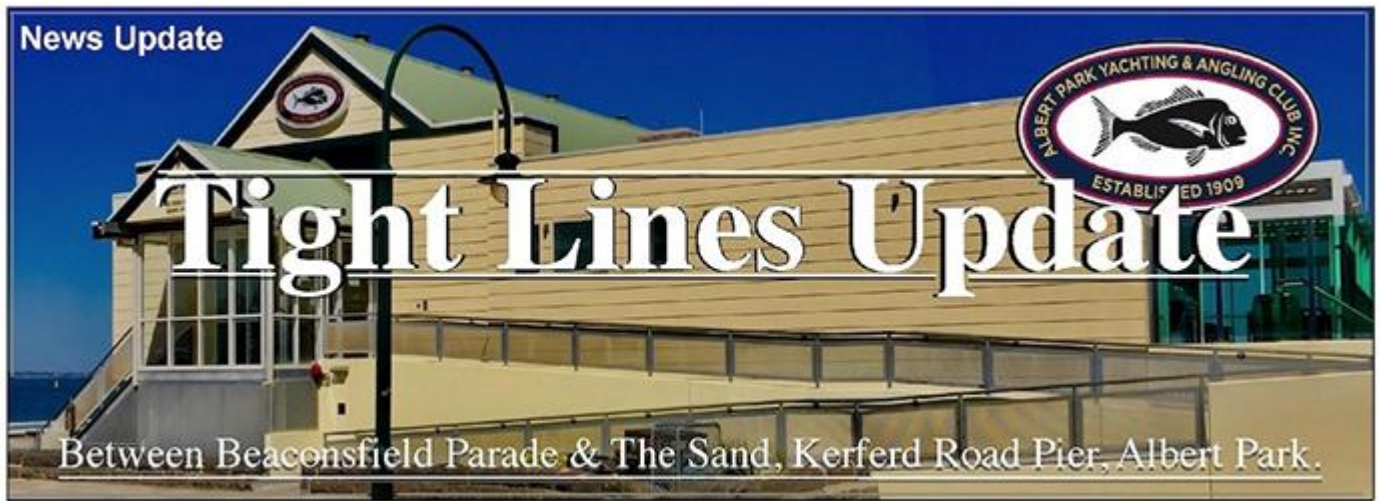


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Wednesday 12th February - Tuesday 25th February 2025

Club Atmosphere.

Take full advantage of our new and extended opening hours. Join us for **Brekky on Sundays 9 - 11 a.m.** Please note that this is a separate service from lunch, and breakfast service finishes promptly at 11:30 a.m. Come down, enjoy the sea breeze with a coffee, and start your morning the right way.

Stay connected with our app.

Download it from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store-it's the easiest way to stay updated with E-News, event bookings, and dining reservations. We will also use the app for important club announcements, including closures and schedule changes. It's quick, accessible, and free.

[And the fastest way to book a table - Ed]

Boat Hire Coordination

Admin has now taken on the task of coordinating boat hires. Please check our website for full instructions (Angling / Boat & Kayak Hire) or **by clicking here**.

To hire a boat, you must:

- Complete a boathouse, boat, or kayak induction.
- Hold a marine licence (for boat hire).
- Register as a hirer, and complete a risk waiver.
- Be 18 years or older.

Payments for boat hire can be made:

- At the bar during Club hours.
- Online with a credit card through our payment gateway.
- Using fob credit (ensure you have sufficient funds loaded).

For further information, please reach out to **Stuart Cousins**, our Boathouse Captain, at **captain @ apyac.org.au**.

Admin is assisting with the booking process only.

See you at the Club!

Elise Thomas

Manager.



We've certainly had our share of perfect sunsets this summer. This from the 31st January.



Vale - Beverley Francis.

It is with heavy hearts that the Committee informs our members of the passing of long-time APYAC member, **Beverley Francis**.

Beverley was a truly remarkable person, known for her generosity and unwavering commitment to the club. A passionate and dedicated volunteer, she was always ready to lend a hand wherever it was needed. Whether it was clearing away sand with a shovel or broom on the apron, through to never missing a Boathouse working bee, she took great pride in maintaining the space we all hold dear.

