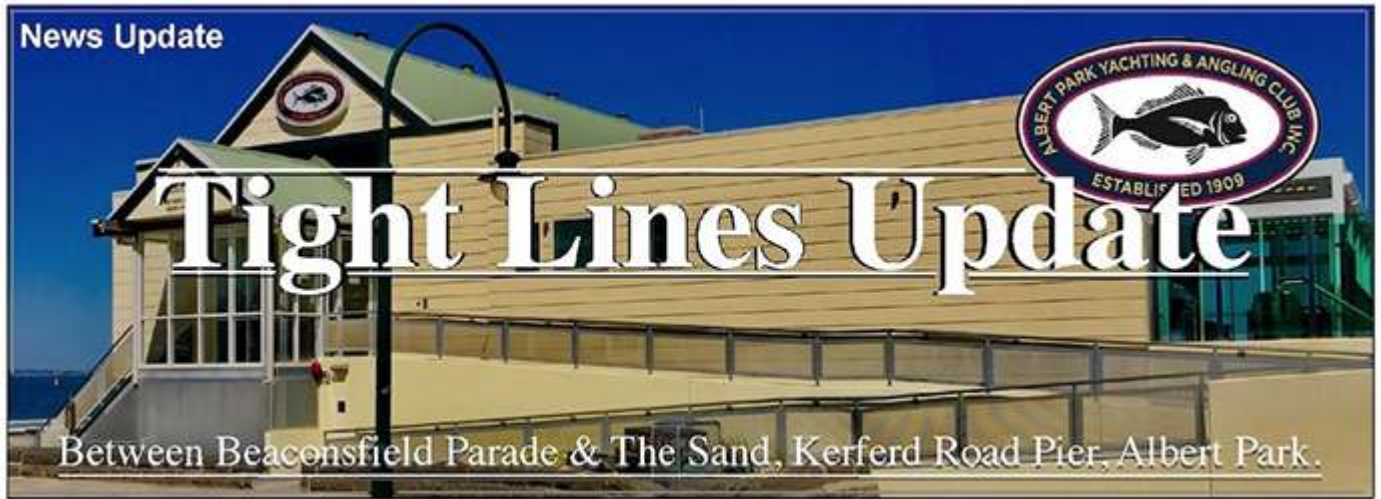


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Wednesday 15th January - Tuesday 28th January 2025

Happy New Year!

As we turn the page to another exciting year, we are delighted to welcome you back to APYAC. We hope your holidays were filled with joy, relaxation, and cherished moments with loved ones.

This year, we look forward to continuing to provide you with a welcoming space to relax, connect, and create unforgettable memories. As always, our focus remains on ensuring your experience as a member is exceptional, with plenty to look forward to in the months ahead.

- **Exclusive Events and Activities:** Stay tuned & review our calendar filled with members-only events. This can be found on our website and App!
- **Enhanced Club Amenities:** We're continuously working to enhance your experience, from improved facilities to exciting updates on offerings and services.
- **Saturday Night Openings:** Make the most of our Saturday nights at the club, perfect for unwinding and enjoying all APYAC has to offer. Book Now [by clicking here.](#)

Thank you for being an essential part of the APYAC family. Your support and involvement are what make our Club so special, and we're excited to make this year one of our best yet.

I can report that Christopher Iosifidis just won Staff Member of The Quarter. Congratulate him next time you see him at front door reception, or when ordering your meals.

See you at the Club!

Elise Thomas
Manager.



Red sky at night, *shepherd's delight*, (tomorrow will be sunny), this was Thursday 9th January before a scorcher.

Happy Hour Thursdays.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

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

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

Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp, and is \$600 for the 17th of January after **Mike Hussey** won \$1,700 the first week back after holidays!

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: *Amanda Jakovac, Lindsay Swinden, and Harry Black.*

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 every week.*

Saturday Night Dining every week, *(unless a function is being held).

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 may close early.

*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)

Bands 7 - 9 p.m.

15th February - **Paul O'Gorman & Gary Hammond** - Beatles and Oz Rock hits.

15th March - **My Girl Friend Sheryl**



Australia Day Clinker Boat Race

Sunday 26th January. 09:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Race starts @ approximately 10 a.m. (High tide 11:18 a.m.)

