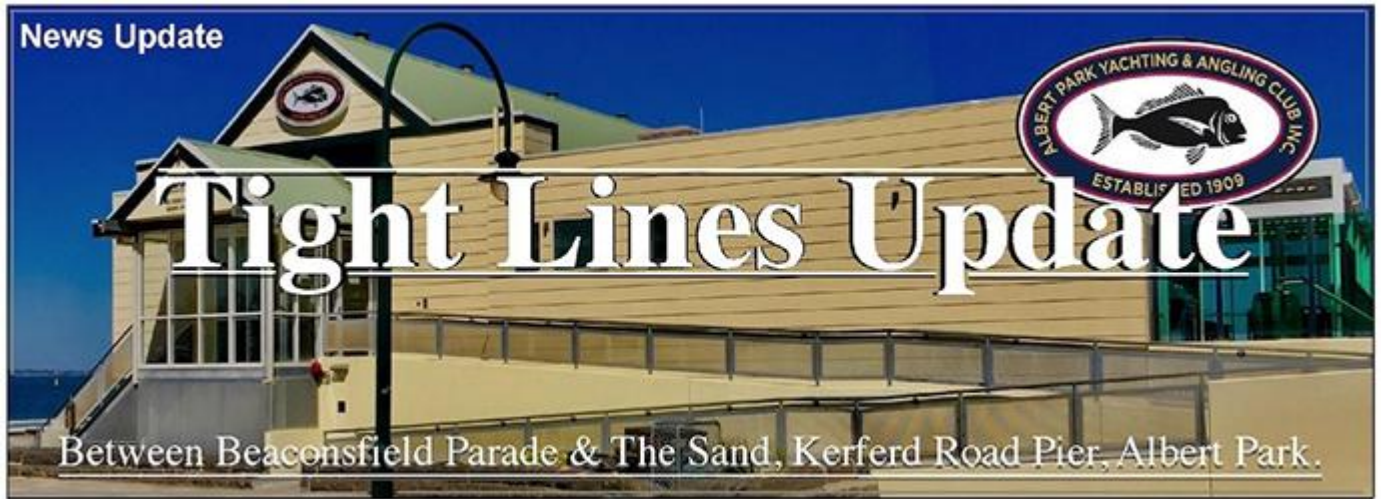


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Wednesday 9th April - Tuesday 30th April 2025

Easter closure.

Please be reminded that the Club will be closed for the Easter break. We will operate on Thursday, 17th April, and reopen the following Thursday, 24th April.

Talking about closures, the Club will close at 4 p.m. **this Saturday**, April 12th, for a private function.

Anzac Day.

We will be open on ANZAC Day on Friday, 25th April, from 12 noon until 10 p.m. As usual, we will be taking the **Anzac Day Dawn Service** from Villers-Bretonneux, France and kindly ask all guests to stand for the Last Post and the Ode. It's always a well-attended lunch, so be sure to book in advance. Lunch will end promptly at 4:30 p.m. to allow for a reset before dinner service.

Don't miss out on our **Greek Lunch Extravaganza** on 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.



A photo break before the General Meeting, last Wednesday 2nd 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 \$1,800 for the 11th of April.

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: *Sarah Pardoe-Boyd, Noel Courtney, and Peter McLennan.*

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.*

NOT THIS WEEKEND - CLUB CLOSING AT 4 P.M. FOR A PRIVATE FUNCTION.

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.

Sundays 9 - 11 a.m.

The Club opened for Sunday Breakfast as a trial during summer, and we are still doing the trial! 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



APYAC Mixed Fishing Charter

THIS SUNDAY - 13th April - ONLY FOUR SPOTS LEFT

Time: 5:45 a.m. - 11 a.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 your spot by clicking here (*we fixed the link*).

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

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

Only 12 spots. Breakfast BBQ - (Dietary requirements cannot be catered for) / BYO drinks including alcohol - no eskies / two staff (they will assist anyone who has not fished before with bait etc.) / Bait and rods supplied / Toilet on board / Check weather / Dress appropriately incl. headwear / 3 prizes will be awarded on the day / Brag mats onboard / **Check SMS updates before you leave home.**

Victorian Fishing Licenses required - 18-70 years of age. Buy your licence **by clicking here**. Seniors card holders exempt.

