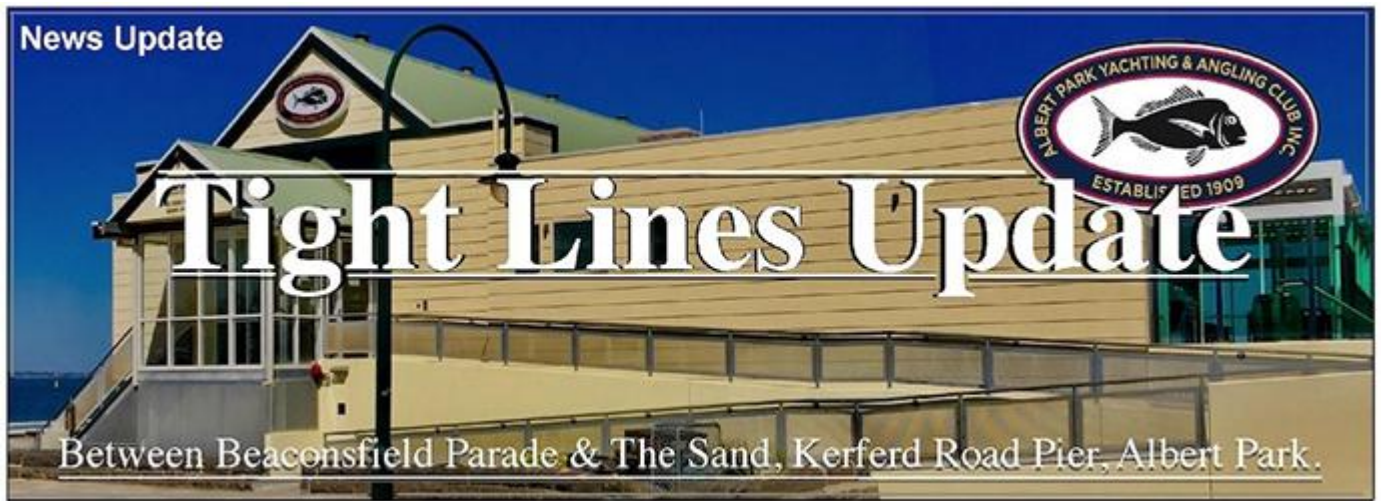


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Wednesday 16th - Tuesday 29th July 2025

The Angry Sea.

Every now and then it happens, and on Wednesday 25th of June it wasn't even a Full or New Moon, which means that it wasn't even a King Tide. Only three days after the winter solstice (which is the planet's definition of the beginning of winter), it was one of the coldest days of the year. From a low of eight, the top of ten point one was achieved earlier in the day.

At 3 p.m., it was seven degrees. Fast-moving storm cells dropped only 1.6 mm of rain, or light hail, but if you happen to be under one —it felt like a deluge. For those of us beneath the tin roof at Albert Park Indoor Sports Centre, for a minute or so, you couldn't hear yourself think.

The strongest winds were measured at St.Kilda at seven minutes past three —from the southwest at 80 kph (43 knots).

Gale force winds are from 34-40 knots.

Five minutes later, high tide occurred.

The gale forecast wind, combined with the high tide, breached the defences and the boathouse was flooded, knocking-out the air compressor and the main refrigerator, as well as some other items.

Volunteers responded to requests for help, and after a crappy night, the day was saved ... *yet again*.

Check out the images and videos by clicking [here](#).

The day after, as usual, a huge high pressure system moved-in, the sea was like a mill pond ... and that's when I found our stainless steel sink living happily under the pier, providing shelter for Toadies.

Thank you.

Thank you to all our Volunteers, our tradies, and staff for getting the place up and running to open for Thursday. You know who you are, and we are very grateful.

For 115 years we've been sword-fighting with the sea, and after each battle we get a little smarter. Added to the barriers are brand new sand bags.

Bring it on.

James Nixon
Secretary.

Our Manager, Elise Thomas, is on leave.



Wednesday 25th June 2025. "The sea was angry that day, my friends ..." - George Costanza (Seinfeld)

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.

Wednesday 6th August General Meeting

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

Starters and light meals 6:30 p.m. - *No Parma's that Wednesday night.*

The General Meeting starts at 7 p.m. followed by Club-sponsored supper, and guest speaker (see details below)

All welcome!



Thursday 26th June 2025. The calm after the storm.

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 \$3,100 for the 18th of July.

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: *Bruce Ceibar, Clare Matson, Edwina Pribyl, and Alex Brewer.*

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.

Saturday 19th July – **APYAC Trivia Night** (see below)

* Unless a function is being held.

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

A Trivial Winter's Saturday Night.

This Saturday, July 19th.

A normal Saturday night's dining begins with Happy Hour at 5:30 p.m.

The screens will be showing *Carlton Vs Melbourne* at the G.*

Plan for an early dinner because we'll handing-out answer sheets for trivia at 7p.m.

Make a team (max 8 people), no cheating by looking at your phones.

There will be three rounds and you'll have a chance at four prizes.

Click [HERE](#) to make a booking.

