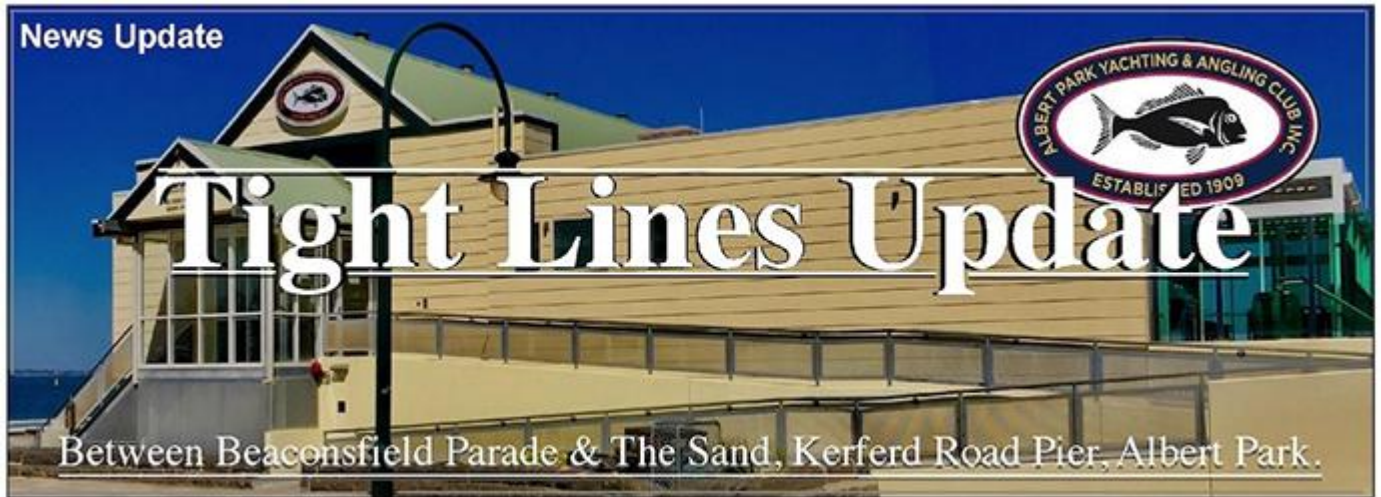


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**Wednesday 29th January - Tuesday 11th February 2025**

## Club Atmosphere.

We are thrilled to see so many of you enjoying the vibrant atmosphere at the Club. Last Sunday's Australia Day Clinker Boat Race, breakfast and lunch was incredible.

The response was over the top, so we are excited to announce *Sunday Summer Breakfast* starting this week, join us from 9 til 11 a.m. to kick off your day with delicious food, good company, and an unbeatable vibe of summer by the sea! Book now [by clicking here](#), beat the heat --*it's gonna be a scorcher*.

As we continue to grow and thrive, we kindly remind everyone to be mindful of their fellow members when using shared spaces. Recently, we've noticed a few chairs have gone missing from booked tables. If you require extras, please seek assistance from a staff member. To help us with planning and seating arrangements, we encourage making bookings in advance.

Additionally, a friendly reminder that children must be supervised at all times, and footwear is mandatory. Together, let's keep the Club a safe and welcoming space for everyone. Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and support.

Exciting news! We are testing new chairs for the deck. They are numbered 1-7, and we need your help to choose the best. Cast your vote for your favourite, and share your feedback at the General Meeting on February 5th. We're looking to purchase some fabulous new additions, and your input is invaluable.

Remember, it's thanks to our raffle takings that we can make these upgrades happen, so let's keep the momentum going! Be part of the decision-making and help shape the future of our Club's comfort and style. We can't wait to hear your thoughts.

For new members **Mike Kotsanis** is running an induction at 2 p.m. this Saturday, 1st February. If you wish to grab a spot, email me: [manager @ apyac.org.au](mailto:manager@apyac.org.au)

See you at the Club!

Elise Thomas

Manager.



Robert Pope captured the leaders, Skippers **John Borell**, **Chris Herbert**, and **Colin McGregor** after they rounded the mark.