One of her proudest achievements was being one of the few women to own a boat in the Boathouse, her beloved JR263 '*Bubbles*', alongside her great mate **Leigh Busby**. Together, they created memories that will remain etched in the heart of the club. Beverley also shared her warmth and spirit, regularly Volunteering at our Boathouse Cocktail parties, where her presence brightened the room. Sadly, she was too ill to attend this year's Australia Day Boat Race, but '*Bubbles*' powered home to victory, captained by Leigh, who dedicated the win to her.

We will all deeply miss your smiling face, infectious sense of humour, and your kindness, Beverley. You've left an indelible mark on our hearts and the history of the Club.

Rest in peace - you will never be forgotten.

Your friend,

Lee

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 the prize within one minute.

Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp, and is \$1,000 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: *Robert Pascoe, Blayne Dempsey, and Fran Merrington.*

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.

Important Notice: Child Supervision & Safety.

We love seeing families at the Club, but we kindly remind all parents and guardians that children must always be supervised.

On Friday and Saturday nights, we've noticed an increasing issue with unsupervised children, especially around doorways. To ensure everyone's safety, please:

- ✓ Assist children at the doors to prevent accidents.
- ✓ Ensure they are always wearing shoes.
- ✓ Remind them to follow Club rules.

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!

7 - 9 p.m. BAND

Paul O'Gorman & Gary Hammond - Beatles and Oz Rock hits.

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, or use the App.

**** 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

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Vegetable Frittata - caramelised onion, potato, spinach, whipped fetta, rocket salad \$18

Cured Kingfish Ceviche - creamy coconut, chilli lime dressing \$22

Prawn spaghetti - lobster bisque, cherry tomato, Pangrattato \$36

Grilled swordfish - peas à la française, charred onion and orange salsa \$42

Lemon curd - mongo compote, cream, biscuit 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.



Tiger Lyons Fishing Charter.

The APYAC Mixed Fishing Charter on Saturday 8th February was yet again, very touch and go due to the erratic winds that we have been having this season.

Olga Harradine, the organiser, undertook several discussions with the Charter Operator leading up to the event until finally deciding to bite the bullet and confirm with the booked-out charter participants that although the waves were going to make the trip a bit rocky, it was worth braving the weather to get out onto the water.

Leaving at 10 a.m. instead of the usual 5 a.m. --required when chasing Snapper-- proved not to be a hindrance to eventually pulling in a respectable haul of close to thirty Whiting, a few Pinkies, a few Flathead, and a solitary toadfish.

The barbecue lunch was enjoyed by all, and there was plenty of camaraderie, stories, and laughs amongst the APYAC members.

\$50 bar tab prizes were awarded to:

Daniel Karis (longest Whiting at 42cm)

Karen Treloar (first fish ever caught)

Olga Harradine (biggest bag).

Drop of the Month.

Bertie Alcoholic Ginger Beer is a masterpiece of real ginger magic. This sparkling delight brings a balanced blend of sweetness and subtle dryness, with a lively ginger flavour that dances on your taste buds.

Made with real ginger for a perfectly balanced ginger beer.
Free from artificial colours and flavours.

**FEBRUARY'S
"DROP OF THE MONTH!"**

Bertie Alcoholic Ginger Beer

Bertie Ginger with real from artificial flavours.
The perfect sweet and upfront ginger dynamic,
Bertie Ginger masterpiece of magic. This delight brings a of sweetness dryness, with a flavour that

**CBCO
Bertie
GINGER BEER
BREWING**

Beer is made ginger, Free colours and
balance of spice, with an kick and a sparkling finish.
Beer is a real ginger sparkling balanced blend and subtle lively ginger dances on your

\$6.50 per can

Just add ice and a slice of lime!

President's Report.

As we reflect on the passing of our dear friends **Beverley Francis** and Life Member **Warren Davey**, we are reminded of how much our beloved Club means to so many of us. For many, it's more than just a place to gather - it's a second home. It's a place where friendships span decades, and Club mates become family.

In a world where time flies by and life changes in ways we can't always control, one thing is certain - the Club remains a constant. It's a safe space where we can keep our minds and bodies active, enjoy shared passions, and sometimes just have a laugh, feeling part of something bigger than ourselves. For those of us who've been around a while, there's nothing more important than the connections we've built here, and the simple joy of being part of a community that feels like family.

