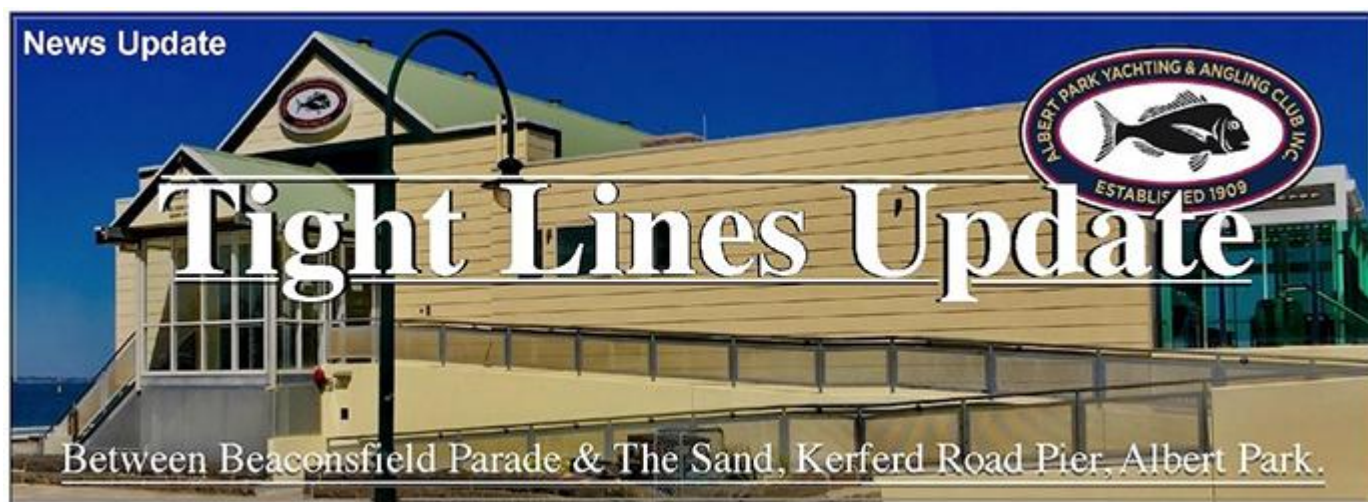


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Wednesday 30th July - Tuesday 12th August 2025

Next Wednesday.

Next Wednesday night (6th August) we'd love you to come to the Club for our August General Meeting. My long range weather forecast is that it will be mostly clear, 12 degrees when we start the meeting at 7 p.m. —with just a zephyr of a northerly.

Of course, we'll be open from 4 p.m. with two Happy Hours from 4:30 p.m.

There will be the usual reports from Sub-Committee heads, and we will be voting on Special Resolutions to change the Club's Constitution which you can read about below. It won't take long and we should be finished by 7:45 p.m.

If you haven't been to a meeting since **Chris Lockhart** has taken over the catering you're going to be in for quite a surprise as the spread he puts on is something to behold. It's one of the best parts about being a member of Apyac —*free food at the meetings!*

Afterwards we have a surprise short television documentary on **Jack Pompei**: Club legend, boat-builder extraordinaire, a man who could not swim --but saved over 600 lives! The interview with him is gold and I implore you to come and watch. We may even have the Producer in person to tell us about it.

The Angling Committee will then conduct a forum about the next season so if you are an angler, dangle a line, or **want** to dangle a line, I'll see you on Wednesday night.

Oh, we had 91 people to come to Trivia the other Saturday night. I resisted asking technical questions about Airbus A380 engineering systems, but most were still obscure, (and written by a pedant), they tell me.

In future, I promise questions will be easier!

James Nixon
Secretary.

Our Manager, Elise Thomas, is on leave.



Jack Pompei.

What about Wednesdays?

4 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays

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

Vote with your feet.

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.

Wednesday Parma Night.

Chef Chris has kindly agreed to run four Parma options, each served with chips and salad, all for just **\$24**.

With every Parma sold, we're also offering:

- A pot of lager or draught includes great northern for just **\$2.50**, or
- A glass of Hill Chardonnay or Shiraz at the same price.

NEXT Wednesday - 6th August General Meeting

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

Starters and light meals until 6:30 p.m. - *No Parmas that Wednesday night.*

The General Meeting starts at 7 p.m. followed by Club-sponsored supper, and special video.

All welcome!

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 back to \$500 for the 1st of August after Rachel won the pool of \$3,200 last Friday night.

