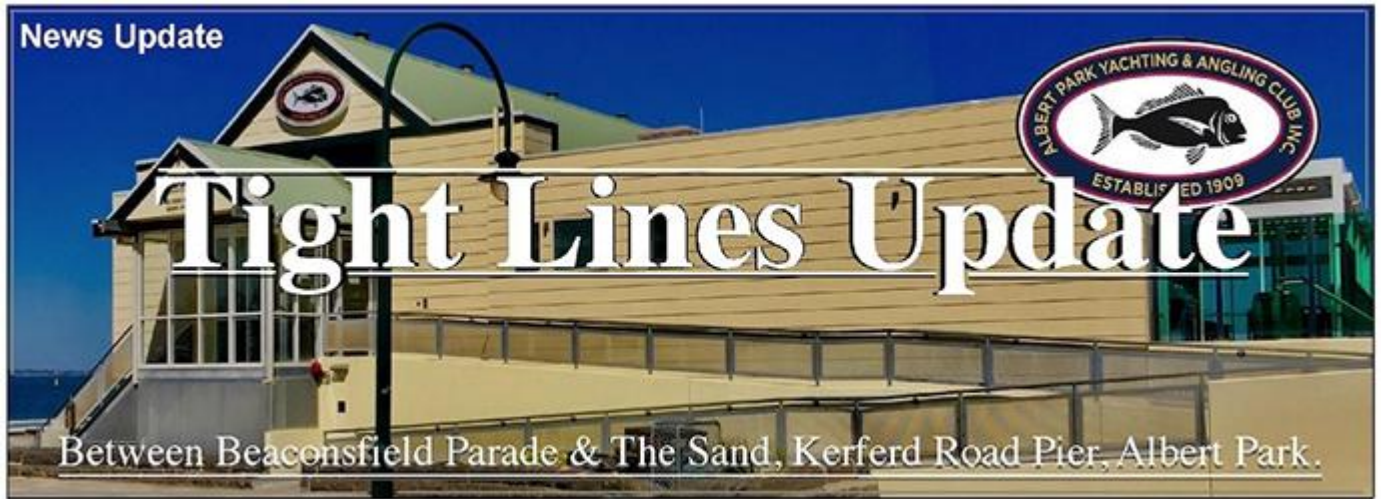


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Wednesday 14th May - Tuesday 27th May 2025

Good Vibes.

What an incredible fortnight it's been at the club! From our delicious Greek Lunch Extravaganza to the high-energy performance by *My Girlfriend Sheryl*, and a beautiful celebration for Mother's Day - it's been non-stop good vibes. A big thank you to everyone who joined us!

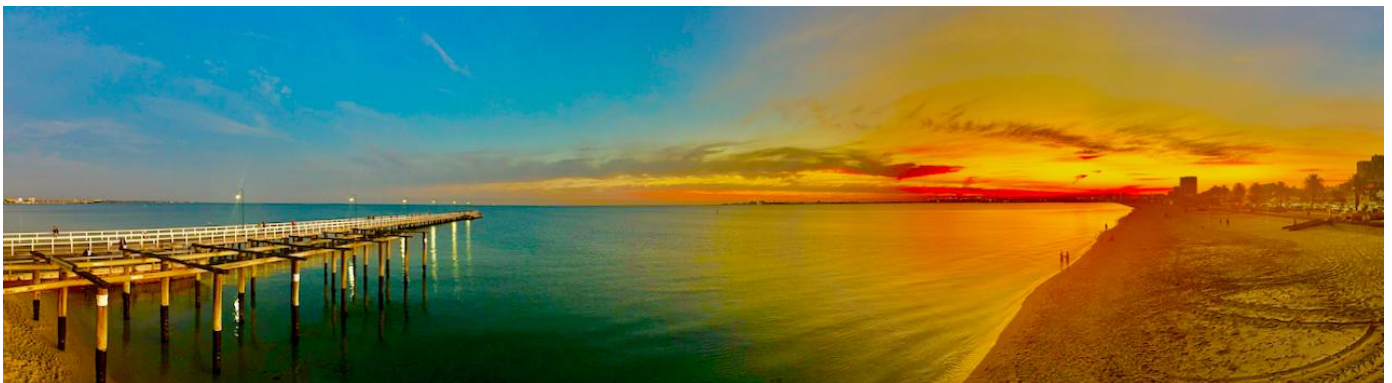
Be sure to check out our upcoming events - we're excited to have **Jake Nicholls** performing live on Saturday 24th May.