We all know that loneliness can creep in as we get older, but at APYAC, loneliness doesn't stand a chance once you walk through our doors. There's always someone to share a drink or a fish with. It's this sense of camaraderie and belonging that makes our Club truly special.

For those looking to deepen their connection with the Club, volunteering is one of the best ways to meet new people and make new friends. We have a variety of opportunities for you to get involved - whether it's helping out with the Boathouse crew on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, restoring our beautiful Clinker boat fleet, selling raffle tickets, or joining the welcoming team at the front door. There's always something to do, and I promise you, it will be something you'll love.

If you're interested in volunteering, don't hesitate to reach out to Elise, our wonderful Manager. She'll help you find the perfect role to suit your interests and skills. Together, we can keep our community united and vibrant.

And if you're wondering what's happening around the Club, there's no better way to stay informed than by attending our monthly meetings, held on the first Wednesday of each month. They're not just about fishing -



though that's certainly a part of it! Those who have attended recently will tell you the highlight is the incredible supper at the end, which just keeps getting better, thanks to our amazing caterers, Ascot.

Speaking of food, if you haven't tried our new Sunday breakfast yet, you're truly missing out. It's the perfect way to enjoy and relax and can even flow on to lunch - we'd love to see you there!

Lastly, make sure you mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 5th. We'll have a very special guest speaker, **Travis Dowling**, CEO of the Victorian Fisheries Authority. It's bound to be a fascinating talk, and I can't wait to see you all there!

Thanks for being part of this incredible community. I look forward to seeing you around the Club soon - don't forget to come up and say hello!

Cheers,

Lee

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** 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.



Special Business.

The Club conducted Special Business at the recent General Meeting on the 5th February.

Resolution One, about removing the Auditor, was passed with 93 YES votes, and 7 NO votes, and

Resolution Two, making the Quorum 30 Full Members, (instead of 5% of the Full Members), was passed with 84 YES votes, and 11 NO votes

The Secretary told the meeting:

"We received 9 Proxy Votes by email to the Secretary, 4 by Jotform Proxy Online Votes, and 53 who voted in person at the Club. Thanks to Kay Davidson for asking people to vote by proxy."

He continued, *"I am holding 66 valid proxies. Plus 9 who were not valid, and one who wasn't even a member! - That's how good Kay was at getting them to vote!"*



Australia Day Clinker Boat Race start 2025 - Barry's Hooter was no match for the wind. Next year he needs a canon.

Podcasts.

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.***

Brian Wright speaking about his friend, **Warren Davey.**

Bob Pearce.

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

Brian Wright.

Warren Davey Tribute

APYAC Life Member, and the only person to win two Golden Hooks, **Warren Davey** has left us.

At the February General Meeting his long-time friend **Brian Wright** talked about his life with James Nixon.

Listen to the conversation on the podcast by clicking this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/BrianWright5Feb25>



Bob Pearce.



At the February General Meeting James Nixon asked **Bob Pearce** about his life and times growing-up in Albert Park, including a beach murder which gained huge publicity at the time.

He talked about fishing on the pier, and eventually joining the Club, and witnessing the destruction of the shellfish reefs by scallop dredgers.

In the 1980s he wasn't happy with the direction the Club was taking, and left to pursue fishing in Western Port.

Pat Hutchison eventually brought him back to the fold, where he started the Shellfish Reef Restoration Project.

Bob also spoke warmly about **Warren Davey.**

Listen to the podcast by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/BobPearce05Feb2025>

Email spam.

To reduce the amount of spam emails Information Technology experts recommend that we don't put linked email addresses in Tight Lines. In future we will write the email address, but leave gaps between the words. It is up to you to put them together. For example: **members @ apyac.org.au**

Angling.

Our Next Comp is Tiger Lyons Whiting team event, *(take two!)*.

Poor weather postponed last weekends competition. Even so, Olga's Charter was a great success even if the weather not kind (see quote at the end of this article) and some nice fish caught. Big thanks to Olga.

The Tiger Lyons Whiting competition is being run basically on the revised weekend 15th and 16th February, regarded as a captain and crew day, whereby competitors are to fish with another member angler. Exceptions will be made for kayakers and land-based anglers who enter fish.