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.

Weekly Raffle

Tickets are sold in the hour prior to the Member's Draw and the raffle is drawn soon after.

Four Prizes up for grabs:

- The Meats Tray, from *Kirkpatrick's Meats*.
- Mumm Champagne.
- A \$70 bar voucher.
- A substantial 'secret' prize, check it out on the prize table.

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)

Special Resolution General Meeting

Wednesday 6th August - 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.

Starters and light meals available until 6:30 p.m.

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

7-7:45 p.m. Special Resolution General Meeting with voting on four items.

Club-sponsored supper.

8:15 - 8:30 p.m. Special television event: Jack Pompei.

8:30 - 9:15 p.m. Angling Forum - Season 2025-6

All welcome!

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

French onion soup with cheesy garlic crouton \$20

Baked chicken and sweet corn risotto, shimeji mushrooms, warrigal greens \$28

Steak and cheddar pie, tender braised steak in a rich gravy served with chips and salad \$35

Lamb shank, garlic and rosemary mash potato, buttered greens and sweet potato crisps \$38

APYAC sharing cheese plate – brie, blue, cheddar, grapes, dates, quince paste, lavosh \$28

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.

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.

[Image: Trivia night winners: **'Deep TRUMP Thrombosis'** We promise, next time, that the questions will be a little easier.]



Wine of the Month.

Port Phillip Estate Pinot Noir Balnarring

Bright aromas of cherry and strawberry lead, followed by more complex layers of fresh spice, earthy undertones, and hints of violet, offer a fragrant introduction to the wine. The palate is vibrant and fresh, with a mix of red and blue fruits flowing across a soft yet lively acid line. Tannins are smooth and well-integrated, providing gentle structure without overpowering the fruit. The finish is long, clean, and fruit-driven, leaving a lasting impression of balance and finesse.

Featured in *The Gentleman's Journal* as wine of the month June 2025.

\$45 per bottle



President's Report.

VRFish Turns 30 – A Night of Pride, Passion, and Powerful Advocacy

Last weekend, Victorian angling's finest gathered in Geelong to celebrate 30 years of VRFish – and what a night it was! With 'Fishin' with Fergy' as MC, and powerful addresses from VRFish Chair **Rob Loats** and EO **Ben Scullin**, the night was a tribute to the tireless advocacy that has shaped the future of recreational fishing across Victoria. From restoring habitats to protecting access, VRFish's work has transformed our waterways, and continues to do so.

Among the standout moments of the evening was the presentation of VRFish Lifetime Achievement Awards —none prouder than when our very own **Bob Pearce** was honoured for his decades of conservation leadership, and reef restoration.



As **Christine Couzens MP** announced his name, the room erupted, and rightly so. Bob's work has helped raise over \$600,000 for shellfish reef restoration, and even the humpback whales are noticing, with sightings in the Yarra as far as the West Gate Bridge last week.

A testament to healthier waters and tireless vision.

Representing APYAC on the night were **Pat Hutchinson, Alex Spyrou, John Spragg, Chantal Meehan**, and myself - who all stood proudly as Bob took the stage.

The following morning, over coffee and croissants, we were joined by clubs from across the state —Bayswater Dunlop, Burnanga, Leopold and the Victorian Fly Fishing Association— to share stories and plan for future collaborations.

A huge thank you to VRFish for 30 years of championing Victorian fishing and our waterways, and to Ben, Amanda and Holly for pulling off a truly memorable night.

Congratulations Bob - APYAC couldn't be prouder. Here's to the next 30 years!

See you at the Club,

Lee
Lee Spyrou
President



RULE CHANGES

At our August 6th General Meeting will be conducting Special Business, asking members to vote on a resolution to adopt new rules of the club. There will be four changes to the existing rules:

- The Purpose of the Club will be updated to fit our modern activities.
- We will introduce Honorary Life Members as a category specifically to include the wives and partners of Life Members who have passed-away.
- Specifying that the income and property of the Club is to be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of the Club.
- Setting-out what happens if the Club ever gets wound up, that the assets will not be distributed to the members but to another organisation undergoing similar activities as ours, AND
- Explaining the decision process for that, if it is not undertaken by members, it will be undertaken by the Supreme Court of Victoria.

