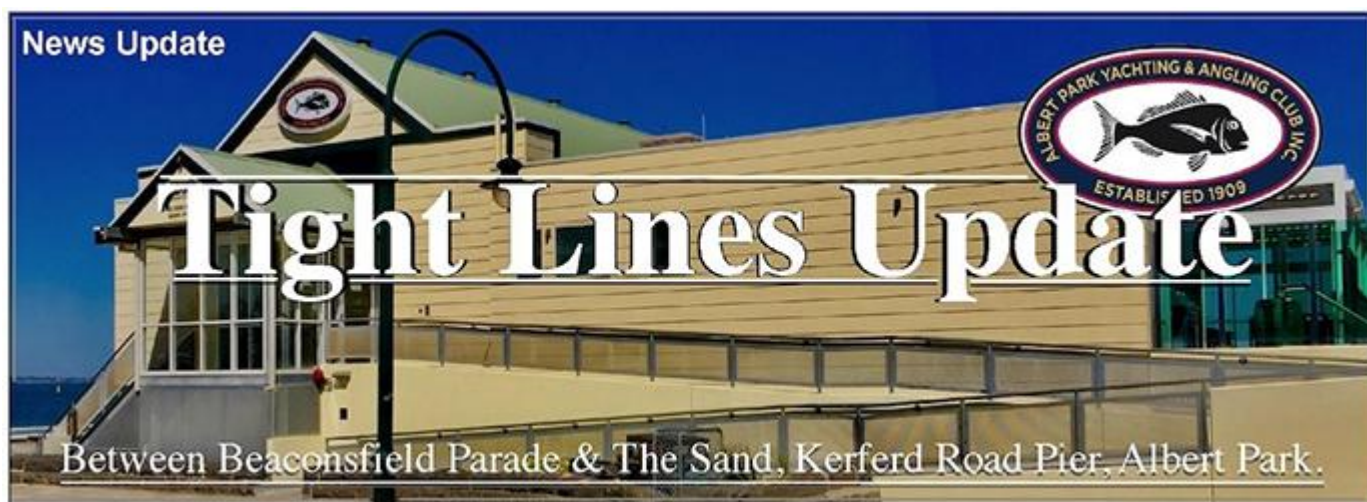


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Wednesday 30th April - Tuesday 13th May 2025

Help us to help you!

To keep things running smoothly in the kitchen and reduce wait times for everyone, we've included **recommended ordering times** on your table card. These times are designed to help spread orders more evenly and avoid a dinner rush that overwhelms the kitchen.

Lately, we've noticed that many bookings between **5:30** and **6:30 p.m.** haven't been following the suggested order times. As a result, a large volume of meals is being ordered all at once, creating a backlog and delays; even for those who place their orders within the recommended 15 to 20-minute window.

To help improve this, we're trialling a new system:

- Your **table number will now match your buzzer**.
- If your table is ordering **entrées or starters**, please make it clear you have, and would like them out first.
- Place your orders all at once.
- If there's a gap between orders from members at the same table, it creates a 'broken chain', meaning meals won't arrive at the same time.
- To avoid this, please let a staff member know **once your whole table has ordered** so we can group and manage your meals more efficiently in the kitchen.

May madness!

Be sure to check out our events on the calendar below, and on the Events page on the website. This Sunday we have our *Greek Lunch*, 10th May band *My Girlfriend Sheryl*, 11th May *Mother's Day*, and then live music with solo artist *Jack Nicholls* on the 24th May.

Stay up to date with special events, and don't forget to **BOOK** so you don't miss out. Changes to our usual opening hours are also advertised there.

Don't miss out on our **Greek Lunch Extravaganza** this Sunday, 4th May, from 12 noon until 3:30 p.m. **Just click here to go** to the booking page.

See you at the club,

Elise Thomas
Manager.



Shepherd's delight ... Anzac Day, Friday 25th April.

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 \$2,000 for the 2nd of May.

