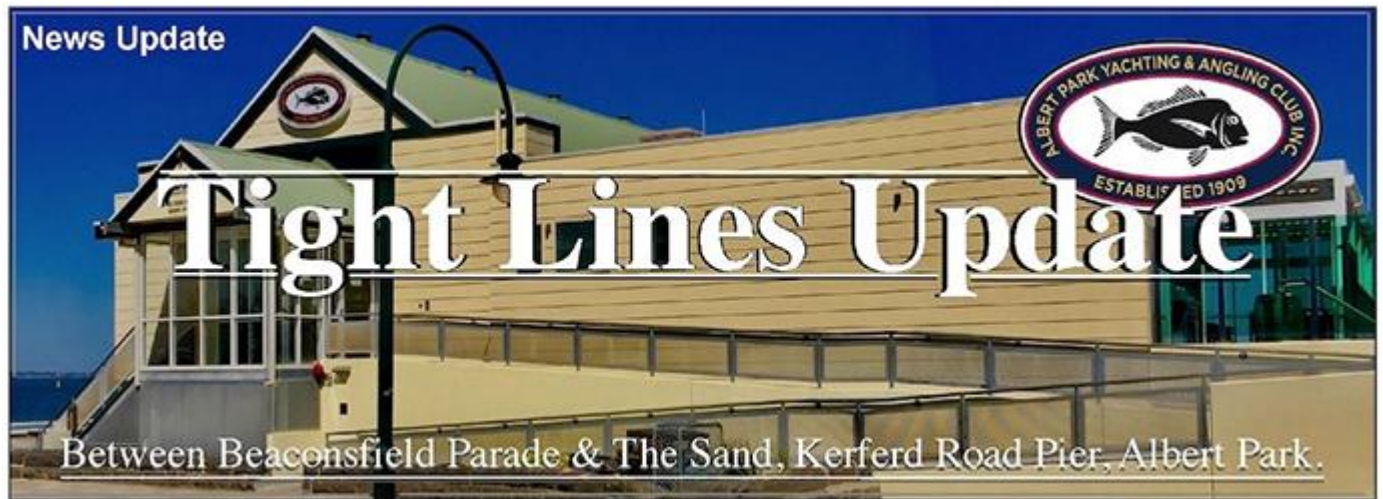


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**Wednesday 28th May - Tuesday 10th June 2025**

## Get excited!

We're thrilled to invite all members to our annual **Presentation Night** —a special evening to celebrate our Club's proud angling heritage, shared achievements, and the spirit that brings us together.

Join us for a fun-filled night featuring a delicious carvery dinner, live music, awards, and plenty of dancing! It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with members old and new, recognise outstanding contributions, and simply enjoy a great night among friends.

Let's come together to celebrate everything that makes our Club truly special.

Full details below —check them out.

See you at the club soon!

Elise Thomas

Manager.



*Has this been the best Autumn ever?*

## What about Wednesday?

**4 - 8 p.m. Tonight, Wednesday 28th 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.

**4 - 8 p.m. Next week, Wednesday 4th June.**

This is also the June General Meeting night.

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

There will be bar snacks available from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

7 p.m. General Meeting

Club-sponsored supper after the meeting.

## 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 \$2,400 for the 30th 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: *Judi Lay, Ann Knights, and Tom Mogg*.

### 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.

Saturday 7th June – **Band 'Regular Boys' 80's Night.**

*(Time to bust out your '80s wardrobe and dress to impress!)*

Saturday 21st June – **Anglers Presentation Night - Bookings Essential.**

Saturday 19th July – **APYAC Trivia Night**

\* 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 a effective heater and blankets. Wrap-up on the deck and enjoy the weather!*



## Angler's Kitchen Specials.

**Oysters** each \$5.50

**Cream of mushroom soup** —grilled bread \$20

**Salmon gravlax on croute** —horseradish and chive cream, arugula, cured egg yolk snow \$26

**Malaysian style satay chicken curry** served with rice \$28

**Crumbed Veal Schnitzel** —served with chips, coleslaw and gravy on side \$34

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]*

## General Meeting - Wednesday 7th June

### Wednesday 4th June 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.

Bar opens 4 p.m.

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

There will be bar snacks available from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

7 p.m. General Meeting

Club-sponsored supper after the meeting.

All welcome!

## Presentation Night

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music, awards, and plenty of dancing! It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with members old and new, recognise outstanding contributions, and simply enjoy a great night among friends.