Queries? **Olga Harradine**

Maundy Thursday special food service.

Thursday 17th April.

Since we will only be open for one day that week, prior to the Easter break, it makes sense to have a limited menu to avoid food wastage.

All the greatest hits will be on offer, but that's it folks!

Thursday Easter menu

- Chips \$12
- Caesar salad \$20
- Chicken Caesar salad \$26
- Beer battered fish and chips \$30
- Chicken Schnitzel \$30
- Linguine marinara \$35

We thank you for your understanding.

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.**



Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Salted cod croquette - romesco, braised fennel, lemon \$9

Lamb ribs - ancient grain salad, Sticky rosemary glaze, walnut gremolata \$24

Wild mushroom risotto - truffle & white wine cream served with Ricotta Salata \$34

Whole baby barramundi - garlic sauce, steamed rice, ginger, fresh herbs. \$38

Warm Nutella cookie - vanilla bean ice cream \$12

Check out the 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.

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]

Wines of the Month.

'The St Hugo Duo'

St Hugo Chardonnay

White nectarine along with yellow peach and citrus zest combined with notes of warm brioche. The vibrant palate offers a lovely balance of lemon juice and grapefruit with an alluring textural component and toasted hazelnuts and finishing with vibrant, mouth-watering acidity.

A gorgeous straw hue and vibrant palate, featuring a blend of lemon zest with white nectarine and nougat, make this wine unmissable. With such an intense palate, notes of lime and white pepper, and the inevitable salivating from the taut acidity, immediate drinking will be unavoidable.

-\$45 per bottle

St Hugo GSM

The winemakers at St Hugo have selected the premier examples of their low yielding Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro vines to make this full bodied, and delightfully plush wine. The nose is beautifully aromatic, floral notes are nicely balanced by rich Turkish delight. On the palate, ripe fruit notes and subtle oak are beautifully hung of rich and fine tannin. Raspberry and blackberry are balanced perfectly with earthier and oaken notes, ending with gentle notes of raisins and almonds. This is a dangerously easy wine to drink and perfectly highlights the capability of the Barossa Valley to produce stunning, lighter red wines.

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Aprils' Wines of the Month

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10% Sunday Surcharge & 10% Public Holiday Surcharge Applies

President's Report.

Oh, what a night!

Were you there? If you were, you'll know exactly what I mean when I say the *Black-Tie Event* was absolutely legendary! And if you missed it, well, you'll be hearing about it for a long, long, time because the night could go down in APYAC history as one of the best ever!

A massive shout-out and heartfelt thanks to **Elise, Annabelle**, and the entire team who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to pull off this unforgettable evening. Every detail was pure magic --from the dazzling decorations to the jaw-dropping fire performer, the roving magician who left us wide-eyed, and the iconic champagne tower (a true showstopper)!

And that playlist, WOW!! Talk about addictive! It was impossible to stay in your seat when those beats hit the air. The dance floor was packed, the floorboards were thoroughly tested, and the energy was off the charts!

As if that wasn't enough, there were secret prizes that added an extra thrill to the night. The theme was '*Dress to Impress*' and we delivered! Who knew a fishing club could sparkle with so much glitz and glamour?

Everyone left with fabulous snapshots from the night, courtesy of our sensational photo booth.

But don't worry if you missed this one ... because we've got more excitement coming your way. Mark your calendars for our next big event: the **Greek Lunch Extravaganza** on Sunday, May 4th! **Tony Panayotou** will be back, promising to lead us in more than just the Zorba, so get ready for an afternoon packed with Greek food, dancing, and laughter.

See you at the Club - and until then, keep the fun alive!



Lee Spyrou,
President.



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.



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

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**

Angling.

The Flathead Frenzy.

We have added another competition to the calendar aligned with a study by Latrobe University on Flathead. **The Flathead Frenzy** is a week long competition running from 12th till 18th May.

Catch Flathead, swab their mouth and gills like a Covid test, measure, take a pic, then keep or release and take swabs to the club.

The Uni will be at our next General Meeting on 7th of May to go through what is required. Details of competition will be in the next edition of Tight Lines and social media.

The Flathead Frenzy Prizes

Open - Longest Flathead (\$100 voucher)

In House - Longest Flathead (\$100 voucher)

Under 15 - Longest Flat Head (a rod and reel)

Charters.