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: *Berenice Hale, Terry Russell & Wilhelm Leschke*.

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.

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

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

Full Dinner menu available.

Book your table **by clicking here.**

Please note you will be directed to the website, and need to log into your portal, or use the App.

If there are no bookings or demand, the venue may close early.

* Unless a function is being held.

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

Sunday Breakfast - Last days!*

Sundays 9 - 11 a.m.

The Club opened for Sunday Breakfast as a trial during summer. *To keep this session going we need to increase numbers. We hope you can come and check it out.

Eggs two ways, scrambled or poached, and extras available.

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

Expecting a chilly morning? We have very effective heaters and blankets. Wrap-up on the deck and enjoy the weather!



Greek Lunch Extravaganza!

Sunday, 4th May 12 noon

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

Greek Lunch Extravaganza on Sunday, 4th May, from 12 noon until 3:30 p.m. For just \$65 per adult and \$30 per child, you'll enjoy a delightful feast featuring:

- Marinated Olives & Flatbread with Dips
- Lamb Kofta with Pomegranate Spiced Yoghurt Dressing
- Citrus & Oregano Marinated Chargrilled Chicken
- Ancient Grain Salad & Greek Salad
- Roasted Veggies with Rosemary Salt
- Assorted Baklava



- Apple Filled Loukoumades with Honey Thyme Syrup

And of course, get in touch with that Zorba inside you as we celebrate Greek Day with live bouzouki music, Greek music madness! Make sure to wear your dancing shoes for an afternoon full of fun, and don't forget we have a Lucky Door Prize!

We look forward to seeing you there - Opa!

Book Now **by clicking this link.**

General Meeting - Wednesday 7th May

Wednesday 7th May at 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.

Speaker: **Tasman Sadler** from Latrobe University will be giving a short presentation about her Flathead research. She is studying fish microbes in Port Phillip, and has provided the Flathead swabbing kits for our **Flathead Frenzy** competition. You can read about her research **by clicking here.**

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

All are welcome.



Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Oysters each \$5.50

Potato and leek soup, toasted sourdough \$20

Butter chicken curry, steamed rice, coriander \$26

Chicken schnitzel with lemon, chips, salad \$32

Dessert

Lemon tart \$12

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.

[Pic: Whitebait has joined the new menu]

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

Children are the Member's responsibility, not APYAC's.

[Pic: Wednesday 2nd April 2025]



Wine of the Month.

Paringa Estate Pinot Noir \$55

The 'Estate' pinot noir comes from a selection of Paringa's best vineyard sites, and its signature style is elegance and complexity.

The nose is complex and perfumed.

Aromas of dark cherries mingle with hints of spice. The palate has a luscious core of dark cherry fruit, firm tannins, and a long savoury finish. The impressive structure of this wine will ensure considerable longevity.

- \$55 per bottle

APYAC needs you Tuesday 27th May.

As our Club continues to grow, we're reaching out for your support in building our volunteer team.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of our operations -whether it's helping with door check-in, selling raffle tickets, assisting with maintenance, or getting involved with the history group- every bit of help truly makes a difference.

Not only do you gain a sense of pride in helping make your Club a success, you get to meet new, like-minded people.

If you, your partner, or a friend are interested in volunteering, we'd love for you to join us at our **Volunteer Recruitment Night**:

Tuesday 27th May 7-9 p.m.

Light refreshments, tea, and coffee will be served, and yes, the bar will be open!

Please **click the link here** to confirm your attendance.

We look forward to seeing you, and growing our amazing team together.

President's Report.

Thank You for an Extraordinary Good Friday!

I want to thank you for the overwhelming generosity you've shown in this year's **Roland Nicholls Annual Good Friday Appeal**. Thanks to your kindness and community spirit, we raised an incredible **\$6,676**.

This meant that we actually finished 55th in the state -that's insane, when you think about it.