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- Your **\$65** ticket includes Entree, Carvery & Dessert
- Children Under 12 - \$25 Fish & Chips + Ice Cream
- Drinks available at the bar at Members prices

### Book tickets by clicking here.

*Note: Life Members, President & Ex-Presidents free - select choice in booking options.*



## 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: 21 May 2025, only a month from the Winter Solstice, note how the Sun is setting behind the pylon of the Westgate Bridge ]*





## Wine of the Month.

### Domaine Felix Bourgogne - \$52

Matured in predominately seasoned French oak. Semi translucent dark red colour with black toned edges and a vibrant crimson red hue. Cherries, cloves, forest berries, pencil shavings on the nose; brightness. The palate is more direct and savoury, with graphite and a ferrous mineral component, strawberries, beetroots, hung meat, underpinned with tight, ripe and succulent tannins which will no doubt blossom with time in the glass or the cellar.

- \$52 per bottle

## President's Report.

### A Night to Remember – Celebrating Our Club 100 Legends and Tireless Volunteers!

What a night – what a club!

I'm still buzzing from the incredible evening we shared celebrating two of the most vital and vibrant parts of our APYAC community: our Club 100 champions, and our unbeatable volunteers.

Let me take you back.

In 2021, faced with a pressing need to pay off the loan for essential club renovations, the Committee rolled up its sleeves and launched the **Club 100** initiative. The concept? Simple but bold – offer 100 ten-year memberships to raise the funds we needed. And wow, did our members deliver! These memberships were snapped-up faster than a pinky feeding frenzy, and thanks to the incredible generosity of those 100, our debt was cleared and the future of our club secured.

Every year since, we've gathered to toast these legends, but this year, we turned it up a notch.

Why? Because we brought together our Club 100 stars AND our amazing volunteers – the everyday heroes who work behind the scenes to keep our club running like a well-oiled engine. And believe me, it was a night worthy of their efforts. From the volunteers on our Main Committee and Sub-committees – Angling, Boat House, Maintenance, and Historical – to the quiet achievers managing admin tasks, selling raffle tickets, or greeting members with a smile at the front desk, their contributions are invaluable.

A special shoutout to our Boat House volunteers:

Over the last 12 months, 43 of them rolled up their sleeves –literally– across Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Their work ranges from crane safety management and boat hire inductions to sand clearance and even clinker boat restorations and engine overhauls. There's metal fabrication, boat maintenance, and so much more. And every task, big or small, is taken on with a spirit of camaraderie that truly makes this club special. It's not just work – it's a community. To all our volunteers –I see you, I appreciate you, and I'm honoured to work alongside you.

And the celebration? Pure magic.

With mellow live music setting the tone, guests were treated to a curated wine selection and a delicious spread. It was relaxed, warm, and filled with smiles and stories. A true reflection of what APYAC is all about.

Whether you've been here from the start or have just jumped in to lend a hand, this night –and this message– is for you.

Thank you for your passion. Thank you for your time. Thank you for helping shape APYAC into the thriving, welcoming, and downright awesome club it is today.

Here's to the next chapter –together.

And, as always, if you see me at the Club, please come up and say hello!



Cheers,

Lee Spyrou  
President.



*These high pressure systems make for glorious days, Friday lunch, 23rd May 2025.*

## 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, so we 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 APYAC 24-25 competition season has ended. The turn up for the end of season barbecue was disappointing, and we will look at options to get more anglers there for the close of the next season.

### Presentation Night.

The big night of the year is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of June, bookings are now open. Check out the story above and **book your tickets** by clicking here.

We want all anglers to attend this special night, it will be a great night and well worth the cost. We hope all current anglers, and those who want to be part of the reason the Club exists, to come along. Even if you are not an angler it will be a night to enjoy the stories of the ones that got away.

### Flathead Frenzy.

- **Alex Spyrou** won the Flathead Frenzy with a 47cm fish
- **Cameron McPerson** swabbed the most flathead for the competition, 8 fish.

There are plenty of flathead swabs left after the Frenzy for you to take out after the competition. Swabs are 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. Swab as many flathead as you can, this is a great time to catch flathead.