Register your interest in competing by adding your details to the Google Sheet **by clicking here** or email **captain@apyac.org.au**

After you click the link you will find three spreadsheet tabs (at the bottom), add your details for:

- 1. Captains - register your vessel** and book Egg & Bacon Rolls for your crew.
- 2. Captains willing to take out a crew member**, add the number of seats.
- 3. Crew Member wanting a Captain.**

Deck Dining from 8:45 a.m.

'Fully Loaded' egg and bacon rolls \$14

Competitors.

Order yours (and your crews) on the spreadsheet and they will miraculously appear, via the dumb-waiter, at the start of the Captain's Briefing in the Boathouse.

Spectators.

Available for purchase from the bar, via the window on the deck, along with coffees from 8:45 a.m.

Main Dining

Breakfast

Three styles of Scrambled Eggs: Bacon, Salmon and Vegetarian

Ordered in Langdon Room and served the normal way from 9 - 11 a.m.

Tables may be booked, but must vacate by 11:30 a.m. **NOTE:** If you wish to stay on for lunch you **MUST** also book a lunch table.

Lunch

From 12 noon.

Normal menu applies.

Book online for a table for each session by clicking here.

Lunch bookings are essential

If you wish to stay on for lunch after a breakfast booking, you **MUST** book a lunch table.

Prizes:

Best dressed boat

1st & 2nd Diesel

1st & 2nd Petrol



Peter Cupples Summer Session

Sunday 2nd February

4 - 6 p.m.

*Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of music and fun. Join us this summer as the incredible **Peter Cupples** takes the stage for a special performance that you won't want to miss!*

Bar open till 6:30 p.m. Venue closes at 7 p.m.

Tickets: Only \$15 per head.

Book your seat by clicking here

Gather your friends and enjoy a spectacular afternoon filled with great music, good vibes, and delightful refreshments. Grab your tickets now

and let's make some memories together!

If, after having lunch, you wish to stay after 3:30 p.m. you must book tickets.

Private Functions Policy

At APYAC, we are dedicated to prioritising our members' access and overall experience. With over 2,000 members, and a commitment to ensuring members enjoy our space, our capacity to host private functions is necessarily limited. As we now operate every Saturday night, availability for private events is further restricted.

To balance our offerings, we exclusively host **member-only** private functions. These events require approval from both the Committee and Management, as hosting them involves closing the Club to other members. Consequently, we are selective about the events we accommodate.

Important Information for Function Inquiries

Event Restrictions:

- We do not host 18th birthday parties.
- All inquiries must be submitted via email to **admin @ apyac.org.au** after reviewing the guidelines on our website.

Approval Process:

- A function is only confirmed when Management has provided written approval, and all terms and conditions are met.
- Full terms and conditions will be discussed and agreed on with each inquiry.

Catering and Beverages:

Ascot Catering Solutions is the exclusive provider for all private function catering.

The *APYAC Bar and Functions Menu* is the only option for beverages at private events.

We are here to assist and look forward to helping you create a successful and enjoyable event, while ensuring the needs of all members remain a priority. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Fishing Charter SATURDAY* 8th February 2025

Saturday 8th February

Time: 9:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$75

[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.

Book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CYIIN>

Boat leaves St Kilda Marina at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

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

Only 14 spots. 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. Buy here: <https://www.service.vic.gov.au/fishing> Seniors car holders exempt

Queries?

Contact Olga Harradine

**Most of our charters are on Sundays ... this one is on a SATURDAY!*

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Baked Half Shell Scallops - bottarga butter, pineapple pico de gallo \$18

Spaghetti Aglio e Olio - garlic, olive oil, chilli, parsley, Grana Padano \$26

Lamb Tenderloin - couscous, blood orange, beetroot, labneh, harissa vinaigrette, pistachio \$34