Each time I checked the tally, I was filled with pride and gratitude. It's not just about the dollars, it's about the heart behind them. You've stepped-up in a way that honours not only the mission of the *Royal Children's Hospital*, but also the legacy of our dear mate Roland Nicholls. I know he would be absolutely chuffed to see such a beautiful outpouring of support in his name.

Every single donation -no matter the size- helps to fund life-saving equipment, cutting-edge research, and vital programs that support children and their families during their most difficult times. What we've achieved together is more than impressive -it's impactful.

This is what makes APYAC so special. Time and again, your Club proves it's more than a place -it's a family. A family that comes together with compassion, with purpose, and with an unwavering commitment to giving back. With heartfelt thanks, enormous pride, and deep appreciation for each and every one of you,

Lee Spyrou

President

*P.S. If you wish to help us raise even more ... maybe crack \$7,000, **please click the link here.***



Australia Day 2025 Clinker Boat Race --fourth across the line!

Local Member visit.

We were delighted to host a visit by our Victorian Government Local Member, **Nina Taylor MP**, in which she gained a full understanding of how the Northern Port Phillip marine life was decimated following decades of scallop dredging --first in the 1920s and again from the 1960s-- and how we have been working collaboratively the *Victorian Fisheries Authority* to restore shellfish reefs.

Habitat hero, and long-time Club Member, **Bob Pearce** explained how 180 tonnes of limestone were deployed at Margaret's reef off St Kilda, and how we have just completed the second phase of Kayakers Reef, 800 metres off Kerferd Rd Pier.



In just over five metres of water, the latest project has upgraded from the limestone base to 90 purpose-built concrete reef triangles, and 45 fish towers which are a magnet for marine life, and what Bob calls *'The largest Victorian housing project ... for underwater critters!'*

(Bob Pearce & Nina Taylor MP with a mini fish tower)

Volunteers needed.

Friday Night Helpers Needed!

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

We need help with:

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

- **Door Wardens** 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, and 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.

Barry Hayes,

Vice President.

P.S. Our Friday Night Raffle & Door Volunteer Roster has been updated and is ready for vacant positions to be filled. **Click this link** and add your name to the Volunteer Roster.

APYAC Podcasts.

The latest addition to the podcast library is a speech given by the Secretary to a business lunch about APYAC and our *Shellfish Reef Restoration Project*. Check it out **by clicking here**.

Other podcasts interview guests:

Remy Van De Wiel, *'Plastics in the bays.'*

Travis Dowling CEO of the Victorian Fishing Authority (VFA).

Brian Wright speaking about his friend, Warren Davey.

Bob Pearce, speaking about his life and times.

Mick Sass, speaking about his life and times.

Chris Lockhart, introducing our new Caterer.

Phil Langdon, speaking about his life and times.

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

Plus

Bev Pinder & Lee Spyrou (88.3 FM).

Gavin McGrath & Lee Spyrou (ABC Radio).

Check out APYAC's [podcast page by clicking here](#).



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**



Matthew Gowans caught his 46 cm flaty 800 m off Kerferd Road, **Danny Vitkin** caught his Aussie Salmon on 90 mile beach (he's not saying which particular mile) and **Richard Muscat** caught his two snapper in a location known only to him and a U.S. Spy Satellite ... *and maybe Mick Sass.*

Angling.

We have added another comp. **The Flathead Frenzy** to the calendar aligned with a study by Latrobe University on Flathead. Competition is a week long comp. **The Flathead Frenzy** running from **12.01 am on 12th May till 12.00pm on 18th May**. Catch Flathead, swab their mouth and gills like a Covid test, measure, take a pic and keep or release and take the swabs to the club. The Uni will be at our next meeting on May7th. to go through what required. You can only enter one fish, photo of your largest Flathead must be sent to **apyacanglers@gmail.com** by **12.00 noon on May 18**. There should be plenty of swabs left after the Frenzy for you to take out after the competition. Again handling of the swab etc will be explained at our next General Meeting on May7th it is not difficult or onerous.