We hope you're all having a fantastic month.

See you at the club soon!

Elise Thomas

Manager.



Perfect weather for Mother's Day.

What about Wednesday?

4 - 8 p.m. Wednesday 21st May.

We are running a special Wednesday business trial. Would you like us to be open?

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Happy Hours, selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

The full dinner menu will be available, but without the Specials.

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 \$2,200 for the 16th 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: *Ross Mitchell, Peter Miers, Peter Hickey, and Andrew Gash.*

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!



Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Oysters each \$5.50

Chicken and sweet corn chowder, *crispy pancetta* \$20

House made potato gnocchi, *Napoli, fresh ricotta, basil pesto* \$26

Thai green chicken curry, *fragrant rice, herbs, lime* \$28

8-hour braised lamb shank, *creamy mash potato, rosemary sauce, sweet potato crisps* \$38

Caramel bread pudding *dehydrated orange* \$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]

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 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.

You are also more than welcome to join the group downstairs in the Boathouse where boat and general maintenance is conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in a very convivial atmosphere.

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.

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: Mother's Day 11 May 2025, only 44 days from the Winter Solstice, by which time the Sun will be setting on the eastern side of the Westgate Bridge]



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

President's Report.

What a fortnight it's been at APYAC - full throttle, high energy, and packed with all the things that make our Club the best place to be!

We kicked things off with an unforgettable *Greek Lunch Extravaganza* - and wow, did we feel the spirit of the Mediterranean! The live bouzouki music had us dancing with abandon, plates were piled high with mouth-watering Greek cuisine, and **David Sharples** serenaded us with sultry Greek tunes that transported us straight to the Aegean. The vibe? Absolutely electric.

Then, midweek brought brains to match the brawn with our *May General Meeting*, where we were joined by the brilliant **Tasman Sadler** from La Trobe University. Tasman has selected us -yes, APYAC members- to play a key role in their fascinating Flathead Microbiome Project.

Here's the scoop: this groundbreaking study is digging deep (literally and figuratively) into what lives in and on our beloved flathead, aiming to uncover how stressors like pollution affect their health. It's cutting-edge science that could revolutionise how we monitor fish health -without harming them.

Why flathead? They're local legends --abundant in Port Phillip Bay, faithful to their turf, and adored by anglers. But they're also under pressure. By swabbing gills and mucous -instead of invasive, harmful sampling- we can help science in a big way, without impacting the fish.

So grab your swab pack from upstairs and become part of this pioneering project. Science needs us, and we're ready to deliver!

To top off a stellar fortnight, we celebrated the special women in our lives at our *Mother's Day Luncheon*. The clubhouse bloomed into a floral paradise as families gathered to honour the incredible mums of APYAC. The laughter, love, and joy in the room were only matched by the delicious spread from Ascot Catering - heartfelt thanks to them and our wonderful staff for putting on another flawless event.

And let's not forget the sunshine --May, you beauty! We've been spoiled with glorious weather, which meant the balconies were buzzing and the Club was packed to the rafters. Nothing beats that view, great company, and a



full house.

Looking ahead - *Presentation Night* is coming up on Saturday, 21st June. This is one of our biggest nights of the year, and it will sell out, so don't wait. Book your spot and join us as we celebrate the champions of our club in style.

Can't wait to see you around the club - make sure you come and say hi!

Cheers,

Lee Spyrou

President.



Friday night, 9th May 2025.

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**



No sand, 3rd May.



Too much sand, 8th May!



Thanks to the volunteers.