The Resolution was proposed at the July Committee Meeting, and members were advised at the General Meeting on the 2nd July. You were emailed with the resolution and the proposed rule changes on the 15th July. If you would much rather just **LISTEN** to the changes, we have made a podcast ... **just click here to listen**, and select the white triangle. We will make it worthwhile coming to the August meeting with the showing of a brilliant video about the *Pompei Brothers* (who made many of the boats in our boathouse), and feature the Angler's Forum to discuss next season's competition.

Voting will only take a few minutes but it is important. It will help our not-for-profit status in years ahead. There is a detailed memorandum below which explains the changes.

In 1909 the founding fathers would've had no idea that 115 years later we would be building shellfish reefs or renting kayaks; it's only fitting that we update our Purpose to make it more consistent with all our current activities.

Here is a thumbnail list of what we would like to propose:

The Purpose of the Club is to provide a vibrant and supportive community for its members through the following commitments:

- Supporting and promoting recreational fishing, and engaging with registered organisations whose purposes align with the Club's objectives.
- Focusing on sustainable practices and fish habitat restoration.
- Providing a welcoming and social environment for members and their guests.

- Storage maintenance and restoration of small craft and fishing kayaks.
- Providing a space for private functions, assisting local volunteer groups, other fishing clubs, and the community.
- Fostering a sense of community amongst members.
- Preserving the Club's rich history dating back to 1909.
- Contributing to the broader community.
- Acquiring and holding any property or easement rights, or privileges which the Club thinks should be used in connection with the Club.
- Maintaining and altering any buildings or works as necessary.
- Raising money by entrance fee subscriptions or other payments payable by members, and to grant any rights and privileges to subscribers.
- Investing, or dealing with monies of the Club.
- Making donations as necessary, and
- To do other such lawful things that are conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

The full wording was sent out to you by email on the 15th July, please take the time to have a read or **just click here to listen** to the podcast.

James Nixon

Secretary

[Image: The Life Members came up from the boathouse to dine together! Ian Sekac, Robert Pope and Mal Manders].

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.

Angling Forum

Call for all anglers and those interested in angling. We encourage everyone to attend the August meeting next Wednesday. After the video about the Pompei clan, we will hold a forum to discuss the proposed competition format for next fishing season.

Flathead Study

We are still proceeding with helping Latrobe University with their Flathead study. 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, size not important, make sure you return all undersize fish to the bay.

On the bite

Flathead are on the bite in 2-4 metres of water. 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.

Watch Tight Lines, there will be a Sunday morning learn-to-cast at Red Tag Pool Fairfield soon, we will get the VFFA to fire up their barbeque and invite APYAC members to learn to fly-fish.

The weather has been a mixed-bag for boaters and anglers, most days terrible, but some northerlys and light winds. The Bay water temperatures have dropped below 11⁰ since the last edition (10.5 C top end of the bay, 10.6 C Mid Bay, 13.1 C in the Ocean).

Snapper have pretty much left the Bay, there are always resident fish in the bay, they can be hard to find. Reports of catches, Portarlington, 12 metres of water Werribee, Fawkner Beacon, Mud Island and Mt Martha. The 'warmies' has been producing good numbers of pinkies if you can find room to get a line in. White smoke coming out of the power station means warm water and generally fish. No smoke do not bother.



There are good size Gummy Sharks at many of the deep (12-20 metres) snapper spots, same baits as for large snapper. 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. There are reports they are found at the very southern end of the Bay. Fish grassy areas 2-5 metres deep, and keep moving if you are not catching them. Best baits, Pipis, mussels and squid strips.

Whiting areas are also squid areas, and they are generally plentiful in the winter months so if chasing whiting keep a few squid jigs ready—it may be well worth trying for them. Try Werribee, Point Cook and Campbell's Cove.

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 very big school reported out from Williamstown footy ground. A giant school of salmon spotted 100 metres east of Kerferd Road Pier, level with the end of the pier. Any smallish silvery 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. They are being caught off most piers as well.

Rug up, morning and evening temperatures below 10c, check weather forecasts, keep an eye on the actual weather, do not take risks, give it a go and take care!

Time to service reels, change lines if damaged, make rigs and generally prepare for next fishing season.

If I ever call you and say "I'm never going fishing again" call the police! I've been kidnapped and this is my signal to you.

- (Anon. missing presumed kidnapped).

John Spragg

APYAC CALENDAR 2025.

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'.

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

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

Wednesday 8th November – **Band** 'The Regular Boys'.

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: The Regular Boys played recently and had everyone up dancing!]



Boathouse Volunteers.