We believe the best rig for catching flathead is the paternoster rig, sinker at the end of your line with one or two droppers above the sinker. Start with a 4/0 or 5/0 hooks. Cut pilchards, squid or filets of any fish great bait, they will also take soft

| 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 MERCEICA       | 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 MERCEICA | 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 MERCEICA       | 38     |
| JNR SALMON   | IN   |                     |        |
|              | OPEN | ANDRE CARTEL        | 41     |
| JNR FLATHEAD | IN   | HENRY RUDD          | 45     |
|              | IN   | MATTHEW GOWANS      | 46     |
| JNR GUMMY    | IN   | MATTHEW GOWANS      | 78     |

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 from the end of the pier can be productive. Rug-up, the flathead are waiting for you!

### **Charter volunteers.**

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.

### **Bait.**

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.

### **Reports.**

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 (15.2C top end of the Bay, 15.6C Mid Bay, Ocean 16.3C). The lack of rain has meant that the water in the Bay has been clearer than we have seen for ages.

The second run of snapper has been very patchy, and fish few and far between the last few weeks. Snapper are still around just very hard to find. 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 metres deep. Keep moving if you are not catching them. Best baits, Pipis, mussels and squid strips.

Squid are being caught in large numbers but in the Avalon, Kirks Point and Campbells Cove areas. Gummy Sharks are lurking around P2 and Werribee in deeper water. 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. The areas around the Warmies also firing up, look for steam coming out of the chimney, and give the area a go.

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, rug up to keep warm and take care!

*The fishermen knows that the sea is dangerous, and the storm terrible, but they have never found these dangers sufficient reason for remaining on the shore. - Vincent Van Gogh*

John Spragg

| OPEN             | FISH       | POINTS | IN-HOUSE         | FISH      | POINTS |
|------------------|------------|--------|------------------|-----------|--------|
| Mick Sass        | 61         | 441.7  | Harry Tsoumbakos | 26        | 232.2  |
| Richard Muscat   | 60         | 434.2  | 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   | Henry Rudd       | 5         | 15.2   |
| Orlando Lumicisi | 2          | 5.9    | William Pope     | 1         | 14.0   |
|                  |            |        | Heidi Osborne    | 1         | 11.6   |
|                  |            |        | Matthew Gowans   | 3         | 8.6    |
|                  |            |        |                  |           |        |
|                  |            |        |                  |           |        |
|                  |            |        |                  |           |        |
|                  | <b>288</b> |        |                  | <b>91</b> |        |

## 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 131963 [parks.vic.gov.au](https://parks.vic.gov.au)**



## Kayakers Reef fisheries survey.

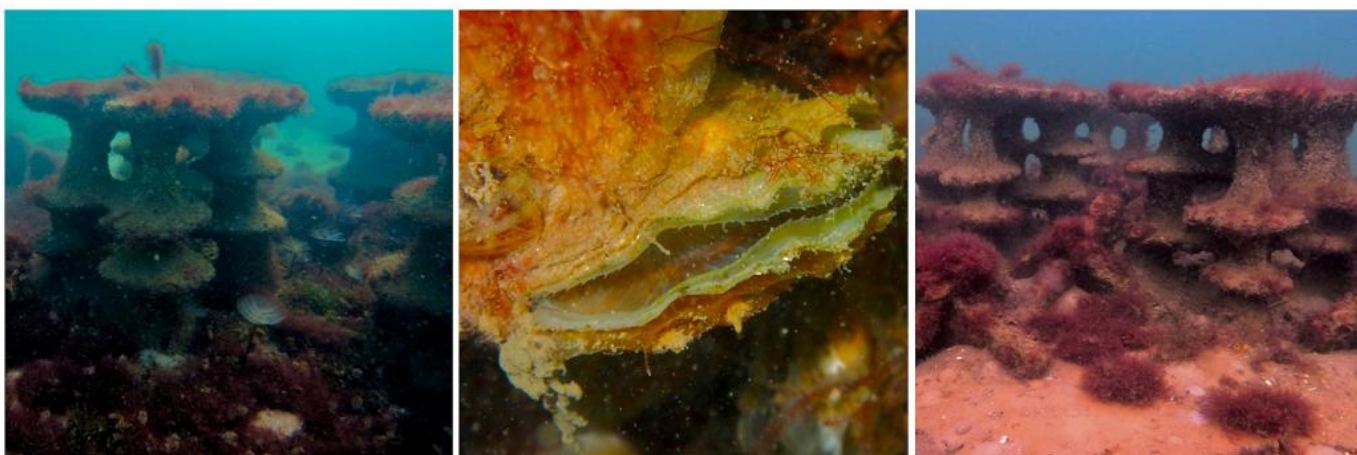


**Ben Cleveland** and **Brent Womersley** recently dived on *Kayakers Reef* for the first time since the oyster triangle deployment in December. They were surprised by the rapid growth, and coverage, of seeded oysters (*Ostrea angasi*) on the triangles. Many oysters have also settled-on and are growing-well on the unseeded Fish Towers.