The Flathead Frenzy Prizes. Minimum size to enter 40cm (27cm for juniors)

Open Longest Flathead (\$100 voucher)

In House Longest Flathead (\$100 voucher)

Under 15 Longest Flat Head (a rod and reel)

Prizes given out Sunday 18 May at 12.30pm.

We are running a **Flathead Frenzy Charter** on Sunday morning 18 May 6 - 11.00 a.m. which means you can have entries in the competition by 12.00 noon, [click this link to book your spot.](#)

We would like all charter anglers and those wanting to join in next season to volunteer for door or raffle duty at the club , give 'Admin' a call on 9690 5530. If we do not get volunteers for door or raffle duty the Club may not be so generous paying half the charter fee.

Our Snapper scoring system has not changed for 2025, a 43 cm snapper (our minimum size) will now be scored as 4.3 points, a 56 cm will be 5.6 points , a 87 cm fish 8.7 points and so on.

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	HARRY TSOUNBAKOS	84
	OPEN	MICHAEL SASS	90
FLATHEAD	IN	ADAM MCLEAN	59
	OPEN	MICK SASS	54
SHARK	IN	JOHN CALI	95
	OPEN	MICK SASS	136
1ST SNAPPER	IN	HARRY TSOUNBAKOS	51
	OPEN	MICHAEL BRIFFA	59
LAST SNAPPER	IN		
	OPEN		
WHITING	IN	ROB RAFFA	41
	OPEN	MICHAEL BRIFFA	43
WHITING BAG	IN		
	OPEN	M BRIFFA/M MERCECA	8.575
PIKE	IN	DUNCAN DURIE	74
	IN	OLIVIER AVIAN	66
KINGFISH	IN		
	OPEN	PAULINE BIFFIN	99
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	HENRY RUDD	45
	IN	MATTHEW GOWANS	46
JNR GUMMY	IN	MATTHEW GOWANS	78



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. If you think you are out of credit call Elise to top up at the club

"Learn to Fly Fish" was cancelled due to lack of numbers, Hurley Fly Fishing and VFFA will keep me informed when they can take anyone keen to learn Fly Fishing.

The weather has been great for boaters and anglers mostly in the early mornings, it has been blowing up in the afternoons. The Bay water temperatures have dropped around 1 degree since the last edition (18.91c top end of the bay, 18.90c Mid Bay, Ocean 18.45c).

There is hot competition for male club champion this year with Richard Muscat and Michael Sass going almost fish for fish and centimetre for centimetre at present we wish them both good luck.

The second run of snapper up our end has started, snapper have been caught from the Kerferd Road Pier, Altona , St.Kilda and Williamstown according to our spies. Snapper also reported in 8-12 meters depth Carrum and Chelsea. Kirks Point on the Western side of the bay and Mt Martha on the Eastern side, hot spots for those who can travel. Best baits seem to be Silver Whiting, Australian Salmon Fillets, Pilchards, Garfish and Squid Flathead are biting well on any of the sandy areas from Rickets Point around to Altona. Drift over sand with either bait or plastics and you should do well. They eat almost anything but Squid Strips and Pilchards the best baits. Now is prime time for flathead.

Whiting have mostly been missing from the usual marks around the club and reports are not great, they seem to be biting around Point Cook near the sanctuary, and south of there, including Kirks Point. Fish grassy areas 2-5

metres deep keep moving if you are not catching them. Best baits, Pipis, mussels and squid strips.

Keep an eye out for birds working as there are still very large schools of Australian Salmon up the club end of the bay.

Many good salmon caught around the red stick near Altona, a large school in that area. Any smallish slivery or pilchard looking lure dragged through or cast into the area the birds are diving in should produce fish.

Garfish plentiful in the bay so if you see them a light rod with a quill or similar float a small hook with Silverfish (very small almost clear fish about 1-2 cm long) Prawn slivers or bread dough works

Give it a go but watch the weather and take care!