## Vale - Warren Davey.

The Committee is deeply saddened to report the passing of **Warren Davey**, a Life Member of our Club, and an absolute gentleman.

Warren's contribution has been enormous, being a member of the Committee for many years, including Treasurer. He also managed some major renovations which took an enormous amount of his personal time.

Warren is the only member of the Club to have received two *Golden Hook* awards in recognition of his outstanding contribution over many years.

As a mark of respect, our flag will fly at half mast until Sunday evening, and we shall be observing a minute's silence at the next Club meeting.

The Committee offers our condolences to Warren's family and friends.

Lee Spyrou

President.

## 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 \$800 for the 31st of January.

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: *Lara Stevens, Tom Zeglinas and Christopher Matthews.*

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**

## Sunday Breakfast.

### **Sundays 9 - 11 a.m.**

The Club will open for Sunday Breakfast as a trial during summer. We hope you can come and check it out.

**Eggs on toast** - Fluffy scrambled eggs on toasted sourdough toast \$18

**Bacon and eggs** - Chargrilled bacon served with eggs on toast \$22

**Salmon and avocado** - Scrambled eggs with smoked salmon \$26

**Big Brekky** - Eggs, bacon, tomato, mushrooms, spinach, hash-brown \$28

## 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.

## General Meeting - Wednesday.

General Meeting - **Wednesday 5th February. 7 p.m.**

Minutes of previous General Meeting are already on the Noticeboard.

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

### Special Business

The Meeting will vote on two items, (see article below). If you cannot attend the meeting, scroll down and learn how to vote online.

**Speakers** will be interviewed for the podcast by James Nixon.

**Bob Pearce** will talk about the history of Albert Park and the Club.

**Brian Wright** will be talking about his friend, **Warren Davey**, who left us yesterday.

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

*All are welcome.*



## Tiger Lyons Fishing Charter SATURDAY\* 8th February.

### 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. Lunch 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 are exempt.

Queries?

Contact Olga Harradine

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

## Angler's Kitchen Specials.

**Mussels escabeche** - crème Fraiche, toasted garlic baguette \$16

**Fish tacos** - coleslaw, Pico de Gallo, coleslaw, lime and sriracha dressing, coriander \$9EA

**Caesar salad** - bacon, egg, Parmesan, croutons, with **confit flaked rockling** \$30

**Chicken breast** - parsley sauce, smashed roast potatoes, charred corn, pickled mushroom salad \$38

**Lemon Brûlée** with banana compote and pistachio crumb \$18

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**  
**JANUARY**  
**FEATHERTOP**  
 ALPINE VALLEY  
**PROSECCO ROSE**

With notes of maraschino cherry, marzipan, and nashi pear, this summertime delight stands as a testament to the idea that seeking to be the best sometimes means things must look a little different from the initial brief.

**\$30** per bottle

15% Sunday Surcharge/ 15% Public Holiday Surcharge applies

**Wine of the Month.**

## President's Report.

### Australia Day at APYAC: A Day of Clinker Boats, Breakfast, Lunch & Brilliant Moments!

Well, what a cracking Australia Day we had at APYAC! If you weren't there, trust me, you missed out.

We kicked off the day with our annual *Clinker Boat Race*, showcasing one of the biggest wooden boat fleets in Australia. There's something truly magical about seeing these boats, crafted using the traditional clinker construction method; line up for the race. If you're not familiar, clinker construction means the hull planks overlap and are joined by nails driven through the overlap, creating boats with unmatched character and beauty.

And let me tell you, the racing was *tight* - some of the closest in history. Huge thanks to our incredible Boathouse volunteers and maintenance crew, whose hard work kept everything running smoothly. Your love and care of our fleet really paid off, making for an exciting, photo-worthy spectacle. It was a race that truly showcased the craftsmanship and dedication that goes into every vessel.



Speaking of winners, hearing from each of them during the award presentations was such a treat. You all brought your A-game to the event, and your speeches added an extra layer of fun and entertainment. Congratulations to all involved - you made it a day to remember!