Thank you to the volunteers **who** attended last week. With so many volunteers being away at this time, it was heartening to see how many did turn up—some on both days.

This week, we are expecting a few more regulars back. With the experience of **Robert**, **Colin**, and **Mal**, and the leadership of **Stu C.** and soon **Chris H.**, the boathouse is in excellent hands.

The restoration process is continuing with Clinker boat PA25. Yesterday, further split planks were discovered, and the filling, sealing, and patching process will begin next week. Thank you to the volunteers dedicated to this project.

The exterior painting of PA005 has started. The boat will need to be flipped over for engine fitment once the painting is completed.



The outside fish-cleaning table that was destroyed by the recent storm has been rebuilt thanks to Colin, who organised the project, and to the heroic efforts of our Boathouse Captain Stu, who rescued the basin from the depths of the ocean.

We must also acknowledge **Jonathan Leahey** for welding a stay on the damaged end bracket. With a little more plumbing to be done, the table will be ready for the start of the season.

I would also like to acknowledge **Cameron McPherson**, who kindly used his house account to source paint for PA25's inside hull and also donated some discount paint vouchers to us.

It goes without saying how much we appreciate Tony M.'s daughter, **Alexandra**, for the cakes she supplies on Wednesday mornings.

We must also thank **Robert** and **Melinda Raffa** for the *Able Fishing and Charter Gift Voucher*, which will be awarded to a lucky volunteer

in September. It's a five-hour shared fishing charter gift voucher valued at \$150, valid until July 2027.

The two-door refrigerator, Chef's freezers, and a vacuum cleaner were so badly damaged during the flood that they needed to be replaced. The air compressor had its motor replaced, but many electrical and other internal components were immersed in life-shortening seawater.

Ian Sekac.

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.



#23 Things that Won't Happen

'Due to difficulties encountered by new members in knowing who the various members are it was proposed that all members wear name tags whilst in the club rooms' (26/09/88)

Name tags? Yeah, nah.

'Moved that there be a special sub-committee to formulate a set of rules to control the behaviour of members' (24/11/82)

Good luck with that...

'Motion that boat space fees be raised from \$6.40 to \$8.00 (lost)' (04/12/67)

The extraordinary thing is not the bargain basement boat space fees, but rather that the motion lost!

'Moved _____ Seconded _____ that yabby business be outlawed at the club' (07/05/69)

It was always an unworkable business model.

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: Courtesy of State Library Of Victoria]

APYAC Footy Tipping Competition.

Well what a week of football!

Tip-stars of the week

Our tip-star of the week is clearly **Amy Smith**, who for the second time this season, somehow picked every match correctly. She scored 10 for the week with the bonus for all correct and moves up to 46th spot on the Leaderboard. Eleven tip-stars played a Joker this round. Sam M (**Sam Mitchell**), CM (**Carolyn Mulcahy**), PJTSaints (**Phil Thompson**), MiddleParkBandit (**Tim Miller**), **Bob Talbot**, 84Westisthebest (**Anou Khanijou**), **Darlene S**, The Fass!!! (**John Fasso**), Gmac (**Greg McPherson**), AMAC700 (**Andy McShanag**) and GranniePDC (**Jarrold Scott**) scored between 12 and 16 each.

No change in the top 3 on the Leaderboard this week but the big mover is Carolyn Mulcahy who rockets into 4th spot courtesy of her Joker play.

Memorable Moments

Wanganeen Milera is worth every cent of his next contract. If you are not sure **click here to watch the last two minutes of Sunday's game.** [The greatest last quarter comeback in VFL / AFL History - ED]

Some really big results this week with the top 8 teams flexing and the bottom 8 just not in the hunt. 93, 66, 101 and 98 point margins ... ouch!

The two worst losses this week were from teams who last year traded away their first round draft picks for this year.

In a normally close and intense showdown, Adelaide were simply far too good for Port. They are looking to be a real threat in the finals and a top four spot is increasingly likely now.

Trivia Questions and answers.

When was the last time that a side had kept a team goalless in the first half only to be themselves kept goalless in the first half the following week? (a) 2024 (b) 2023 (c) 1917 **ANSWER: (c) 1917**

Which player is averaging the most possessions per match played this season? (a) Nick Daicos (b) the Bont (c) Wanganeen Milera (d) Bailey Smith **ANSWER: (d) Baily Smith**

Which player is averaging the most marks per match this season? (a) Callum Wilkie (b) Nick Haynes (c) Harris Andrews **ANSWER: (a) Callum Wilkie**

Who has taken the most contested marks this season? (a) Sam Darcy (b) Max Gawn (c) Riley Thilthorpe **ANSWER:**
(b) Max Gawn

How did my Smokie tip go?