Fishing starts 12.01 a.m. on Saturday 15th of Feb. **PLEASE NOTE:**

Anglers who have already entered fish can only fish on Sunday Morning 16th of Feb. 2024.

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 16th 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 16th 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 almost ready to dance again.*

Lake Purrumbete.

Next competition will be at Lake Purrumbete on the Long Weekend if there is enough water in the lake to launch boats. The competition runs from 8th until 10th March, starting at 12.01 a.m. on Saturday 8th of March.

Bait buyers.

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.

Learn to fly fish.

We are looking at a *'learn to fly fish'* trip to Noojee in March we are looking to book for Sunday 23rd 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 Noojee Pub (for lemon squashes of course)

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	HARRY TSOUNBAKOS	84
	OPEN	MICHAEL SASS	90
FLATHEAD	IN	JOHN EDDISON	50
	OPEN	BARB GRIFFEN	45
SHARK	IN	JOHN CALI	95
	OPEN	MICK SASS	116
1ST SNAPPER	IN	HARRY TSOUNBAKOS	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 MERCECA	38
JNR SALMON	IN		
	OPEN	Andre Cartel	41
JNR FLATHEAD	IN	Will Osborne	44
	OPEN		

The weather has been mixed for boaters and anglers.

The Bay water temperature is warm (22.7c top end of the bay 22.4c Mid Bay, Ocean 20.1c) We probably want it to cool down slightly.

Snapper are very slow, 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. Some nice Snapper however, are still being measured in.

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 Rickets 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.

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!

He / she who wants to catch fish must not mind getting wet. ... (Spanish Proverb)

John Spragg

Pic: John Spragg on Little Pine Lagoon, Central Highlands, Tasmania.

OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
Michael Briffa	45	289.6	Harry Tsoumbakos	26	232.2
Mick Sass	38	284.3	Rob Raffa	9	80.0
Richard Muscat	31	217.2	John Cali	9	70.1
Tony Spinelli	28	211.0	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	10	31	Danny Vitkin	3	16.1
Tristan Sass	5	19.8	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
	219			74	

Boathouse.

The core of volunteers who kept the lights on over the holiday period has been joined by those returning from a break, and the buzz in the boathouse is back.

Through the guidance and skills of **Robert Pope** and the valued assistance of **Colin McGregor**, **Mal Manders** and **Bruce Bourne**, Marcus' vessel, PA74, has undergone a complete hull restoration, has been fitted out with a new Volvo Penta Diesel engine and is now ready for taking to sea.

PA74 now joins the list of beautifully crafted and restored Clinkers that add to the Clinker boat history of the Club.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to the restoration, it is an outstanding accomplishment.





Tom Harris has stepped down from the role of running APYAC's vessel hire process. Many thanks to Tom for his efforts in getting so many people out on the water.

Elise, our Manager, has taken the baton from Tom. Vessels can be hired via the link apyac.org.au/boat-kayak-hire. Enquiries can be directed to manager@apyac.org.au or via telephone during business hours.

There are two prerequisites for hiring a club vessel. The first is an induction covering safe use of the hoist used to launch the boat, and safe operation of the vessel itself. **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.

The second requirement is a current Victorian Marine Licence. Coast Guard St Kilda is conducting a Marine Licence Training course on Saturday March 29th. On successful completion, students will be eligible to receive their Marine Licence from VicRoads. Please contact captain@apyac.org.au if you have any enquiries or wish to enrol in the course.

Finally, a reminder that when launching a vessel from the APYAC Boathouse, vessels **must** stay between Kerferd Road Pier and the yellow special mark 200 metres offshore, to the right (west) of the pier. The inshore area west of this yellow mark is designated as a **No Boating Zone**. Fines apply for entering this area in a vessel.

Stay safe,

Stu.

Stuart Cousins
Boathouse Captain.



Good Friday Appeal.

The Club, through **Roland Nicholls**, has a tradition of collecting money for the Royal Children's Hospital. With his passing, we are keeping the spirit alive.

Last year we raised \$3,600. This year ... well, it's up to you.

Please **click on the link here**, and donate as much as you can.