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 started at 12.01 a.m. on 12th May, and runs until 12 noon 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. Tas from the Uni was at our general meeting last week. Swab as many as you can, but you can only enter one fish, a photo of your largest Flathead must be sent to apyacanglers@gmail.com by 12 noon on Sunday May 18. There should be plenty of swabs left after the Frenzy for you to take out after the competition. Grab your kits in the Langdon Room, and downstairs near the sign-out book.

Swabs are to be returned to the Esky in the boat house near the sign-out desk. Again: swab as many flathead as you can, but only one fish can be entered in the comp.

We believe a paternoster rig, sinker at the end of your line with one or two droppers above the sinker, is best. Start with a 4/0 or 5/0 hooks. Cut pilchards, squid or fillets of any fish are great bait, they will also take soft plastic lures. Drift over sandy areas from Black Rock to Port Melbourne. Once you catch a few go back over the area as Flathead do tend to school-up in waves on the bottom. Out the back of the club, 100 metres out further from the pier end can be productive.

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 12.30 p.m.

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	MARK MERCECA	138
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



The Flathead Frenzy Charter is on! We leave St.Kilda Marina at 5:45 a.m. on Sunday, back by 11 a.m. Bookings going fast, Flathead caught on the charter can be entered in the comp. and we will make sure we have a supply of swabs. Wear warm clothes, it'll be only eight degrees when we push off, rising to about 16, with a light south-easterly.

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) 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.

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, or not, in the afternoons. The Bay water temperatures have dropped since the last edition (16.8C top end of the bay, 17C Mid Bay, 17.2 C in the Ocean).

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

The second run of snapper up our end has started. They have been caught from our pier at Kerferd Road, off Altona, St.Kilda and Williamstown according to our spies. Snapper also reported in 8-12 meters depth Carrum, P2 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.

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

April Monthly winners were:



Longest Snapper **Richard Muscat** (81cm)

Random length snapper **Rob Raffa** (51cm)

Junior **Danny Vitkin** (44cm)

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

The best fishermen I know don't look for the fish. They look for the places where fish hide - Tommy Bolton

John Spragg

[PIC: **Shane Barwood** was tuna fishing off Portland, chasing bait balls with pilchard chunks for bait. From 10 o'clock in the morning till 2:29 p.m. when he hooked a huge tuna --playing it for ninety minutes. It weighed 115 kilos! **Alex Spyrou** off to try Kayakers.]

OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
Richard Muscat	60	434.2	Harry Tsoumbakos	26	232.2
Mick Sass	59	431.5	Rob Raffa	19	129.8
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	Eddy Bernobich	5	32.8
Lee Spyrou	11	80.5	Robert Pope	2	28.0
Grant Ahearn	6	48.1	Colin McGregor	3	18.1
Mark Mercieca	7	45.6	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	18	54.2	Danny Vitkin	6	26.6
Tristan Sass	5	19.8	William Pope	1	14.0
Orlando Lumicisi	2	5.9	Henry Rudd	4	12.3
			Heidi Osborne	1	11.6
			Matthew Gowans	3	8.6
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APYAC Footy Tipping Competition.

Well what a week of football!

Tip-stars of the week

- Magnificent tipping by ESPNFAN302 (**Amy Smith**) who picked 8 correctly and played a Joker doubling her score to 16. She rockets up to 34th on the Leaderboard as a result. Quite a few tip-stars picked 8 for the round, but none had Amy's courage to play a Joker. That's a missed opportunity for them.
- Two tip-stars played their Joker this week doubling their score. In addition to Amy Smith, **James Nixon** picked 6 and scored 12.
- The Leaderboard is starting to hot up. Hairy Hawk (**Nick Herath**) still leads over Bruey4 (**Bruce Caldwell**) whilst Blossyboots (**Belinda Holt**) jumps into third ousting **Barry Hayes** who slips back to 5th spot.