Angling may be said to be so like the mathematics that it can never be fully learned. - Izaak Walton

John Spragg

[PIC: Heidi and Will Osborne enjoyed success over Easter.]



OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
Mick Sass	57	418.1	Harry Tsoumbakos	26	232.2
Richard Muscat	57	413.1	Rob Raffa	13	100.0
Michael Briffa	45	289.6	John Cali	9	70.1
Tony Spinelli	32	237.5	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			
Olga Harradine	3	13.3			
Ray Goddard	2	12.0			
Bob Snell	1	6.9			
Alex Cartel	1	6.0			
Alex Gillon	1	5.5			
Andre Cartel	19	57	Danny Vitkin	6	26.6
Tristan Sass	5	19.8	William Pope	1	14.0
Orlando Lumicisi	1	3.1	Henry Rudd	4	12.3
			Heidi Osborne	1	11.6
			Matthew Gowans	3	8.6

Flathead Frenzy Charter

Sunday 18th May

5:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Book your spot by [clicking this link](#).

Cost: \$75. [This is half price as an APYAC subsidised event for Members - you are required to volunteer for raffle /or door duty on a Friday night].

Members only, no guests, or waitlist members.

Boat leaves St Kilda Marina at 6:00 a.m. sharp.

5:45 a.m. meet at the wooden benches next to the Marina for roll call - we board together.



APYAC Footy Tipping Competition

Well what a week of football!

Tip-stars of the week

- Elephant stamp quality tipping from That Fasso (**Sam Fasso**) who tipped 8 and doubled his score with a fantastic Joker play. He moves up from 50th spot on the Leaderboard into the top 10. Amazing tipping.
- There were 11 Jokers played for the round. They were fairly solid all round in what was an easier round to pick winners than other rounds so far this year.
- The Leaderboard is led by Hairy Hawk (**Nick Herath**), who played one of his Jokers, Bruey4 (**Bruce Caldwell**) who also played a Joker and Hazybaz (**Barry Hayes**) who similarly played a Joker and moves up into the top 3.

Memorable moments

- Carlton win their third in a row. They also remain the only team so far this year to lead all matches at half time. Other teams will be looking over their shoulders. If they win next week they will most likely be in the eight.
- Max Gawn was so impressive on Thursday night with midfielder level stats. He is making the difference for the Demons in the last few weeks.
- The Swans were not surprisingly beaten by Gold Coast. The second half was 3 goals to 11. Many tip-star would have picked the Swans in their top 4 before the season. They have two wins so far and are in 14th spot on the ladder. Lots of work to do for them,

Classic trivia questions (as at the start of Round 7)

The Anzac Day trophy presented to the winning team features bronze columns from the battlefield of Gallipoli and a glass, silver and bronze base from which other European World War 1 battlefield?

ANSWER: The base is from an ammunition wagon used at Villers-Bretonneux in France

On Anzac Eve who was the first ever person to light the cauldron at the MCG? A clue is that his father died in Tobruk during WW2.

ANSWER: Ron Barassi whose father was killed in action during the Siege of Tobruk

Which year did the current Essendon v Collingwood Anzac Day first start? **ANSWER: 1995**

How many of the matches have been won by Collingwood? **ANSWER: 17**

Which year was the first Anzac Eve match played between Richmond and Melbourne? **ANSWER: 2015**

How many of these have been won by Melbourne? **ANSWER: 6**

When was the first ever VFL match on Anzac Day? **ANSWER: 1960 after an Act of Parliament which lifted the previous restrictions on this activity**

Two players have both won the Anzac Medal for best on ground on Anzac Day 3 times. Who are they? **ANSWER: James Hird and Scott Pendlebury**

One player has been named twice as best on ground for the Anzac Eve matches between Melbourne and Richmond. Who?