Victorian Fisheries Authority Press Release:

Grants to improve fish habitat.

"Victoria's world-class marine, estuarine and freshwater fisheries will continue to flourish into the future with more fish habitat thanks to the second round of a \$2.5 million grants program.

Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) CEO Travis Dowling said the Victorian Government's \$96m investment to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture was backing round two of the Fish Habitat Improvement Fund, which enables the installation of habitat so fish can rest, feed and breed as well as boosting the health of aquatic ecosystems.

"We know improving fish habitat makes a real difference to our fisheries and aquatic ecosystems long-term and we encourage eligible groups and organisations to apply for a grant," he said.

The grants are available through two funding streams - one open year-round to projects from recreational fishing groups for up to \$50,000, and funding for larger scale projects for up to \$200,000 where co-investment is required.

It continues a proud history of fish habitat projects like the installation of kingfish reefs in Port Phillip, shellfish reef restoration, and rocky reef modules in Corio Bay.

Among the projects funded through round one of the grants program was a partnership with the Australian Trout Foundation to invest \$49,000 into in-stream and stream-side habitat in the Ovens River near Bright, complementing previous habitat improvement above and below this stretch of river.

In Port Phillip, the Albert Park Yachting and Angling Club led a large-scale project to build Kayakers Reef, a structure that will provide homes for shellfish and structure for popular recreational species like snapper, King George whiting and calamari.

The \$200,000 project will deploy more structures into the water once they are seeded with native oysters, helping to restore lost shellfish reefs once abundant in Port Phillip. The triangle and tower structures are easily accessible for kayak and small boat fishers wetting a line in our iconic bay, which has been net-free since 2022.*

In a further boost to the environment, many habitat projects make use of recycled or re-used materials such as oyster and mussel shells from restaurants and timber salvaged from storm damage or roadworks.

Organisations eligible to apply for the grants include catchment management authorities, local, regional and statewide fishing bodies, councils, water authorities, traditional owner groups and land councils and community organisations.

Applications for both funding streams are open now, with the larger-scale stream two grants closing on Friday, 2 May."

For more information, head to www.vfa.vic.gov.au/fishhabitatfund

**** Emphasis added by Tight Lines.***





APYAC CALENDAR 2025.

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

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 27th 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 Tighlines 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 15th - Sunday 16th February - *Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition - Take Two!*

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.

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.



#13 Piscatorial Council

Who knew what the Piscatorial Council does? Well, it is still the governing body of fish and fisherfolk in Victoria, but now more commonly goes by the name VRFish (Victorian Recreational Fishing Peak Body). Nationally, it is known as the National Fishing Advisory Council. In South Australia, it is still the Piscatorial Council. I suppose they are just fishing traditionalists, or just like using the word 'piscatorial'.

However, APYAC have had a few concerns with the Council over the years, the first of which happened over 80 years ago. It was minuted by the Committee as the following:

'The Committee discussed a claim by the Piscatorial Council that the State Government had misappropriated trout fees. Members were urged to contact their MPs.' (13 April 1942).

The following month (May 1942) the Committee agreed that ***'2 pounds be paid to the Piscatorial Council.'*** Probably begrudgingly.

Just shows you that even in wartime, misappropriated trout fees raise the hackles of APYAC members. It was not recorded how the MPs reacted.

Piscatorial? It means *'having to do with fishing'*. Piscis is Latin for fish, the name of the astrological sign meaning "fish" (spelled Pisces, the Latin plural), and also the root of piscatorial. But then, you already knew that, I'm sure.

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.

Re-wired with new fuel and exhaust hoses.

All in great working order.

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

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

Shellfish Reef Restoration.

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](#).



Clean Up Australia Day

This Clean Up Australia Day, join **OzFish** in making a reel difference to the waterways and fish habitats we love.

On **Sunday 2 March 2025**, OzFish chapters across the country will be rolling up their sleeves and hitting the water to remove rubbish and restore some of our favourite fishing spots.

Whether you're a keen angler, a dedicated environmentalist, or just someone who loves their local waterways, this is your chance to get involved in a meaningful community event. We'd love you to join us in the effort! [Click here to find out more](#).

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 \$30****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.

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

Breakfast 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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 12th February - Tuesday 25th February 2025

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