Memorable moments

- Fremantle played their fifth worst first half ever in Round 8 in Melbourne. But at home it's a different story. Against the Pies they were a re-born team. The Pies won but Fremantle showed they are going to be hard to beat at home, again.
- There were plenty of close games on the weekend. The Showdown match was true to form with the Crows just holding off Port and Rozee winning the Showdown Medal for the losing team.
- Dermie calls out Tom Brown's tackle as the best this season. It might have won his team the match but there would have been a bit of magic had 4th gamer Tom Gross kicked a goal and won the match for the Eagles on the MCG.
- Who would have picked North to be leading Brisbane late in the Sunday night match only for the match to end up a draw? Actually Bob Talbot picked North. That is either fat fingers or insightful tipping! Let's see how North go next week against the Tigers Bob.

Trivia questions...and answers

1. Last week in Round 9 Will Ashcroft won the medal for best of ground after the Q clash. Who is the medal named after? (a) his mother (b) his father (c) his brother (d) his uncle

ANSWER: (b) his father

2. Last week (R9) Ross Lyon became the 18th coach to coach 200 wins in AFL matches. How many of those coaches have won a premiership (a) 5 (b) 10 (c) 15 (d) 17

ANSWER: (d) 17 of them - all except Ross Lyon

3. Last week (R9) there were some very disappointing results for fans. A player from which team said the following when interviewed after the match... *"It's f***ing pretty disappointing to be honest mate. We're embarrassed. We've let the [name of the team] family down. We feel a lot of responsibility for an absolute crap performance..."* (a) Richmond (b) Fremantle (c) Carlton (d) Port Adelaide

ANSWER: probably all of them but the actual answer was (b) Fremantle

How did my smokie tip go

I predicted that the Tigers and West Coast match would end up a draw. Well that proved to be very close to the truth with the lead changing 15 times during the match.

Good tipping,

Mike.

Pier closed for repairs.

Upcoming safety repairs to Kerferd Road Pier

"We need to repair Kerferd Road Pier so it continues to be safe for the local community and visitors to enjoy.

One pile is in poor condition and needs replacing.

The end 40 metre section of the pier, including the lower landing, will be temporarily closed to the public for up to one week during May --subject to favourable weather conditions.

Pier-based fishing, and boat access will be available at nearby Lagoon Pier."

Contact Parks Victoria

13 19 63

parks.vic.gov.au



APYAC CALENDAR 2025.

Saturday 24th May - **Live Music** Jake 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 - **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

[pic: **My Girlfriend Sheryl** played last Saturday night and ripped the place apart ... as usual]

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.



This week our forecourt has been the back lot for filming on the beach ... *rumoured to be Neighbours*. Congratulations to **Stu Reid** who caught and measured in his first flathead at 40cm; and released over a dozen others in their 30's ... and nice to see the nav-lights working on the Club hire boat the other evening. [How do you remember the colours? 'There's a little **RED PORT LEFT** in the bottle!']



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.



#18 Loans and Building: If You Build it, They Will Come

Inflation is not a new phenomenon- even in the 50's and 60' prices were going up:

'Interior painting of the clubhouse cost 42 pounds.' (August 1944)

'The Committee allocated 75 pounds from Building Fund to complete improvements to the balcony and stairways.' (7 July 1952)

'The Committee instructed the Secretary to investigate increasing insurance cover for the Club's contents to 1000 pounds.' (25 April 1952)

'The Melbourne Harbour Trust to be told of reconstruction of front stairway.' (13 April 1960)

'The committee allocated 100 pounds for painting and building materials.' (5 May 1960)

Accounts show income: boat rollers 7 pounds 12 shillings 7 pence; polisher 27 pounds 8 shillings 9 pence, telephone 11 pounds 4 shillings 9 pence, postage 2 pounds 7 shillings 6 pence.' (17 October 1960)

'The Executive was empowered to borrow 1,000 pounds interest free from Mr J Langdon and repay at 250 pounds a year.'

'General meeting to be called regarding the 1,000 pound loan to be repaid over two years.' (April 1957)

In case you were wondering, Mr Langdon's generosity translates to a loan of about \$21,000 in 2025 dollars. But a 1,000 pound loan in those days was a much bigger commitment. What a legend!

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.]

For sale.

EQ675

SAVAGE FISHERMAN REDUCED TO \$8,500 ONO

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.

