, (see article below).

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.](#)

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.

Boathouse.

Many thanks to **Barry H.** for sourcing the beautiful piece of Silver Ash, the Boathouse volunteers for preparing it, and finally to **Alex S** and **Mick Silvestro** for installing it upstairs in the barbecue area. It looks fabulous and I'm sure it will get a thorough workout this summer!

Thanks also to **Phil T** for closing the gap in the upstairs kitchen, and **Mick Sass** who installed drainage under the ceiling water leak area adjacent to the workshop.

Congratulations to **Bruce B** and **Chris H** on obtaining their licence to drive the Terex skid steer loader downstairs. It is great to have more volunteers with such skills, because with the unpredictability of the weather, when the concrete apron needs clearing, there is usually a sense of urgency.



It is wonderful to see the fruits of the labour performed behind the scenes by our fabulous team of volunteers. They will christen the new Weber Q BBQ with a boathouse breakfast next Wednesday, the 4th of December

Equipment

For those using the boathouse, please take care of club equipment, and leave it neat and clean when finished. There have recently been occasions where the air hose has been left lying in the sand down to the water line.

Maintenance is costly and taking equipment offline to repair will prevent you getting onto the water. Having such an amazing boathouse is an absolute privilege and not something that should be taken for granted.

Finally, a reminder that 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.

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**

Club 100 Offer

A few years ago 100 Members purchased ten year memberships which helped pay down the Club's debt. As a result the Club is debt-free.

Called '**Club 100**' they received embroidered caps with their unique number, and special offers from some of our suppliers.

Scotchman Hill offers them 30% off, and free delivery on purchases of \$150. Just the treat for Christmas holidays.

Thanks to each one of you for standing-up and helping the Club when requested.

Club 100 Members should contact the office to take advantage of the offer.



Angling.

Pic: The latest scoreboard.

Snapper have been a little harder to find over the past week -there have been some good catches- but they certainly have slowed down. Let us hope they stop playing mummy and daddy before the Pot of Gold.

The annual **Ron Amy Pot of Gold Snapper Competition** runs from 12.01a.m. Saturday 30th and closes off 12 noon Sunday 1st of December. 36 hours of angling fun!

You get double points for Snapper above 43 cm.

Olga's Charter, on the Sunday morning, is almost fully booked and may be by the time this goes to print. See if you can grab a spot by clicking here.

Fish photos on a brag mat must arrive at **apyacanglers@gmail.com** before 12 noon on Sunday 1st December to qualify for Pot of Gold. Prizes will be handed out at the barbecue at the Club. You must be there to get your prize.

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 87cm fish 8.7 points and so on (the points get doubled during Pot of Gold).

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 where abouts, on the Whats App. APYAC measure in and fishing comps, (the original Whats App Fishing Comp site).

Chantal Meehan is doing a great job posting the leaderboard in Tight Lines and updating the Roland Nicholls Board in the club, a big thank you Chantal.

Anglers who buy bait from the club, please fill out the docket fully and write your name clearly, we also have a number of anglers who do not circle how the bait is being paid. We received \$71 in cash, and only one angler circled cash payment for \$10. Our crystal ball is cloudy, and we cannot read hieroglyphics.

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 where there is a very good chance of landing a fish. It is a catch-and-release lake. All ages are welcome, just must be able to move a fly rod (just under 3 mts long). All gear is 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 happens depends on interest, email me at **johnrs3175@outlook.com**. I am happy to take four people in my car if it happens. \$99 for teaching you to cast flies, 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 (19.7C top end of the bay 18.2C Mid Bay). There have been a lot of boats around Altona and Williamstown. Try the area around Blue Light and the back of Williamstown Footy Ground. Lots of boats have been fishing 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 there have been some extreme fronts with strong winds the last few weeks, normal for summer, just take care!

The old adage about giving a man a fish versus teaching him how to fish has been updated. Give a man a fish and he will ask for tartar sauce and chips. Moreover, some politician who wants his vote will declare all these things are his 'basic rights' - Thomas Sowell.