Some of the oyster triangles, especially in the southern part of the reef, have partly subsided into the sediment, however overall, the modules are sitting well.

The second phase of the reef steered by APYAC and *Cardium Marine* was recently installed, west of the original reef. During the dives it was a good opportunity for Ben to assess that this installation was completed as planned. The contrasting growth of marine life on the original modules is phenomenal in only five months —so advanced that it is difficult to distinguish the original shapes of the oyster triangles.

[Images ©CardiumMarine2025]



## APYAC CALENDAR 2025.

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

Saturday 7th June – **Band 'Regular Boys' 80's Night.**

Saturday 21st June – **Anglers Presentation Night - Bookings Essential.**

Wednesday 2nd July – **General Meeting** 7 p.m.

Saturday 19th July – **APYAC Trivia Night.**

Wednesday 6th August – **General Meeting** 7 p.m.

Saturday 9th August – **Live Music 'Ian Banks'.**

Saturday 16th August – **Band 'Unlimited Sounds'.**

Saturday 30th August – **Night Dining Closed Private Function.**

Wednesday 3rd September – **General Meeting** 7 p.m.

Sunday 7th September – **Father's Day Lunch.**

Saturday 20th September – **'Bollywood'** comes to APYAC.

Saturday 27 September – **Grand Final Day.**

Wednesday 1st October – **Annual General Meeting.**

Saturday 18th October – **Live Music 'Ian Banks'.**

Saturday 25th October – **Band 'My Girlfriend Sheryl'.**

Wednesday 4th November – **Melbourne Cup Day.**

Wednesday 5th November – **General Meeting 7 p.m.**

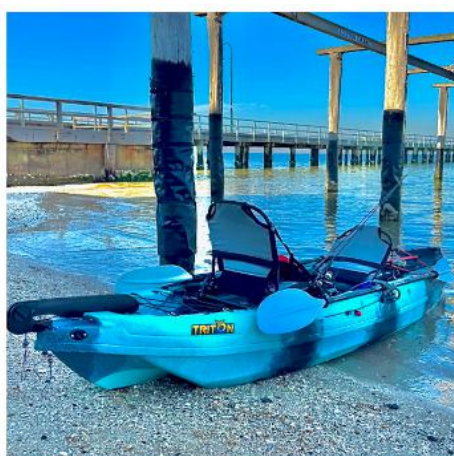
Wednesday 3rd December – **General Meeting 7 p.m.**

*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**

*[Image: My Girlfriend Sheryl played recently and ripped the place apart ... as usual]*



*Images: The restored two-person kayak, **Tony Panayotou** doing a test drive. **Sandra Rogerson** captured the sunset sky.*

## Boathouse.

### Tandem Kayak

The two-person kayak, generously donated by Tiger Yan earlier this year, has had a lifting-sling fitted and seats attached to the hull, and as such will soon be made available for hire. It currently lives in the centre aisle on the top shelf and can be lifted using the electric crane, noting that it is slightly bow-heavy so should be supported as it is raised. Unlike our single seater kayaks, the two seater does not have pedals and thus relies totally on paddling. Thanks to Tony Panayotou for paddling it out for a seaworthy trial.

### PA005 Restoration

One of the current projects being undertaken by the team of volunteers in the Boathouse is the restoration of the Jack Pompei-built PA005. The vessel will be refurbished from top to bottom and will include installation of a rebuilt motor. When completed, it will be offered for sale.



### Marine Licence Course

Coast Guard St Kilda will be running a Marine Licence course on Sunday June 15th. For further information, or to enrol, please contact Coast Guard directly via email [vf2 @ coastguard.com.au](mailto:vf2@coastguard.com.au) or drop me a line.

### Boating Safety: Refuelling

In Victoria, refuelling a recreational boat is governed by specific legal requirements to ensure safety and environmental protection.