I thought the Swans were a chance against GWS. Unfortunately the game is more than 2 quarters - the Swans lead at half time but by the end of the match they had been demolished by GWS.

Good tipping!

Mike

For sale.

EQ675

Savage Fisherman - Reduced to \$7,250 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



Rule changes.

Albert Park Yachting and Angling Club Incorporated

ABN 48 211 855 146 – REGISTRATION NUMBER A0008019J

Explanatory Memorandum for Proposed New Rules

At the General Meeting of the Club to be held on **Wednesday 6th August at 7 p.m.**, members will be asked to consider a Special Resolution to adopt new Rules, to replace the existing Rules of the Club (existing Rules).

This Explanatory Memorandum is to assist members to understand the proposed new Rules and why it is appropriate to adopt them. Members who wish to review the proposed new Rules can inspect them on request via email to Secretary@apyac.org.au.

The Club's lawyers have advised that the Club should adopt the new Rules, to replace the existing Rules, in order to comply with the taxation reporting requirements for not-for-profit organisations to be eligible to complete a not-for-profit self-review, exempting the Club from the requirement to lodge income tax returns.

A summary of the changes in the proposed new Rules is set out below. The new provisions reflect the requirements of various pieces of legislation and industry best practice which impact on the Club.

2. PURPOSE

- A.** Rule 2.1 has been amended to update the objects for which the Club was established. These objects recognise the Club's core values and purpose, and have been updated to include our current activities, including shellfish reef restoration, history, boat hire etc
- B.** The common law states that the objects of a company are to be read broadly and not strictly so as to limit the activities the company can engage in. In this regard, the final object is *"To do all such other lawful things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them"*.

5. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS

C. Rule 5.1 (K) introduces *Honorary Life Members*

D. Rule 5.7 (viii) '*Upon the death of a Life Member, the surviving spouse or partner may be offered Honorary Life Membership at the invitation and at the discretion of the Committee.*'

[We figure that Life Members give so much to the Club, their other halves having been closely involved in everything to do with the Club, it's only fair to keep the relationship going after the Life Member dies. - Editor]

E. 5.13. *Honorary Life Member*

(a) *Honorary Life Members shall be eligible to exercise all the rights and privileges of a Full Member of the Club.*

(b) *An Honorary Life Member shall be relieved of the requirement to pay the annual subscription, but shall not be relieved of any other financial obligation to the Club.*

[Yes, their Vote counts, and Yes they have to pay their Club Levy. - Editor]

F. 5.14 The paragraph '*Membership not Transferable*' is renumbered.

36. APPLICATION OF FUNDS

H. 36.8 *The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club as set forth in these Rules. No portion of the income or property of the Club shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus or otherwise by way of profit to the members of the Club. Nothing in this rule shall prevent the payment:*

(a) *in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employed officer or other employee of the Club; or,*

(b) *in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member of the Club in return for services actually rendered.*

[This paragraph was added to limit the income and property of the Club to being applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club. - Editor]

39.2 WINDING-UP

I. 39.2 *If, after satisfaction of all of the Club's debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever remains, that property shall:*

(a) *not be transferred, paid to or distributed among the members;*

(b) *be given to some other association or associations having objects similar to the objects of the Club and which prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Club.*

[On the winding-up of the Club, if there remains any assets (after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities), those assets shall not be distributed among the members, but shall be given to an organisation which has similar objects to our Club, and which prohibits the distribution of the assets to its members to at least the same extent as our Club. - Editor]

J. 39.3 *The association or associations referred to in rule 39.2(b) shall be determined by:*

(a) *the members of the Club in general meeting (by ordinary resolution) at or before the time of dissolution; or in default thereof,*

(b) *the Supreme Court of Victoria, in accordance with the Act.*

[This means that the decision as to which organisation the Club will give the assets to shall be decided by the Club's members, by ordinary resolution; or the Supreme Court. - Editor]

This summary is intended to provide members with sufficient background and information to enable them to make an informed decision in relation to the proposed special resolution to adopt the new Constitution.

However, there may be matters about which members may have questions not covered by this Memorandum. In those circumstances, they are invited to raise their questions with the Secretary who, if necessary, will obtain advice from the Club's lawyers to pass back to the member.