ANSWER: Max Gawn won the Frank 'Checker' Hughes medal twice in 2016 & 2024 for Anzac Eve BOG

How many draws have Collingwood and Essendon played on Anzac Day? **ANSWER: 2 draws**

The lowest crowd for a modern Anzac Day match at the MCG was in 57,000 on a dry day in 2005? Why was it so low?

ANSWER: Lowest crowd was actually in 2004 with 57,924 because the capacity of the ground was

reduced due to the MCG redevelopment for the 2006 Commonwealth Games

After being called 'fat' by a well known (and still active) media commentator in the week prior to the 2012 Anzac Day match at the MCG, who went on to collect 42 possessions and kick 3 goals as well as being best on ground? **ANSWER: Dane Swan was called fat. The commentator was Mark Robinson**

Name the player who won the Anzac Medal at the MCG for best on ground in his second ever game. **ANSWER: Mark McGough**

Who has kicked the most goals in Anzac Day matches? Matthew Lloyd, Scott Lucas, Travis Cloke or Sav Rocca? **ANSWER: Matthew Lloyd has kicked the most goals**

In the last 35 years every AFL team has actually played at least 1 match on Anzac Day. Which team has played 8 times on Anzac day in the last 35 years and not won any of their matches? **ANSWER: St Kilda has not won any matches played on Anzac Day since 1995**

Smokie tip of the week

Of course the Demons beat the Tigers. It was a fairly unimpressive match ... but a win is a win
Good tipping!

Mike

Yellow (not Gold) and Black



Every year at 10 a.m. on Anzac Day a service is held on Beach Street Port Melbourne (next to Bay Street), poignant since most Victorian soldiers departed and returned by ship from Station and Princess Piers. Put it in your diary for next year.

Boathouse

A Couple of Friendly Reminders

Volunteer Activity Update

With many members making the most of the Easter and Anzac Day holidays, it's been a quieter couple of weeks around the Boathouse.

That said, the buzz is well and truly returning this week, with volunteers back into the swing of things. Thanks as always to those who continue to give their time and energy - it's a huge part of what keeps the Boathouse running smoothly.

Vessel Usage Requirements

As we head toward the end of the membership year, a quick reminder for all boat owners:

To retain your Boathouse berth without attracting a fine, your boat needs to have been launched at least **five times** in the 12 months ending **30 June**. This is particularly important if you're not currently active as a volunteer.

If you haven't quite reached five outings yet, there's still time to get out on the water before the deadline!

Early Morning Launches and Swimmer Safety

As we move into the cooler months, mornings are getting darker during times when many people are out exercising or swimming offshore.

If you're heading out early - whether for fishing or a morning run down the bay - please take extra care around swimmers.

Many locals, including the Port Melbourne Icebergers, swim offshore between the yellow poles about **200 metres** from the beach. While some swimmers wear or tow lights (*which is strongly encouraged*), many do not - and in low light, they can be very difficult to spot.

A few important reminders for safe operation:

- Travel at a **safe speed** - meaning a speed where you can stop or turn quickly if needed.
- Keep a **good lookout** at all times - it's the vessel master's responsibility to avoid swimmers.
- **5-knot speed limits** apply when you are within **200 metres of the shoreline** or **within 50 metres of a swimmer**. (*That's about 9 km/h - a gentle jog!*)

Stay safe,

Stu.

Stuart Cousins

Boathouse Captain



APYAC CALENDAR 2025.

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

Sunday 4th May - **Greek Lunch Extravaganza** - bookings essential.

Wednesday 7th May - **General Meeting** 7 p.m.

Saturday 10th May - **Live Band My Girl Friend Sheryl**

Saturday 11th May - **Mother's Day Lunch** - bookings essential.

Saturday 24th May – **Live Music Jack Nicholls**

Tuesday 27th May - **Volunteer Recruitment Night**

Wednesday 4th June - **General Meeting** 7 p.m.

Saturday 7th June - **Live Band Regular Boys - 80's night**

Saturday 21st June - **Anglers Presentation Night** - bookings essential.