#### Legal Requirements

- **No Passengers Onboard During Refuelling:** It is prohibited to refuel a vessel at a wharf, jetty, or pier if there are passengers onboard. Additionally, restarting the vessel with passengers onboard after refuelling is not allowed. An exception exists if disembarking passengers is impractical, such as when refuelling away from a wharf or jetty.
- **Engine and Electrical Equipment Off:** Before refuelling, turn off the engine and all electrical equipment to prevent ignition of fuel vapours.
- **Ventilation:** After refuelling, ventilate the tank and engine compartments thoroughly. Do not start the engine if fuel fumes are detected.
- **Avoid Overfilling:** Do not overfill the fuel tank. Clean up any spills immediately to prevent environmental harm and fire hazards.

#### Best Practices

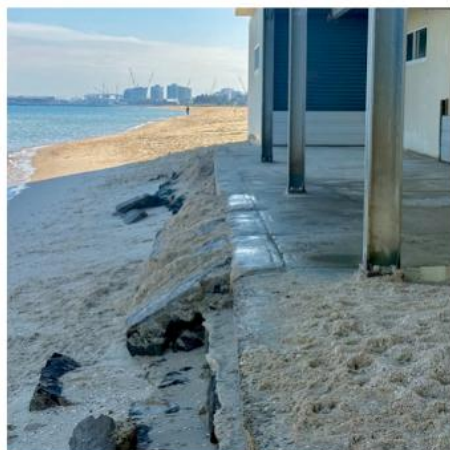
- **Secure Mooring:** Ensure the vessel is securely moored during refuelling to prevent movement that could lead to spills.
- **No Smoking:** Smoking is strictly prohibited during refuelling operations.
- **Use Proper Equipment:** Utilise appropriate fuel containers and funnels to minimise spills.
- **Regular Maintenance:** Regularly inspect fuel lines and connections for wear and tear to prevent leaks.

Adhering to these regulations and best practices helps ensure safety for all onboard and protects the marine environment. Stay safe on the water.

Stu.

Stuart Cousins,

Boathouse Captain.



*A few days ago the sand left us again. The New Moon (between us and the Sun) caused the fortnightly King Tide which smashed us again ... more work for the army of boathouse volunteers. It makes Wednesday's coffee-break cake taste even better!*

## APYAC FISHING SEASON 2025 CALENDAR.

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

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

## 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.



### #19 Dues and Registration

Dues for 2025 are not yet payable, but it's only a few months away. Even with Club membership at record levels, it's critical to keep membership dues up to date, just as it was in 1958. It seems that this has been an issue since forever, or at least for the past 70 years.

*'In April 1958 a new membership rule was to be introduced - If dues not paid by 30 September membership lapses.'*

*'A member was told that unless he paid his dues immediately, he would forfeit trophies he had won.'* (April 1958)

*'Eighty one members to be told that unless their levies were paid, membership would be suspended.'* (July 1958)

*'Visitors - only two per member on two occasions per year is to be strictly adhered-to.'* (June 1985)

If you have any old club pictures or documents we'd love to get a copy of them. Contact: [apyac.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:apyac.volunteers@gmail.com)

Bill Ryan.

[ IMAGE: Thanks to the State Library Of Victoria.]

# APYAC Footy Tipping Competition.

## Well what a week of football!

### Tip-stars of the week

Each season only a few tip stars correctly pick every match in round. This week three tip-stars did just that. ESPNFan... 376 (**Washa**), Middle Park Bandit (**Tim Miller**) and David G75 (**David Gowans**) all picked the perfect round. They received a bonus point for their perfect round. They move up to 27th, 38th and 60th on the Leaderboard. They will need a bit more of that quality tipping to challenge the leaders.

Seven tip-stars played their Joker. SOB805 (**Shane O'Brian**), Ewan (**Rachel Eaves**) and **Danny** were the best of that bunch picking 7 correctly and doubling their score to 14.

The Leaderboard shows Hairy Hawk (**Nick Herath**) maintaining his lead with Bruey4 (**Bruce Caldwell**) jumping back into the top 3 and showing the same tipping form that his Demons are showing on the park. Blossyboots (**Belinda Holt**) maintains third spot of the Leaderboard.

### Memorable Moments

Bailey Smith showed the Bulldogs a clean pair of heels with his 33 possessions on Thursday night. What an acquisition in an already loaded Geelong team.

Nick Daicos had a lazy 17 possessions in the last quarter to help the Pies get a win over North.

Melbourne are starting to show something. 4 wins from 5 and a complete demolition of the Swans this week. Their big test comes up in a couple of weeks against the Pies.