John Spragg

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	JAKE SMITH	76
	OPEN	MICHAEL SASS	90
FLATHEAD	IN	ROB RAFFA	41
	OPEN	BARB GRIFFEN	45
SHARK	IN	JOHN CALI	95
	OPEN	GRANT AHEARN	105
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	OLIVIER AVIAN	66
	OPEN		
MULLOWAY	IN		
	OPEN		
SALMON	IN		
	OPEN	Lee Spyrou	46
JNR SALMON	IN		
	OPEN	Andre Cartel	41
JNR FLATHEAD	IN	Will Osborne	44
	OPEN		

The Roland Nicholls Scoreboard

MONTH	TOTAL	OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
SEPTEMBER	11	Michael Briffa	31	186.8	Harry Tsoumbakos	24	204.4
OCTOBER	52	Mick Sass	21	163.1	Rob Raffa	7	70.7
NOVEMBER		Tony Spinelli	17	130.2	John Cali	9	70.1
DECEMBER		Richard Muscat	17	110.1	Jake Smith	8	64.0
JANUARY		Alex Spyrou	11	78.8	Robert Pope	2	28.0
FEBRUARY		Lee Spyrou	10	73.6	Eddy Bernobich	4	27.5
MARCH		Mark Mercieca	4	26.7	Colin McGregor	3	18.1
APRIL		Chantal Meehan	4	22.0	Anthony Osborne	1	14.8
MAY		Jack Mercieca	3	19.2	Neil Tabrah	2	13.5
		Pat Hutchison	3	16.2			
		Barb Griffen	3	14.9			
		Pauline Biffen	2	14.9			
		Grant Ahearn	3	14.3			
		John Spragg	1	10.0			
		Bob Snell	1	6.9			
		Alex Cartel	1	6.0			
		Alex Gillon	1	5.5			
		Tristan Sass	2	9.8	Danny Vitkin	3	16.1
		Andre Cartel	3	9.5	William Pope	1	14
					Heidi Osborne	1	11.6
					Henry Rudd	3	9.3
					Matthew Gowans	1	2.9
TOTAL			138			69	

The Ron Amy Pot Of Gold Snapper Competition.

1. Just catch a Snapper after 00:01 on Saturday morning.

2. Measure your fish on a brag mat.

3. Take a picture and send to to apyacanglers@gmail.com

Longest Snapper \$500 (First prize for longest snapper either in-house or open)

Longest Snapper \$300 (opposite category)

Longest Bag \$250

Junior Angler longest snapper \$200

New Angler Longest Snapper \$200

Mystery Prize \$100

4. All fish to be entered by midday Sunday 1st November on bragmat to apyacanglers@gmail.com

Double points apply

5. Come to the BBQ!



APYAC CALENDAR 2024

Kids Christmas Party. Saturday morning, 7th December.

Saturday Night Dining. 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 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.



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.



The Serious Business of Club Fishing Etiquette

So much of the Club's reporting in its correspondence deals with potential and real breaches of etiquette within the fishing community.

23 January 1967: *'All members to be warned about bringing undersized fish into the Club. Drastic action will be taken to any member caught'* So, no small fry, please!

04 January 1968: *'Complaint by M Masters re: hooks left on the apron in front of the Club'*

Not the first time, nor would it be the last, that left hooks caused problems.

06 March 1974: *'L Wilson reported on theft of a box of hooks.'*

Perhaps he should check the apron at the front of the Club!

21 August 1974: *'S.Dalton donated snapper for disposal by committee for Smoke Night'*

Smoked snapper on the menu.

21 July 1976: *'Preston Fish Protection Society invitation to Annual Smoke Night'*

An Angler's Club and the fish protection group would not seem to be natural allies. They may have smoked a peace pipe.

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.