Olga is running the next charter this Sunday morning, grab your spot now. While the weather beat us on a couple of charters, we were very pleased with patronage on the charters and we thank the Club for picking up half the cost. 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.

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.

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	HARRY TSOUNBAKOS	84
	OPEN	MICHAEL SASS	90
FLATHEAD	IN	ROB RAFFA	56
	OPEN	MICK SASS	54
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	MICHAEL BRIFFA / DANIEL KARIS	42
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	WILL OSBORNE	44
	OPEN		



Bait Bandits.

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 at the Club.

Learn to Fly Fish.

Our big day out was cancelled due to lack of numbers, *Hurley Fly Fishing* and VFFA will advise when they can take anyone keen to learn Fly Fishing.

Pic: **Peter Taylor** with a rainbow trout from a recent fishing trip to New Zealand with fellow club members, fly-fishermen **Alex Gillon & Lex Dodd** who showed him how it's done!

Fishing Reports.

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 two degrees since the last edition (19.9C top end of the bay 19.3C Mid Bay, Ocean 17.9C).

The second run of snapper up our end has started, with catches from St.Kilda, Kerferd Road Pier, Altona and Williamstown according to our spies. Snapper also reported in 8-12 meters depth between Carrum and Chelsea. Kirks Point is another hot spot for those who can travel. Best baits seem to be silver whiting, Australian salmon fillets, pilchards and squid.

Flathead are biting well on any of the sandy areas from Ricketts Point to Altona. Drift over sand with either bait, or plastics, and you should do well. They eat almost anything but squid strips and silchards are 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 large schools of Australian Salmon up the Club end of the bay. Any smallish slivery or pilchard-looking lure dragged through, or cast into the area the birds are diving, should produce fish.

Kingfish in the Rip have slowed but still there for those able to fish in or around the Rip.

Garfish are 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!

March Prizes

Longest Snapper: **Richard Muscat** (a giant 87cm)

Mystery Length Snapper: **Rob Raffa** (44cm)

Junior Longest Snapper: **Henry Rudd** (30cm)

Everyone should believe in something, I believe I will go fishing ... Henry David Thoreau

John Spragg

OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
Mick Sass	50	366.8	Harry Tsoumbakos	26	232.2
Richard Muscat	47	331.8	Rob Raffa	10	84.4
Michael Briffa	45	289.6	John Cali	9	70.1
Tony Spinelli	29	216.4	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	16	48.1	Danny Vitkin	3	16.1
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	2	5.8
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APYAC Footy Tipping Competition

Well what a week of football!!

Tip stars of the week

Unbelievably, 4 tip-stars correctly picked all matches correctly for the round and get a bonus point for their efforts. Ewan (**Rachel Eaves**), Gmac (**Greg McPherson**), Midge1234 (**Grant Howden**) and SWM01 (**Scott Meyers**) are our tip-stars of the week. Very impressive tipping.

Four Jokers were played this week. Hazybaz (**Barry Hayes**), Bruey4 (**Bruce Caldwell**), Blossyboots (**Belinda Holt**) and Macca's mate (**Greg**) all picked 7 for the round and doubled their scores to get 14 points courtesy of their Joker play. That's good tipping.

Our leaderboard for the end of Round 4 has **James Nixon** still out in front but his margin is now just 2 with Bruey4 and Blossyboots in second and third on the same score. But it's tight as a couple of good Jokers are all that separate the leaders from those at the wrong end of the ladder.

Winners and losers

Gold Coast continue on their merry way - a really impressive win and they are now top 3. Gold Coast are good. Of course, Adelaide supporters will feel hard done by after the AFL admitted an umpiring mistake. But chances are Rankine would not have kicked a goal for Adelaide anyway.

There would only be one thing worse than being a Carlton supporter this week....and of course that would be if you are a Melbourne supporter.

St Kilda defeated Port in Adelaide - second time in 16 matches. That's a big win. I am not sure if Port are just not very good or St Kilda are actually OK. I am probably leaning to the former at this stage.