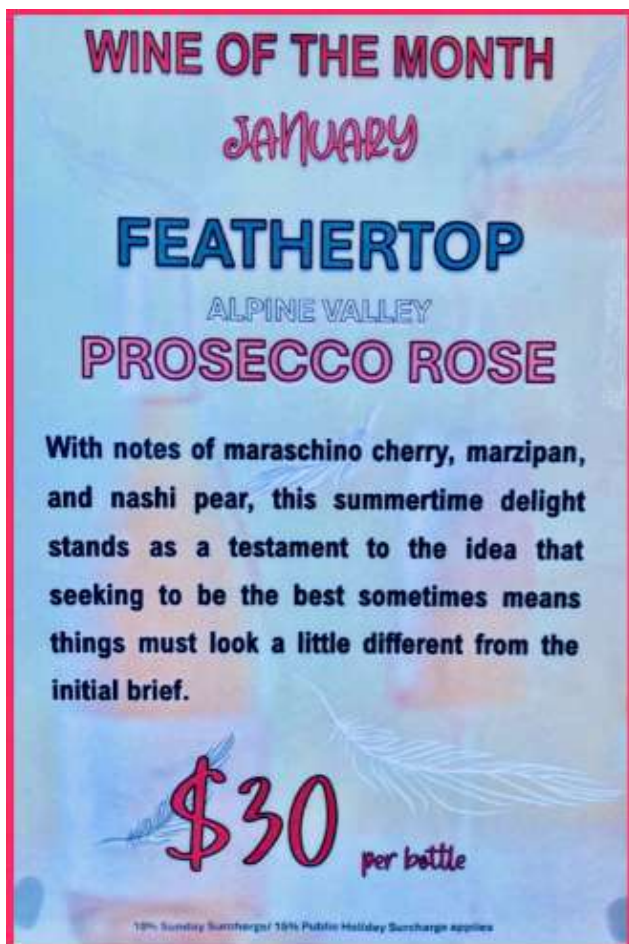
John Dori Provencal - cherry tomato, olives, capers, braised fennel \$42

Tropical Pavlova - lime cremeux, coconut ganache, mango compote \$16

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.



Wine of the Month

President's Report

G'day APYAC Family!

I hope this message finds you all well and excited for the year ahead. As we reflect on 2024, I want to extend my deepest thanks to each of you for your incredible support. What a year it was! Together, we've built a vibrant, welcoming community at APYAC, and I'm so grateful to all of you for making it such a special place.

A massive shout-out to our amazing manager, **Elise**, Bar-Supervisor, **Annabelle**, and our incredible staff team. You truly made the 2024 holiday season unforgettable. Our Christmas lead-up weekend was a smashing success, and none of it would have been possible without the hard work of yourselves, and **Chris** with the aid of his fantastic crew at ASCOT catering. You all went above and beyond, and I can't thank you enough for your dedication.

But it's not just about the past - we're already kicking off 2025 with a bang, and I couldn't be more excited for what's to come. The year ahead promises to be one full of opportunities, growth, and, most importantly, fun. APYAC is committed to ensuring our members enjoy a growth in their fishing knowledge, incredible food, a welcoming atmosphere, and that we continue to tick all the right boxes when it comes to being a responsible, and community-minded organisation.

We're starting the year off strong with the annual *Australia Day Clinker Boat Race*, and I can't wait to see you all there! Make sure to book for lunch, but this year, we're adding something extra special: we'll be open for a Race Day breakfast as well! Come cheer on your favourite clinker boat and enjoy the festive atmosphere with us - dress ups are an essential.

Our fantastic Secretary & Events co-ordinator, **James Nixon**, has already lined-up some *unbelievable* talent for our first two General Members' meetings. In February, we're hosting an exclusive podcast with the one and only **Bob Pearce**, who'll be talking about his long association with Albert Park and our Club, a must-listen for anyone passionate about local history and the best fishing club in the free world.

We'll follow that up with another Podcast in March hosting **Travis Dowling**, the CEO of VFA, who will dive into the issue of the Carp plague and how we can all do our part. These are events you won't want to miss - **lock in the first Wednesday of every month** - the supper is to die for!

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as I can this year, please don't hesitate to come up and say hello. Let's make 2025 another year to remember for APYAC!

Cheers,

Lee.