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

All events and bookings will be advertised in Tight Lines 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.

Monday 12th - Sunday 18th May - **Flathead Frenzy**.

Sunday 18th May - **Flathead Frenzy Fishing Charter**.

Sunday 25th May - **Official fishing season closes 12.00 noon & BBQ**.

Friday 6th June - Monday 9th June - **Port Mac Tuna Weekend TBC**.

Saturday 21st June - **Anglers Presentation Night**

Note: Beaconsfield Parade road closures may impact some events.



Shadow the stingray is back again, having been absent for the last three months, The First Man --**Alex Spyrou**-- caught a squid, and the Roulettes flew past the Club before blasting over the MCG on Anzac Day.

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 continue to share some of the important (and also lighthearted) moments in our shared history in Tight Lines in the coming months.



#17 Boats for Sale and Rent in Bygone Days.

'The Club's boat no. 3 sold for 100 pounds (*about \$2100 dollars in 2025 Australian dollars*)- "a very fair price" ' (16 May 1955) A fair price indeed!

'Two members protested that they were refused a booking because they had booked boats frequently in recent weeks.' (20 February 1956) A fair go for all!

Boat hire fees were increased to 10 shillings per head (*about \$20 in present currency*) with a minimum charge of 30 shillings on weekends and public holidays. (September 1956). Still pretty cheap by today's standards.

'A member defaced property by hacking a support base in the boat shed. In future, disciplinary action will be taken.' (28 October 1959) Unsupportable behaviour.

'Secretary to write to RAAF Sailing Association regarding disappointment in the "lack of co-operation in the non-attendance at meetings and the untidy state of the allocated area for the yachts.' (18 August 1961) Undisciplined fliers!

'It has been alleged that N _____ and P _____ caught undersized fish. They will be asked to appear before the Angling Committee.' (09/10/1984) Size matters!

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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Fresh two-pack paint to hull and deck.

Full length heavy stainless steel keel band & prop guard.

New lifting eyes, bow ring.

Re-wired with new fuel and exhaust hoses.

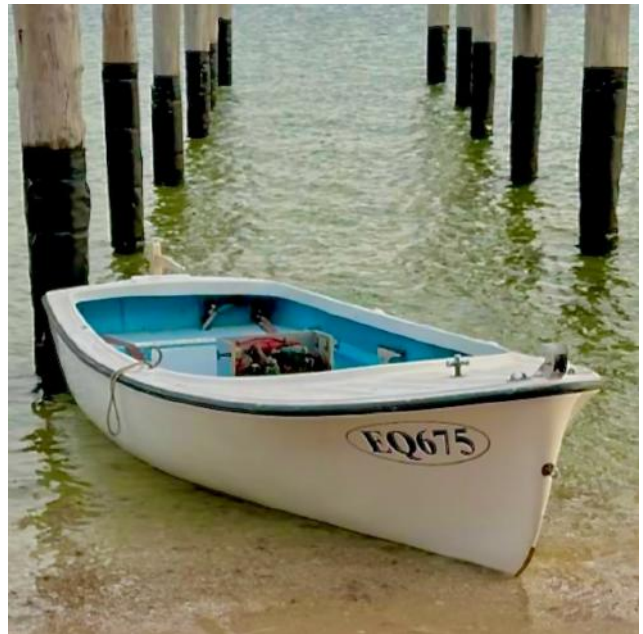
All in great working order.

Owned / work carried-out by a Shipwright.

Stern tube & shaft removed and overhauled.

Comes with spray dodger, oars, anchor, lifejackets.

Cradle, sundry extras. Call Michael on 0403 855 785 or mwhurrell@gmail.com



Boat Hire

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](mailto:captain@apyac.org.au)**.

Admin is assisting with the booking process only.

Reminder to Wait Listers

If you've recently submitted a joining application you are now on the Club's **Active Waiting List**.