A special shout-out goes to our ex-President and Life Member **Phil Langdon**. Phil, you've always been so supportive of this day, and even though your lovely boat couldn't make it to the race this year, due to some mechanical issues, we can't wait to see her in the lineup next year. Fingers crossed for a smooth-sailing 2026!

**John Spragg**, you're a legend. Your efforts in organising and providing instructions on the day were top-notch and greatly appreciated by all. The event wouldn't have gone as smoothly without your expertise.

Now, I have to tell you about the *first-ever* APYAC breakfast, organised by **Chris Lockhart** and his ASCOT Catering team. They went above and beyond, opening up the club early and cooking up a storm. The breakfast was such a hit that our manager, **Elise Thomas**, proudly shared the exciting news with us: "*We're now opening for Sunday breakfast!*" How awesome is that? A huge thank you to Chris, his team, and everyone who helped make it happen.

Elise, **Annabelle**, and the rest of the staff deserve a standing ovation for their phenomenal work on the day. Not only did they deck out the club with incredible decorations, but they also went above and beyond to make everyone feel welcome and at home. And let's not forget the cleanup - when I walked in the next day, I couldn't find a feather boa anywhere. Well done, team!

Of course, we can't forget about the history of our beloved club and its boathouse. Back in 1912, boats were moved out of the boathouse on heavy and cumbersome skids, and a set of rails that led down to the low water mark. Can you imagine trying to race under those conditions? Thankfully, the boathouse has come a long way since then, and in 1954, the old hand-operated chain blocks were replaced with a hydraulic hoist system, making everything faster and more efficient. Those who came before us laid the foundation for the smooth operations we enjoy today!

As always, it's these little details that make a huge difference and remind us of the rich history we're a part of. Check out the history page on the website **by clicking here**.

All in all, it was a spectacular day filled with fun, community spirit, and plenty of laughs. I couldn't be prouder of everyone who pitched in to make it happen. Here's to another year of great events and, of course, the *Clinker Boat Race* next Australia Day 2026!

Until then, see you at the Club,

Lee Spyrou,  
President.



## Volunteer request.

### Friday Night Helpers Needed!

We are seeking friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to assist on Friday nights.

We need help with:

**Raffle Ticket Selling: 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Door Warden: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Meet and connect with fellow members.
- Contribute to the club's vibrant Friday night atmosphere.
- Enjoy being part of our welcoming community.
- Gain a deeper sense of belonging and support the club you love!

No experience is necessary - just bring your smile and willingness to help. If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out by email to [apyac.volunteers @ gmail.com](mailto:apyac.volunteers@gmail.com) with your preferred task, or let our Manager, Elise, know at the club.

Your support makes all the difference.

We'd love to see you there!

Barry Hayes,  
Vice President.

## 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.**

## Check out the chairs.

We need your bum to road test our new chairs for the deck. It's not every day that we replace the chairs, so we want to make the right decision. After all, it's your Club, and you are going to be sitting on them.

They cost a bit too.

So please come and check out the seven sample chairs, note your number one choice, and maybe your second choice too.

Add your suggestion to the form, and we'll get on it.

Most popular wins.

We'll probably wait until after summer before we place the order, to save some of your money.



## 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*.

**Please vote in advance.**

Option 1. Click through to the online Proxy Voting Form **by clicking here, this is the easiest way**, or

Option 2. 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

Option 3. Complete a form 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.



*It was a very good day.*

## 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**

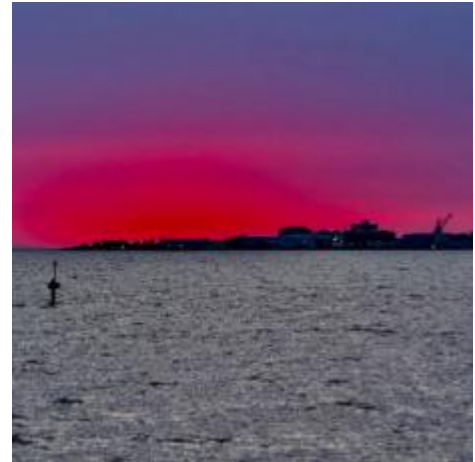
New Committee members, **Stuart Cousins, Barry Hayes and Chris Herbert.**

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

## 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.

## 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.

Our Snapper 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.