P.S. Want to treat yourself to a delicious *Yellowtail Kingfish* like the one in the pic? Our wonderful members at **Clamms Seafood** (<https://clamms.com.au/>) will deliver it straight to your door, even as far as Phillip Island. Treat yourself to something special - *I did!*



Murray Cod stocking event

I want to invite you to an exciting event this Friday, January 17th, at Karkarook Lake in Moorabbin. The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) is holding a Ministerial Event to release a 6,000 Murray Cod fingerlings as part of their fantastic fish-stocking program.

This event is going to be a lot of fun and I'd love to see as many APYAC members as possible there to show our support and fly the APYAC flag! Last year, many of you joined me at the Karkarook stocking event for Rainbow

Trout, and this one will be just as exciting. The VFA has asked that we bring along some families, so feel free to bring your kids, too - it's the perfect opportunity for a family-friendly day out.

Date: **Friday 17th January 2025**

Time: **11:00am - 11:45am**

Location: **Karkarook Lake, Moorabbin**

The Minister will be attending and will be excited to see stakeholders like us involved. If you're up for it, you may even have a chance to speak to the press on camera - just like we did last year.

Let's make this a great turn-out. If you're planning to attend, please let me know and feel free to bring the whole family. I look forward to seeing many of you there as we continue to support these vital programs for our environment and community.

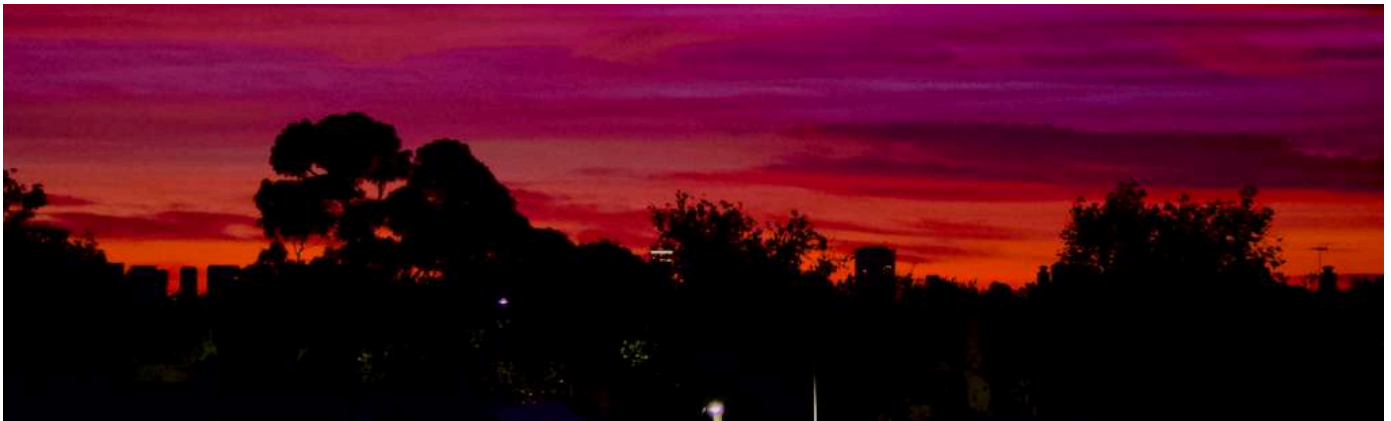
Let's make a splash!

Lee Spyrou

Volunteers

Welcome to 2025! 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.



Today's sunrise. Red in the morning, *fisherman's warning*, (the day will be windy).

Notice Of Special Business

At the next General Meeting, to be held at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday 5th February**, we will be conducting some Special Business. We'll be asking members to vote Yes or No on two resolutions:

1. Resolution One - To Remove the Auditor

The Committee believes it's time to change Auditors, due to:

- Audit quality issues,
- Expertise mismatch, and
- Compliance & regulatory changes.

2. Resolution Two - To change a Club Rule to reduce the number of voting members required for a Quorum.

The Committee recognises that, with 2,000 members, getting 5% of Voting Members to roll-up to the Meetings is difficult. When there were only 500 members it wasn't so hard. So we want to make it a manageable number.

Rule 17. QUORUM AT MEETINGS

CURRENT RULE 17.2

5% of all members personally present or by proxy (being members entitled under these Rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a general meeting.

PROPOSED RULE 17.2

30 members personally present or by proxy (being members entitled under these Rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a general meeting.