Trivia questions:

How much does a slab of Carlton Zero commemorative beer sell for at a Cellarbrations liquor store? (a) \$38.00 (b) \$41.00 (c) Doesn't matter, I will buy one anyway. **ANSWER: (C) and well done Pies**

The second highest ever crowd for a match between the two bottom sides attended last week's Fremantle v West Coast match. What was the crowd? (a) over 40,000 (b) over 45,000 (c) over 50,000 **ANSWER: (C)**

The Hawks have started the season with 4 wins from 4 matches. They have been very impressive and are Premiership favourites. When was the last time they managed that? (a) 2012 (b) 2013 (c) 2014 **ANSWER: (C)**

And on a sad note, former Collingwood and Richmond player Andrew Krakauer died this week aged 42. Champion Data stated that he played the best senior level game they ever recorded in an AFL or senior state level in the Swan Districts v Claremont WAFL Grand Final in 2010. He had 40 disposals, took 11 marks and kicked 4 goals and won the Simpson Medal for best on ground in the Grand Final. Who kicked the winning goal in the last 30 seconds of that Grand Final match to win the game for his side by a point? **ANSWER: its in the YouTube clip and of course it was Krakauer himself that kicked the winning goal in the final seconds of that Grand Final. Watch it by clicking here.**

And for bonus points, also in the 2010 WAFL Grand Final, which current GWS player also kicked 4 goals from 17 disposals in that Grand Final...as a 16 year old? **ANSWER: Stephen Coniglio. And thanks to Terry George who clearly knows his footy trivia! A golden elephant stamp for him.**

How did my smokie tip go?

I thought the Bulldogs might go down against Fremantle - and that proved to be a very solid tip. Freo won by a comfortable margin.

Good tipping

Mike

Yellow (not Gold) and Black

Boathouse

Clinker restorations.

Congratulations to the Boathouse volunteers whose efforts of installing a new motor in PA074 finally paid off when Mariner Engineering inspected the job and signed off on the warranty, signifying the job was performed to the highest standard.

Next please ...

The team has already moved on to the next project!

Using the hoists.

Watch the Tides (*Especially Over Easter!*)

As APYAC members, we're lucky to have two sturdy hoists to launch and retrieve vessels -but they're only as safe and effective as the people operating them.



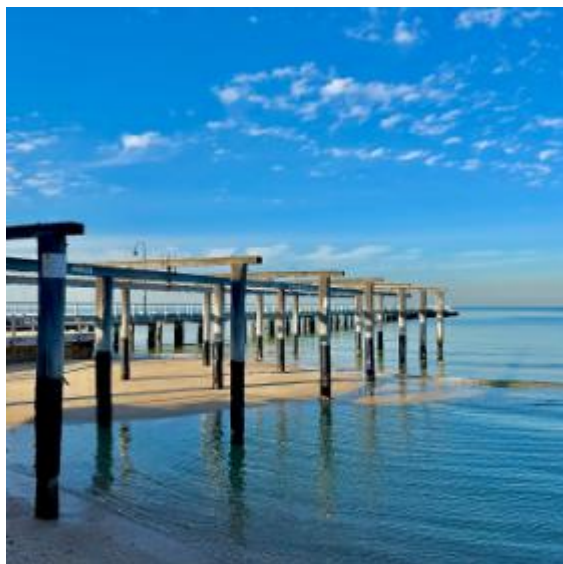
With a full moon approaching, now's a good time to remind everyone of a key operational point:

The hoists must only be used vertically -straight up and down. No dragging, swinging, or attempting to lift a vessel at an angle.

Full Moon.

What does the Full Moon have to do with it?

Quite a lot, actually.



The Full Moon brings *Spring Tides** --that means higher-than-usual highs and lower-than-usual lows. These tidal swings are more extreme than normal and can catch boaters out, especially during hoist operations.

At low tide, you may find insufficient depth beneath your boat - it might be sitting on the bottom, or barely afloat.

Lifting a vessel when it's not directly below the hoist, or trying to swing a descending boat further out, risks serious damage to:

- The hoist
- The slings and cables
- Your boat
- And most importantly -your back or someone else's.

Plan around the tide.

Here's what to do:

- Check the local tide chart for Port Phillip, or your usual tide app.
- Know your vessel's draft and add a buffer to ensure flotation at the time you plan to use the hoist.
- Allow time either side of the high tide peak for flexibility.
- It might mean an early start, or a slightly later retrieval -but it's worth it for a smooth, stress-free lift.-

A reminder from the Boathouse team. We all want the hoists to last, work reliably, and stay safe. So please:

- Never attempt a lift at low tide unless you've checked the depth
- If in doubt -ask for help or wait for more water
- And never force a lift

Let's keep our gear in top shape - and our boats off the bottom.