The Committee considers the proposed new Rules as being necessary to ensure the Club remains eligible for the not-for-profit self-review, and it recommends that members vote in favour of the Special Resolution. To be passed, the Special

Resolution will need votes from not less than three-quarters (75%) of those members who, being eligible to do so, vote in person at the meeting.

Dated: Tuesday, 24th June 2025

James Nixon

Secretary

(Electronic signature affixed)

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: Wednesday Dinner, Thursday Lunch or Dinner, Saturday Lunch or Dinner; 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](#).

Kayakers Reef Update - (Reprinted from last issue).

"We had successful deployment on 15th May, with perfect weather conditions, with MACs diving services installing a total of 48 units at the site, on the western side of the previously-installed Kayakers Stage One.

Initial monitoring / deployment assessment was conducted on the 16th May in combination with the first round of monitoring of Stage One with VFA. There is some clustering of Fish Tower units, and some required adjustment in situ, but the site looks impressive as a novel reef footprint.

The substantial growth of the seeded oysters on the oyster triangle units of Stage One, and the natural recruitment on the fish towers shows great promise for the location's long-term growth and development. For reference, I've attached an image of a wild recruit on the Stage One Fish Tower units, measuring ~60mm, a significant growth rate for the length of time since deployment, on the 7th November 2024.

Whilst we had intended to deploy earlier in the year, after overcoming some of our initial challenges, the delay in Stage Two deployment provides us with some interesting measurable affects to assess through future monitoring, particularly in regard to deployment timing and subsequent recruitment.

We will begin procurement for Stage Two.2 shortly, aiming for an installation period in late spring or early summer if possible, similar to the Stage One deployments by Brent and VFA. We hope to undertake some shell supplementation to the site in the upcoming spring / summer season when the weather becomes more volunteer-activity friendly.

Finally, as part of the adaptive management of the project, with the identified success of the oyster triangles, we will also look at for opportunities for additional funding to source further triangles over subsequent seasons.

Exciting to add to the toolbox and for me personally, see first-hand the growth and potential of this site.

Any questions in relation to the project please get in touch,

Cheers,

Ben Cleveland – Director

Cardium Marine Pty Ltd"



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."

They address all issues regarding angling. For example they have just released this information about recreational fishing and offshore wind farms, check it out by [clicking here](#).



Free Fishing Forums



The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) will host 11 free fishing forums at angling clubs across the state, connecting recreational fishers with the latest on topics tailored to their patch.

VFA CEO **Travis Dowling** said the popular annual forums provide a great chance for fishers and their families to pick up new information, while building relationships with a local club and sharing ideas to make fishing even better.

Each forum will highlight how the VFA is reinvesting recreational fishing licence fees locally, and details on the Victorian Government's \$96 million Go Fishing and Boating plan to improve fishing, boating, piers and aquaculture.

"We always look forward to catching up with locals, who know their

waterways best, and hearing what matters most to them," Mr Dowling said.

Check out more about the announcement, including the dates and locations of the forums by [clicking here](#).

Albert Park Lake Questions

Albert Park Lake community group **Lake Alive!** Has questioned the wisdom of fish-stocking the lake with ready-to-catch rainbow trout at the moment while the lake is recovering from the waterborne disease '*avian botulism*' which is killing fish and birds in the lake.

Convenor **Kelly Brennan** reported that the lake was slowly emerging, maybe temporarily, from the outbreak after months of finding hundreds of dead fish and birds floating on the lake's surface.

"At the same time, there have been increasing numbers of birds maimed and killed by fishing line entanglements, and simmering frustrations over fishing in conservation zones," she said.

Read more [about it by clicking here](#).



Docklands will come alive this October from 16-19, for the 63rd Melbourne Boat Show. This celebration of boats and boating lifestyle, captures the imagination of thousands of passionate and potential boaters.

Exhibitor spaces are filling fast, so don't miss your chance to be part of the action and connect with an engaged audience of marine enthusiasts.

Download the Exhibitor Guide from the [Exhibitor Hub](#) for everything you need to secure your space. If you have any questions, please contact katrina@biavic.com.au

Exhibitor interest is building — now's the time to secure your spot.

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**.

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! (Send one to your Uncle!)

Stubby Holder \$10.



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

Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We remain open later on Band Sundays, details during booking.

Wednesday 30th July - Tuesday 12th August 2025

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