Any person of the age of 18 years or above, having served two years as a full financial member with non-voting rights may become a *Full Member with Voting Rights*.

Vote in advance.

Download and complete the *Proxy Voting Form* by [clicking here](#)

Take a pic of the completed form and email it to **secretary @ apyac.org.au** or complete a form (they are available at the Club) and leave it with the Manager. You may send via snail mail to P.O. Box 11 Albert Park, Vic 3206. Completed forms must be with The Secretary by 7 p.m. Monday 3rd February.

Or better yet, drop in to the Meeting on Wednesday 5th, vote in person, and watch the famous **Bob Pearce** being interviewed for the podcast.

It's worth attending for the free supper!

James Nixon,

Secretary,

Albert Park Yachting & Angling 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 arrival of a new year, there is an unmistakable buzz around Melbourne that can only mean one thing: the upcoming **APYAC Australia Day Clinker Boat Race**. A great addition this year will be the availability of breakfast at the club. A reminder that all vessels and participants must register in advance. Please see full details elsewhere in this edition of Tight Lines.

It has been relatively quiet in the Boathouse during the holiday period, with many volunteers taking a well-earned break. Whilst the regular sessions are scheduled to restart on the 4th and 5th of February, volunteers are already returning.

We have been very fortunate to receive a two-person kayak, very generously donated by **Tiger Yan**. We are currently preparing it for hire and will advertise when it is available. Tiger is the process of joining the club. Many thanks, Tiger, we look forward to seeing you around the Boathouse!

On the subject of boat hire, the next hire boat / kayak induction will be held in the Boathouse at 8:30 a.m. on February 22nd. Please contact **Ian Sekac** (i.sekac @ bigpond.com) if you wish to attend this session. An induction is a prerequisite of hiring a club vessel. Vessel hire can be arranged by contacting **Tom Harris** at tomharris.au @ bigpond.com.

Finally, to help you stay on the right side of the law, I'd like to share a couple of recent experiences passed on to me.

The first is in relation to life jackets. In a recent Tight Lines, I noted that ALL straps, zips, buckles must be fastened correctly.

If they not, you are not considered to be wearing a life jacket. Furthermore, make sure you are wearing the correct life jacket for the vessel in/on which you are travelling. For example, if you are wearing a level 50, which can be used on a jet ski, and then get into a boat, which requires level 100 on enclosed and open waters, you can be fined for using an inappropriate jacket.

The second is more obscure experience, where someone was fined while towing his vessel while the plastic bung plugs were unscrewed and hanging partially out of the vessel. The offence was an unsecured load whereby the bung could come loose and hit a following vehicle. The lesson here is, if you wish to drain water while towing, remove the bungs completely -- *just don't forget to replace them!*

Stay safe on the water.

Cheers,

Stu

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.

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year -ready to hit the Bay and dangle a line.

A giant thank you to **James Nixon** who gets Tight Lines to you every two weeks, along with being the Club Secretary, Master of Ceremonies on Friday nights, hosting a business luncheon once month, is found at the club most Saturdays playing cards; and all this fitted-in with answering aviation questions on the ABC, 3AW and the TV stations. The Angling Group thanks you.

Our anglers, in our annual competition, number 35, including eight juniors. They landed 186 snapper from September until December. Many new names on the score board which is sensational news. APYAC is an angling club.

Our scoring system has not changed for 2025, 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.

Next competition is the Tiger Lyons Whiting Team Competition so start getting your whiting gear ready, and a partner to fish with. Dates are 8th & 9th Feb. There will be a further update on rules in the next issue of Tight Lines. Olga is running a charter on the Saturday so anglers without a boat can still take out prizes. Stay tuned.

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 is 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, who is still on one leg.

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. Our crystal ball is cloudy and we cannot read hieroglyphics.

We are looking at a '*learn to fly fish*' trip to Noojee in March with Victorian Fly Fishers Association and Hurley's Fly Fishing. It is for beginners or anyone who wants a few pointers on fly casting. 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. I will confirm the March date in the next issue. It will be open to members, friends and family. If we get good



numbers, we will put on a barbecue or put some money over the bar at the famous Noogee Pub (for lemon squashes of course).