Applicants on this list will be invited to join as members on a first-come, first-served basis, replacing resigned, or non-financial members in October / November each year.

As an Active Wait Lister, you will receive our regular newsletter, Tight Lines, keeping you updated with club news and events.

While waiting for membership, you are welcome to experience APYAC's ambience and cuisine. You, and up to three guests, are invited to book a table for one of the dining sessions listed below. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our stunning Port Phillip views, meet members, ask questions, and get a feel for the club atmosphere.

As a Wait Lister you can dine -Thursday lunch or Dinner, Saturday Lunch or Dinner and Sunday Breakfast please advise the office what session you would like.

Here is how to Book: As this is a special booking, you cannot reserve a table through the Club website as usual. To book, please call the APYAC office at 03 9690 5530 during office hours (Tuesday - Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Speak with a member of the admin team and provide your name, preferred session, and the number of guests up to a total booking of 4. Alternatively email **[admin @ apyac.org.au](mailto:admin@apyac.org.au)** and provide your full name and preferred date and time.



Shellfish Reef Restoration.

If you are not up to speed with our involvement in this project, check out the **short video** by **[clicking here](#)**.

The Bay Courier.

Has a great article about **Bob Pearce** in the latest edition, outlining how we became involved in restoring the shellfish reefs of Port Phillip, and what happened next.

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Business lunch speech. The latest addition to the Club's Podcast library is a speech given by the Secretary to a business lunch about APYAC and our *Shellfish Reef Restoration Project*. Check it out **by [clicking here](#)**.

Illegal fishers convicted, forfeit 19 metre boat.

Two men who fished illegally including falsifying commercial catch records over 10 months have been convicted, handed 300-hour corrections orders and forfeited their \$285,000 boat, while a company associated with the pair has been convicted and fined more than \$80,000.



Recently the brothers in their 50s, from Williamstown and Portland, and the company were sentenced in the Geelong Magistrates Court after pleading guilty to dealing with fish taken in contravention of the *Fisheries Act* and breaches of fisheries licence conditions.

An investigation led by the **Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)** found between June 2020 and April 2021 the men falsified catch and effort records, left rock lobster pots set during the closed season and used 135 more pots than allowed under a rock lobster and giant crab fishery licence, among other offences. One of the men was also convicted of

interfering with another commercial fishing operator's equipment and taking their catch.

In sentencing the men, **Magistrate Franz Holzer** ordered the forfeiture of the 18-metre vessel 'Amayos', 263 rock lobster pots, floats and ropes and handed each of the men a conviction, a \$6,000 fine and a 300-hour community corrections order. The company that employed the men was also convicted and fined \$82,500.

In the media release dated 22nd April, VFA's Director of Enforcement and Education **Ian Parks** said the case represented some of the most significant offending ever detected in Victoria and the estimated proceeds from the illegal sale of fish totalled more than \$370,000.

"This is one of the largest and most complex investigations the VFA has undertaken and it uncovered and put a stop to behaviour that risked the sustainability of our rock lobster and giant crab fisheries," Mr Parks said.

"Officers assessed catch and effort data, analysed vessel monitoring systems, undertook surveillance of the operators back at port and travelled hundreds of kilometres to the continental shelf west of King Island to retrieve the pots that were later forfeited."

"Due to how these fisheries are managed the falsification of records can have a significant impact on their sustainability. Once the under-reporting was detected it led to a 28 per cent reduction in the total allowed commercial catch in the giant crab fishery."

"Victoria has world-class fisheries and we will continue to focus on serious fisheries crime to ensure that remains the case for future generations."

"The men and company also face potential confiscation proceedings in the County Court where pecuniary penalty orders may be made for the proceeds of fish unlawfully taken."

Magistrate Holzer said it was a "very, very serious example of this kind of offending" involving "considerable concealment", while handing down total penalties, costs and compensation close to \$650,000.



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](#).

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 30th April - Tuesday 13th May 2025

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