Fremantle might just have picked up this year's rising star with Reid, the number 14 pick last draft again kicking 4 goals.

### Trivia answers

1. Who invented the Dreamtime concept first played in 2005? **ANSWER: Kevin Sheedy**
2. What was Michael Long's walk to Canberra called? **The Long Walk was a nine day walk in 2004**
3. Who did Michael Long want to meet in Canberra? **John Howard**
4. How many days did Michael Long have to wait for that meeting? **1 day after arriving in Canberra but 10 days after he started walking.**
5. How many editions of Dreamtime have Essendon won? **8 times of 20 games played (2005 - 2024)**
6. Who won the Yiooken Award for best on ground in their debut match, never to be seen reaching those heights again? **Richmond's Dean Polo**
7. Who has won multiple Yiooken Awards for Dreamtime? **Richmond's Dustin Martin**
8. In addition to the MCG, where are the other two grounds that the Dreamtime matches have been played at? **2020 in Darwin & 2021 in Perth**
9. Who played their 400<sup>th</sup> and last match for Essendon in the 2015 Dreamtime match? **2015 Dustin Fletcher. He did a calf in the third quarter.**
10. How many indigenous players in AFL 2025? **ANSWER: There are 62 Indigenous players listed with an AFL club**

### How did my smokie tip go?

I half seriously thought the Saints might be a chance at Hardwick's least favourite ground. How wrong I was. My smokie form is shaky.

Good tipping!

Mike

## For sale.

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#### 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](mailto: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** 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

On Tuesday 13 May the fish towers were installed in Kayaker's Two reef, 800 metres off Kerferd Road pier. Since then we conducted a fisheries survey, (see story above) and were thrilled to see the thriving marine life. Already anglers are reporting good flathead catches in the vicinity. We have funding for a follow-up survey later in the year.

**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**.



## New slide show

We have added new slides for the Club's slide show ... mostly from images that have appeared in Tight Lines. If you would like your image removed from the screen, please advise the office and it will be done immediately.

## City Of Port Phillip - Sports & Recreation Survey

### Move fast! Help shape Sport and Active Recreation in Port Phillip

Until the second of June you can share your ideas and feedback to inform a long-term strategy that will guide sport, active recreation and physical activity in Port Phillip. This strategy looks at sports facilities, active recreation infrastructure and opportunities to be physically active in the City.

To have your say about the future of sport and active recreation you can complete a survey online **by clicking here**, or speak with their representatives in person at pop-up events.

## 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](#).

The following is a press release from VRFish, dated 27 May 2025:

## ***Victorian Fisheries Authority announces final workforce changes.***



In February, the *Victorian Fisheries Authority* announced a proposed organisational reform that was instantly opposed by Victorian recreational fishers across social media and later confirmed via the VRFish [survey](#). Two petitions each received more than 20,000 signatures calling for action to stop the proposal.

The Parliamentary Petition was recently tabled by **Sam Groth** (Shadow Minister for Outdoor Recreation). It's listed in the Order of Business to be considered when Parliament returns on Tuesday, 27 May.

Last week, the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) confirmed that they will progress with workforce changes and their staff were notified of the final structure.

The role of a Fisheries Officer is set to change from being focused on enforcement to education and engagement. On the VFA website, they've stated that *"The new structure reflects our continued commitment to protecting our fisheries while focusing more on education and engagement with the recreational fishing community"*

### **The key changes include:**

- A change in their staffing numbers from 192 to 157. This is a reduction of 35 filled roles, including 15 Fisheries Officers.
- The 16 vacancies will be abolished without replacement.
- This takes to total number of Fisheries Officers in Victoria from 73 to 39.
- Closure of Braeside and Altona stations.
- Stations at Cowes, Mornington and Queenscliff will remain, with four Fisheries Officers at each.
- Building stronger partnerships with external science providers to create efficiencies in science and management areas.
- Increasing their focus on targeting deliberate organised fisheries crime through a Major Fisheries Crime Unit with additional resources.

### **According to the VFA, things that will not be changed under the new structure:**

- All Fisheries Officers will remain Authorised Officers, carry a badge, issue fines and carry out inspections.
- 13Fish remains open to report illegal fishing.

## **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.**

### **Wednesday Trial.**

Open 4 p.m.

*Happy Hours 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

**Dinner 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

*Normal menu, no specials.*

*Book tables to help prove demand.*

### **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 28th May - Tuesday 10th June 2025**

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