The weather has been kind to boaters and anglers. The Bay water temperature is good (21.88c top end of the bay 21.53c Mid Bay, Ocean 19.28c)

Snapper are not biting, you may see them on your sounder but they will generally not take a bait, too busy mating I believe. Pinkies are on every reef area, and can be a pain taking your bait before Whiting see it.

MONTH	TOTAL	OPEN	FISH	POINTS
SEPTEMBER	11	Michael Briffa	42	280.1
OCTOBER	53	Mick Sass	30	247.1
NOVEMBER	171	Tony Spinelli	28	211.0
DECEMBER	52	Richard Muscat	28	201.1
JANUARY		Alex Spyrou	13	90.6
FEBRUARY		Lee Spyrou	11	80.5
MARCH		Grant Ahearn	6	48.1
APRIL		Mark Mercieca	6	40.7
MAY		John Spragg	4	29.2
		Chantal Meehan	4	22.0
		Pauline Biffen	3	22.0
		Jack Mercieca	3	19.2
		Pat Hutchison	3	16.2
		Barb Griffen	3	14.9
		Ray Goddard	2	12.0
		Bob Snell	1	6.9
		Alex Cartel	1	6.0
		Alex Gillon	1	5.5
		Andre Cartel	9	28.2
		Tristan Sass	2	9.8
		Orlando Lumicisi	1	3.1
TOTAL	287		201	

Whiting have been patchy, some of our anglers have had great catches then next day quiet. Keep moving until you find them. Good reports near North Road boat ramp, and Ricketts Point. Pipis, fresh mussels and thin strips of squid are the best baits. There are also a lot of Gars in the Bay at present, they are worth a try.

A few of our members tried Western Port while our competitions only include fish from Port Phillip. Reports were not too bad, whiting were caught, and Richard Muscat caught at least one very nice Tuna.

Members have caught some very nice Flathead and Australian Salmon in the Bay. Give it a go, but watch the weather. There have been some extreme, fast-moving fronts with strong winds the last few weeks - normal for summer- just take care!

I honestly believe fish bite twice a day; just before I get there, and just after I leave. (might be me)

John Spragg

[Image taken from Slopealong Placidly just before Christmas. Melbourne is best seen from the sea, at least five times a year!]

IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS	LONGEST FISH	LENGTH
Harry Tsoumbakos	26	232.2	SNAPPER IN	HARRY TSOUMBAKOS 84
Rob Raffa	9	80.0	OPEN	MICHAEL SASS 90
John Cali	9	70.1	FLATHEAD IN	CAM MCPHERSON 44
Jake Smith	8	64.0	OPEN	BARB GRIFFEN 45
Robert Pope	2	28.0	SHARK IN	JOHN CALI 95
Eddy Bernobich	4	27.5	OPEN	GRANT AHEARN 105
Colin McGregor	3	18.1	1ST SNAPPER IN	HARRY TSOUMBAKOS 51 *
Anthony Osborne	1	14.8	OPEN	MICHAEL BRIFFA 59
Neil Tabrah	2	13.5	LAST SNAPPER IN	
			OPEN	
			WHITING IN	ROB RAFFA 41
			OPEN	PAULINE BIFFIN 41
			PIKE IN	OLIVIER AVIAN 66
			OPEN	
			MULLOWAY IN	
			OPEN	
			SALMON IN	ANTHONY ZIMMERMAN 49
			OPEN	Lee Spyrou 46
			GARFISH IN	
			OPEN	MARK MERCIECA 38
Danny Vitkin	3	16.1	JNR SALMON IN	
William Pope	1	14.0	OPEN	Andre Cartel 41
Heidi Osborne	1	11.6	JNR FLATHEAD IN	Will Osborne 44
Henry Rudd	3	9.3	OPEN	
Matthew Gowans	2	5.8		
	74			



APYAC CALENDAR 2025

We are open every Saturday Night for dining unless listed below.