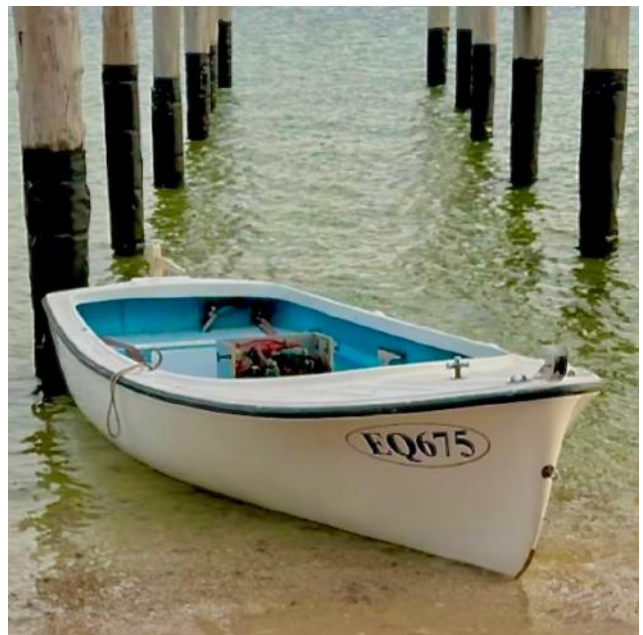
All in great working order.

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**.

Kayaker's Two Reef

Yesterday, (Tuesday 13 May 2025), the fish towers were installed in Kayaker's Two reef, 800 metres off Kerferd Road pier.

Bob Pearce said:

"Then we'll put down old oyster shell, and create the apartments for critters!"

There used to be a great reef called Powerhouse; in a bisecting line from the Westgate Bridge and Victoria Avenue Albert Park. Sadly, it no longer exist, thanks to dredging

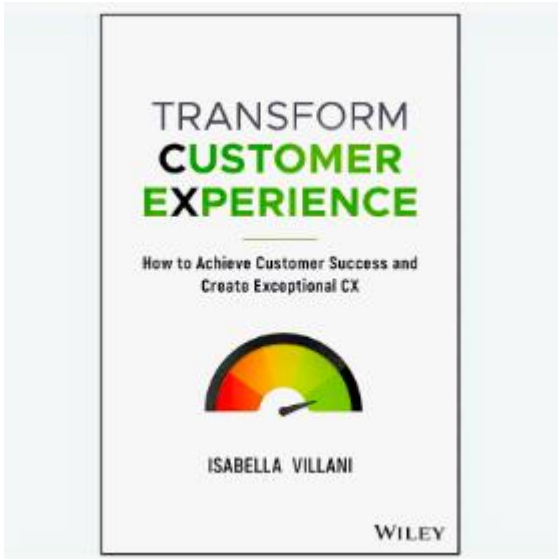
activity years ago. Kayakers 1, 2, and 3 are in the same vicinity, so it is logical to expect that these reefs will perform similarly to Powerhouse."

We have two Fisheries surveys coming up and we expect to see the baby muscles to be thriving. Already anglers are reporting good flathead catches in the vicinity.

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**.

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Building Excellence in Customer Experience.



On 30 April, we hosted Customer Experience Excellence Training for staff and volunteers led by **Isabella Villani** of *Exceed Global*. Held at the Clubhouse, the workshop focused on service best practices, personalising member interactions, and handling challenges with confidence.

Isabella, a nationally recognised Customer Experience (CX) expert and author, delivered a highly-engaging session that left participants with actionable insights. This training reflects APYAC's commitment to creating positive, inclusive experiences for all. Thank you to our team for their dedication. For CX support, you can reach Isabella at Exceed Global, she'd be happy to help, or **grab her book here**.

Pickle-what?

Pickleball = 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 Nevile, Jo Atkinson, Heather Richards, Shane O'Brien & 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 (aka Spinc)* 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 us out on our website spinc.com.au

You can email us **play @ spinc.com.au** for further details.

- Peter Taylor



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

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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 14th May - Tuesday 27th May 2025

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