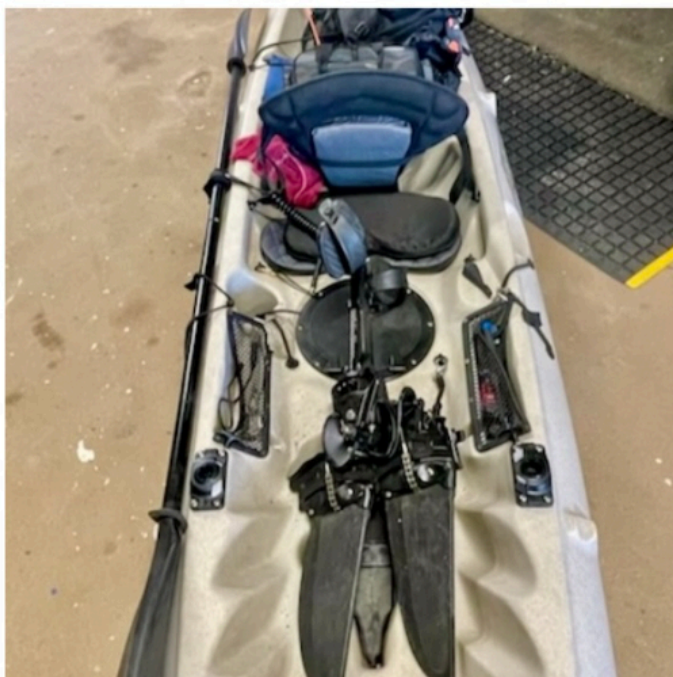
Owned / work carried-out by a Shipwright.

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.

"They're in the water! We've partnered with the Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club to deploy 44 fish towers about 800m off Kerferd Road Pier.

The aim? To create more habitat for fish like snapper and calamari.

It's a terrific grass-roots project funded 50:50 by the club and your recreational fishing licence fees. Next month, more habitat structures will be added in the form of 90 custom-made triangles, which will be seeded with native Angasi oysters to help restore lost shellfish reefs.

To be known as *Kayakers' Reef*, the array of habitats will provide growing numbers of kayak and small boat anglers with better fishing in the bay, which has been net-free since 2022.

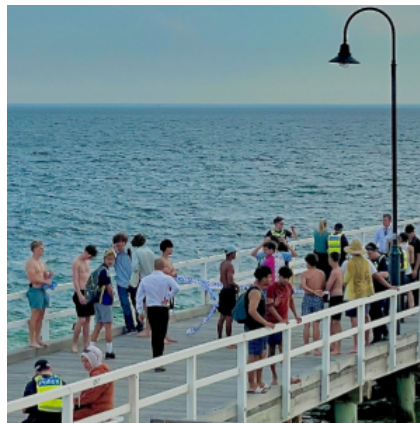
When it's all done, GPS coordinates for Kayakers' Reef will be made publicly available."

- Victorian Fisheries Authority.

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**.



Our precious pier.

The first hot day of Summer, well late Spring anyway, the crowded Pier where hundreds of kids from the local school spent the afternoon jumping into shallow water. After two p.m. the tide started to come back in, and somehow we escaped the tragedy of a school kid becoming a paraplegic.

But it will happen one day. It's low tide every twelve hours.

Five boys -or men- walk onto the pier and approach their victim.

Minutes later, no, it's actually seconds; they are running back down the pier, the last one carrying the machete.

Four minutes later, the place is swarming with Ambulance and Police. How did they get here so fast? It's 5:30 on a Friday evening, daylight saving time, but the Sun knows it's really 4:30 p.m. and still damn hot.

Their bloodied victim is stabilised and taken away.

It doesn't make the News that night on the TV -that's fair enough, it's only half an hour until they go to air- but not even in the Radio reports that, until 11 pm, lament every hour about somebody attacked in the south-western suburbs of Sydney.

No one mentions our precious Kerferd Road Pier.

Next morning, The Age and The Australian newspapers carry nothing about it. It's not even on the VicPol news site.

Turns out, it happens so often that nobody cares anymore. But it's a first for us, and we don't like it.

James Nixon.

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 27th November - Tuesday 10th December 2024

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