### **Our Next Comp is Tiger Lyons Whiting team event.**

The Tiger Lyons Whiting competition is being run basically on the weekend 8th and 9th February. Regarded as a Captain and Crew day, where competitors are to fish with another member angler. Exceptions will be made for kayakers and land-based anglers who enter fish.



Traditionally a weekend comp; with only a half-day fishing on Sunday, we've now opened-up the competition to any single day, Monday to Saturday; plus the half-day Sunday for fishing.

Anglers must nominate their fishing day, and fellow angler, no later than 6 p.m. on Sunday 2nd February. This gives anglers who have to work on Saturday an equal chance.

Fishing starts 12.01 a.m. on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of February, (or the day nominated if you cannot fish on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb). Children / Grandchildren of club members are encouraged to join as the additional angler.

Prizes will be awarded to:

- \* Longest Whiting (overall) \$250
- \* Heaviest Bag (in-house/open) - maximum 30 whiting; and same anglers on both days may combine fish to enter \$200.
- \* Kayak \$200
- \* All juniors entering fish will win a prize

Pics for longest Whiting must be submitted by 12.00 noon Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. same time limit for heaviest bag of Whiting, this is the only weigh-in category in our club competitions, (it's too hard trying to measure a number of fish nose-to-tail).

Plenty of Pipis in the Bait Freezer, and Coles have fresh live mussels for around \$11/kg.

Awards will be presented on Sunday 9th February at the Club. Anglers are to order their own lunches from the kitchen, (no BBQ lunch). Must be present at the lunch to claim prizes.

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 (but much more nifty with her little scooter).

Anglers who buy bait from the club, and book it to your fob, please be sure there are funds on your fob to cover the cost of bait. We are getting more and more bait buyers who do not have enough money on their fobs. The Club is not a bank. Please fix this we do not want to have to name and shame anglers.

We are looking at a 'learn to fly fish' trip to Noojee in March we are looking to book for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of 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 4 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. 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 (21.8C top end of the bay 21.5C Mid Bay, Ocean 19.2C)

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	HARRY TSOUMBAKOS	84
	OPEN	MICHAEL SASS	90
FLATHEAD	IN	CAM MCPHERSON	44
	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	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
JNR SALMON	IN		
	OPEN	Andre Cartel	41
JNR FLATHEAD	IN	Will Osborne	44
	OPEN		

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.

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 Nth Road boat ramp, and Rickets Point. Pipsis, 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.

Members have caught some very nice Flathead and Australian Salmon in our bay. 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.

*I once gave up fishing, it was the most terrifying weekend of my life ... (Unknown)*

*I spent all of my money on fishing. The rest I wasted ... (Unknown again)*

John Spragg

OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
Michael Briffa	42	280.1	Harry Tsoumbakos	26	232.2
Mick Sass	35	269.9	Rob Raffa	9	80.0
Tony Spinelli	28	211.0	John Cali	9	70.1
Richard Muscat	28	201.1	Jake Smith	8	64.0
Alex Spyrou	13	90.6	Robert Pope	2	28.0
Lee Spyrou	11	80.5	Eddy Bernobich	4	27.5
Grant Ahearn	6	48.1	Colin McGregor	3	18.1
Mark Mercieca	6	40.7	Anthony Osborne	1	14.8
John Spragg	4	29.2	Neil Tabrah	2	13.5
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	Danny Vitkin	3	16.1
Tristan Sass	2	9.8	William Pope	1	14.0
Orlando Lumicisi	1	3.1	Heidi Osborne	1	11.6
			Henry Rudd	3	9.3
			Matthew Gowans	2	5.8
	<b>206</b>			<b>74</b>	

## Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition.

We welcome you to join the **Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition**, which will be held from 12.01 a.m. on Saturday 8th February, until 12 noon on Sunday 9th.

**NOTE:** if you can't fish on Saturday 8th; you may nominate (by Sun 2nd Feb) another full day to fish from Monday 3rd Feb to Friday 7th Feb.