The Rule of Twelfths.

Here is a handy way to estimate how quickly the tide rises or falls --especially useful if you're launching, retrieving, or navigating in tidal areas like around APYAC.

What is it?

The tide doesn't rise or fall at a constant rate --it accelerates then slows. *The Rule of Twelfths* helps you guesstimate how much water depth changes in each hour of a 6-hour tide (which is roughly the time between low and high tide).

How it works.

Divide the total tidal range (difference between low and high tide) into 12 equal parts.

The tide rises or falls each hour like in this chart. So, most of the water moves in the middle two hours.

Hour after tide change	Fraction of total movement
1st hour	1/12
2nd hour	2/12
3rd hour	3/12
4th hour	3/12
5th hour	2/12
6th hour	1/12

Underwater Drone.

Many may not be aware that the Club has a sophisticated underwater drone that is being used for conservation initiatives. The *APYAC Conservation Committee* was recently formed to broaden its use within the community.

Last week, as a training exercise, it was deployed under Kerferd Road Pier.

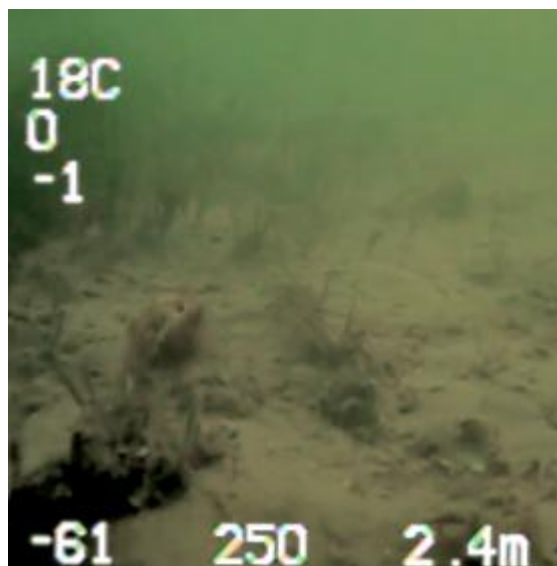
Many thanks to **John Spragg** for obtaining the drone, and **Anthony Osborne** and **Cody McLeod** for driving these projects.

Stay safe on the water,

Stu

Stuart Cousins

Boathouse Captain



*Spring Tides

How can you have **Spring Tides** in Autumn? We asked A.I. to explain. *ChatGPT* says:

'Spring tides occur when the gravitational forces of the Sun and our Moon align, resulting in a greater-than-average difference between high and low tides, typically during new and full moon phases.

Here's a more detailed explanation:

Alignment:

Spring tides happen when the Sun, Earth, and Moon are aligned in a straight line, either during a *New Moon* (when the Moon is between the Earth and Sun) or a *Full Moon* (when the Earth is between the Sun and Moon).

Gravitational Influence:

The combined gravitational pull of the Sun and Moon during this alignment leads to a stronger tidal bulge on Earth, resulting in higher high tides, and lower low tides than usual.

Tidal Range:

The difference between the high and low tides during a spring tide is greater than during typical tides, hence the term "*spring*" tides, which is derived from the concept of the tide "*springing forth*".

Frequency:

Spring tides occur roughly twice a month, coinciding with the New and Full Moon phases.'



Pickleball

What is Pickleball? - it is fun.

Pickleball combines tennis, badminton and table tennis on a small court ($\frac{1}{4}$ of a tennis court), is easy to learn and one of the fastest growing sports in the world.

One of the reasons pickleball has become so popular is you can play from 9 to 90 with small chance of injury, a low cost to entry, and it is not too physically strenuous.

A group of APYAC members (**James Nixon, Peter Neville, Jo Atkinson, Heather Richards & Peter Taylor**) have formed a club playing in Albert Park. We are a group of volunteers looking for more people to enjoy this fun sport.

Our club is called *Southside Pickleball Inc* and we have arranged heavily discounted court hire at the Albert Park Indoor Sports Centre (APISC), Level 1, **'The Pits'** 3 Aughtie Drive Albert Park (special thanks to Sam & Nick from APISC).