Sunday 26th January - **Australia Day Brekky & Clinker Boat Race** 9-11am

Sunday 2nd February - **Peter Cupples Summer Session** 4-6:30pm

Wednesday 5th February - **General Meeting** 7pm

Saturday 8th February - **Venue Closed from 4pm for Night Dining** Private Function

Saturday 15th February - Band **Paul O'Gorman and Gary Hammond**

Saturday 1st March - **Venue Closed from 4pm for Night Dining** Private Function

Wednesday 5th March - **General Meeting** 7pm

Saturday 15th March - Band **My Girl Friend Sheryl**

Wednesday 2nd April - **General Meeting** 7pm

Friday 18th April - **Club Closed** for Good Friday

Saturday 19th April - **Club Closed**

Sunday 20th April - **Club Closed**

Wednesday 4th May - **General Meeting** 7pm

Wednesday 4th June - **General Meeting** 7pm

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

All events and bookings will be advertised in Tightlines as they become available.

We are always seeking great people to help with these Volunteer run events email:

Lee Spyrou President president@apyac.org.au or apyacvolunteers@gmail.com

APYAC FISHING SEASON 2025 CALENDAR

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

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

Saturday 8th February - Olga Harradine's *Tiger Lyons Competition* Mixed 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.

2024 Boathouse Volunteers.

Ian Sekac and his energetic team of 10 - 15 boathouse volunteers meet on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. As well as consuming tea, coffee and homemade cake, they carry-out menial tasks of clearing the sand from the apron, remove rubbish, tidy the kitchenette, refurbish the boat dollies, help boat owners solve problems, and complete the odd job.

Along with the mundane they undertake *major projects*. The 2024 list of achievements is so long that the Editor resorted to ChatGPT and asked that it be condensed to 200 words:

'The Boat House underwent extensive upgrades and improvements. LED lighting was installed throughout, bait storage was standardised, and lockers were labeled with owner details. The trip record desk was relocated with a sensor light, fish weigh scales were reconditioned, and a new BBQ was purchased. Water-diverting drains were added in the West aisle. Volunteers gained TEREX PT-30 loader accreditation and showcased Clinker boat restoration to Albert Park College. Old engines, including the Simplex and Volvo Penta MD7A, were restored. Airline systems for gantry hoists were improved, and ongoing de-rusting and zinc applications were carried out.



The workshop was modernised with DeWalt cordless tools, a pedestal grinder, trolley jack, AC/DC welder, and new woodworking tools. Fasteners were organised, and air lines were updated for the gantry crane. Hire boats and kayaks were upgraded with fish finders, WorkSafe-compliant slings, and regular maintenance. Fifty-four members were inducted, and two experienced owners authorised to conduct inductions.

WorkSafe initiatives included crane training for 10 members, logbooks for cranes, updated safety policies, sunscreen dispensers, and a spare safety grab kit. The efforts of volunteers have enhanced safety, functionality, and the Boat House's ability to support its members and ongoing restoration projects.'

It's an impressive list, and the entire group deserves our thanks and congratulations.

If you would like to join in the fun, and cake, contact Ian, (i.sekac @ bigpond.com) or just rock up at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

[IMAGE: After 26 mm of rain, the sand deserted-us last Sunday.]

History.

History Group member and journalist **Grant Aldous** investigated the early APYAC Minute Books to come up with a number of interesting snippets for Tight Lines. Many thanks to Grant for all of his work.

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.



Snookered

For many clubs, and indeed, some homes, the billiard table was a recreational focus long before social media came along.

The Club has had a mixed relationship with billiards and snooker. While we have had success that goes back over 80 years in competition, having won the B grade final Clubs final in 1944, the provision of billiards at the club has also proven a challenge due to costs and occasionally conflicts arising, with complaints being made to the Committee over a variety of issues. Still, billiards was always a popular pastime for members.

And the cue aficionados were also generous: snooker/pool charges were increased to one shilling for up to four players, and sixpence a stick for five players in late 1951. The money went to the Children's Christmas Trust. (28 November 1951).

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

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Bill Ryan.

[IMAGE: Thanks to the State Library Of Victoria.]

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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](#).

The image depicts the recent positioning of the 'Fish Towers' on Kayakers Reef One.

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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.

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.

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

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

Saturdays

Lunch 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.

Bar snacks to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

NOTE: 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 15th January - Tuesday 28th January 2025

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