**Captain & Crew required** - minimum two member anglers per vessel (junior / affiliate members included); with the exception of kayaks / land-based anglers.

**Longest whiting** to be measured on a brag-mat, and pictures taken to be emailed to **apyacanglers@gmail.com**.

The **Heaviest Bag** to be entered no later than midday Sunday, at the club.

**30 fish limit per bag** entered. We encourage responsible angling. Vic. Fisheries rules apply per length / number of fish kept / entered.

Entry IS required, including your fellow club angler, lunch and drinks at club prices on Sunday (no BBQ).

**Prizes:**

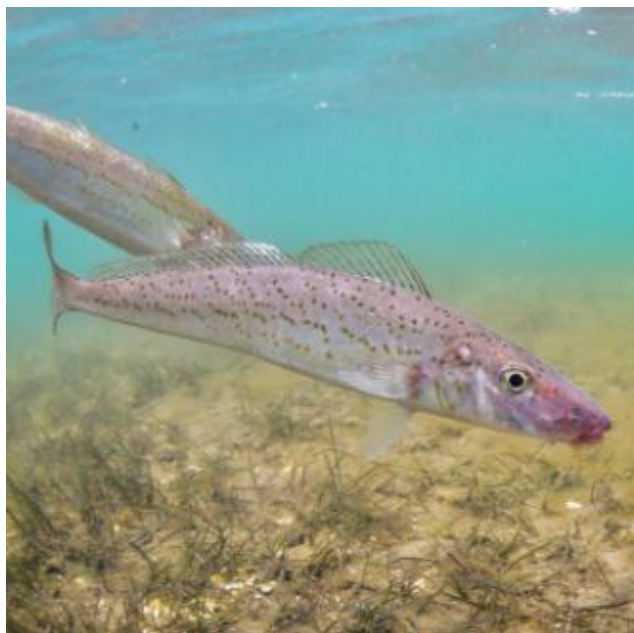
**1st - Longest Whiting.**

**Heaviest Bag** - in-house - max 30 fish

**Heaviest bag** - open - max 30 fish

All juniors entering legal sized fish will win a prize

**YOU MUST REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE.**



## APYAC CALENDAR 2025.

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

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 & 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

Saturday 5th April - Band: **Ian Banks**

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

Saturday 19th April - **To stay open we need bookings**

Sunday 20th April - **To stay open we need bookings**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Greek Lunch Extravaganza**

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

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

Saturday 14th June - Band: **Regular Boys**

*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](mailto:president@apyac.org.au) or [apyacvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:apyacvolunteers@gmail.com)

## APYAC FISHING SEASON 2025 CALENDAR.

**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.*

## 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*. Their list of achievements from last year 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.]

## 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.



### Walter Lindrum and raising the colours

The great Walter Lindrum held the **World Professional Billiards Championship** from 1933 until his retirement in 1950. As part of the war effort, the Club hosted the champion, holder of 57 world records, for a display of his skills.

The March 1942 general meeting noted that the exhibition by Walter Lindrum's in the club raised 2 pounds 7 shillings for the Red Cross & Comforts Fund.

At the same meeting the name of club and official colours --blue and gold-- were recorded, along with the duties of office bearers.

It would be reasonable to think that few if any members, knew that one the greatest Aussie sportsman had visited the Club, and perhaps not so many more knew that the club colours are blue and gold!

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.]

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**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.

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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.  
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**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.

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](#).

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



## VRFish.

VRFish is the peak body representing the voice of recreational fishers in Victoria.

*"When decisions are made that affect our fisheries we advocate for recreational fishing interests. We love fishing, just like you. Whether it's fish habitat, water security and quality, fishing access and infrastructure or best practice, we aim to work in partnership to make sure Victoria's fishing experiences continue to improve, be sustainable and more enjoyable for all Victorians."*

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



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**Pom Pom Beanie \$25**



**Postcards \$10 Eight cards and one stamp!** (Buy for your Auntie!)

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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 - 3:30 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 29th January - Tuesday 11th February 2025**

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