We play three mornings a week Monday, Wednesday & Fridays. Wednesday is our fun day with a morning social competition for some, but not all, followed by lawn bowls, cards or mahjong at the Middle Park Bowling Club. We even have trivia there at 7 p.m.

Check out our interim website **spinc.com.au**

You can email us **[play @ spinc.com.au](mailto:play@spinc.com.au)** for further details.

- Peter Taylor

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.



APYAC CALENDAR 2025.

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

Saturday 12th April - **Venue closed from 4 p.m. - Private function.**

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

Saturday 19th April - **Club Closed** for Easter

Sunday 20th April - **Club Closed** for Easter

Friday 25th April - **ANZAC Day**

Sunday 4th May - **Greek Lunch Extravaganza**

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

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

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

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

Saturday 14th June - **Live Music Regular Boys**

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

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.

Sunday April 13 - Final Charter for the year.

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

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.

History.

Approaching Anzac Day, **Grant Aldous** turned his mind to the WW1 Honour Roll on the east wall of the Clubhouse.

Brothers in arms.

If three boards in the Club could talk, you would hear stories of gallantry, bloodshed, horror, mateship, joyous reunions and life after military service.

Fixed to the east wall of the clubhouse, they are the APYAC's Honour Rolls, recording members who fought for Australia in six wars - the First and Second World Wars, Vietnam, Afghanistan, East Timor and Iraq.

The First World War roll carries the names of brothers Frederick Henry and James Connelly Brougham. They were local lads - Frederick was born on 24 November 1890 in South Melbourne and James in Albert Park in 1893. Their parents were William Henry Brougham Snr. and Catherine, who emigrated from Glasgow, Scotland. Frederick and James are great uncles of APYC member John Armitage and his brother David and Graeme.

Frederick enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy on 13 August 1912, serving for five years as a sailor, rising to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He rejoined the navy in 1938 and was discharged in 1946.

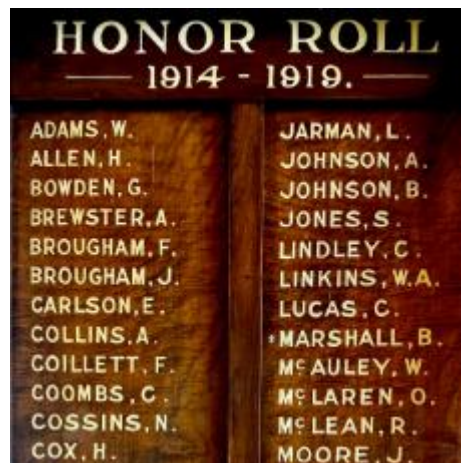
Frederick was a character. His interests were women and punting. He was married three times - Jean Eliza Cunningham in 1923; Eileen Rhena Wood in 1942; and Lillian Adelaide Hill in 1949. He tried retailing with a grocery and liquor shop in Bridport St., Albert Park, but apparently liked the horses more than being a shopkeeper - for he forfeited the business because of his betting. Having lost 2000 pounds (about \$180,000 today) to bookmakers, he was declared bankrupt and his business was assigned to the creditors in 1929.

And there is a possible exotic touch. The family believes that he may have been a member of a Freemason lodge in Jamaica. Freemason records show that there was a Frederick Henry Brougham who was a member of the Moor-Keys Freemason Lodge in Kingston, having paid membership for five years in 1916. This may have been possible, having been in the Navy. Frederick died on 13 June 1968 in Albury, NSW.

James enlisted in the Army on 22 May 1915. On the enrolment form, he gave his 'trade' as 'engineer'. He saw action in France as a driver. James trained in Egypt - his medical record shows that he was very much a young man in a foreign country - before being shipped to France. He was discharged on 28 July 1919 and was awarded the Star and Victory medals.

He married once to Emily Sarah Orr in 1929. She died in 1958. He died in West Brunswick on 11 April 1951 in West Brunswick.

*Note: This article is the result of information provided by APYAC members **John Armitage** and **Annette Bacash-Armitage**, and **David Armitage** and **Graeme Hudson**.*



For sale.

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SAVAGE FISHERMAN \$8,500

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**.

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.

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 am - 4:00 pm). Select Option 2 to speak with a member of the admin team and provide your name, preferred session, and the number of guests.



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](#).

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.

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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 9th April - Tuesday 30th April 2025

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