7 p.m. we'll hand out Answer Sheets for participating tables,
7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Round One,
7:55 - 8:20 p.m. Round Two,
8:30 - 9 p.m. Round Three, and
9:15 p.m. Presentation.

Prizes (Member account top-up)

1st \$150,
 2nd \$100,
 3rd \$50, and
 Second last: A *really cheap* bottle of wine!

**AFL*

4:15 p.m. Syd Vs North (SYD)
7:35 p.m. Carlton Vs Melbourne (MCG)
8:10 p.m. West Coast Vs Richmond (PER).

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Potato and leek – *Salsa Verde, fried leek served with toasted sourdough* \$20
Korean fried chicken – *kimchi slaw salad Gochujang dressing* \$28
Bangers and mash – *Creamy mash potato, peas, onion gravy* \$33
Pepper steak pie – *tender braised steak in a rich gravy served with chips and salad* \$35
Bread and butter pudding – *vanilla Anglaise, mixed berry compote* \$10
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: 1 Jun 2025, first day of the Melbourne winter, EliseThomas.]





Wine of the Month.

Extended by popular demand

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.

I'm thrilled to share some fantastic news —the Arvor 20 trial run exceeded all expectations, and we're officially moving-ahead with this exciting addition to the APYAC fleet!

Our test drive included **Ian Sekac, John Spragg, Alex Spyrou**, and myself, and the boat performed beautifully on every front. As Ian described it, *"a milestone event in the Club's history."* The Arvor 20 impressed with its smooth ride, effortless handling, and powerful 85HP Nanni diesel engine. It's incredibly stable, easy to operate, and will make getting out on the water a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

This is a game-changer for APYAC.

The boat will be stored at St.Kilda Marina and will be available for accredited member hire, making it easier than ever for more members to enjoy everything that Port Phillip Waters has to offer — whether you're chasing fish, checking on the reefs, exploring the coast, or just soaking up the magic of the water.

What's included? A fully fitted-out fishing machine:

- Arvor 20 with Nanni diesel shaft-drive (second-hand, fully serviced)
- Full safety equipment and EPIRB – peace of mind at sea
- Dual Neuton Power batteries – brand new
- Lone Star electronic anchor winch – brand new
- Custom bait board and extended rod holder rails – fish 6 anglers comfortably - brand new
- Rocket launcher for multiple rod setups – brand new
- Deck lights, deck wash system, and solar panel – all brand new
- Garmin 9" Echomap sounder/plotter – ready to put you on the fish - brand new
- New U-Deck anti-slip flooring with integrated brag mat - brand new
- New cushioned Esky for seating and fish storage - brand new



- Plus: warranties on all new installations

With delivery expected in approximately two weeks, the countdown is officially on!

This initiative is about more than just a boat - it's about opening up new opportunities for members to get out on the water, be part of our shared fishing culture, and strengthen the camaraderie that makes APYAC so special. Whether you're an experienced angler or just starting out, this boat will be a perfect companion.

Stay tuned for updates on the accreditation process, booking system, and official launch - perfectly in time for the next fishing season. Exciting times ahead. Let's go fishing!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club.

Lee.

Lee Spyrou

President

[Images: With Ian Sekac & Alex Spyrou].



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. Yesterday you were emailed with the resolution and the proposed rule changes for your perusal.

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 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 yesterday, please take the time to have a read.

James Nixon
Secretary

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.

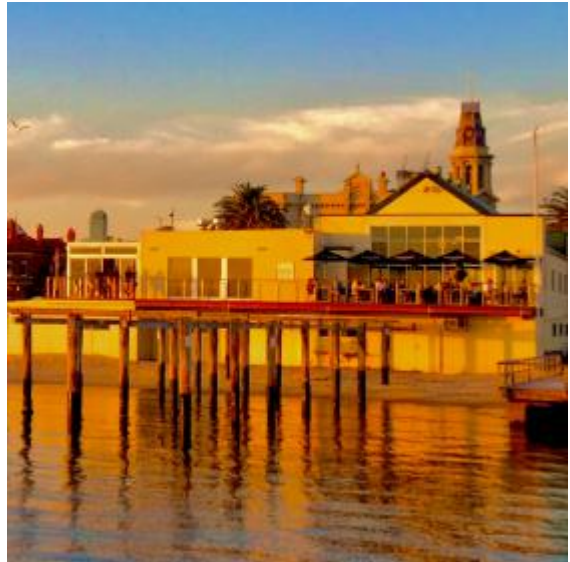
New Committee members, **Stuart Cousins**, **Barry Hayes** and **Chris Herbert**.

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 Angling Committee is looking at changing the competition for next year. An idea kicking-around is to have one or two monthly weekend comps. The winners of the most weekend competitions become club champions. We will hold an Anglers Forum after the Pompei video at the August General Meeting to discuss this. We want input from all anglers, so please make an effort to attend.

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.

Flathead are on the bite 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 shortly, we will get the VFFA to fire up their barbecue and invite APYAC members to learn to fly fish.

The weather has been a mixed bag for boaters and anglers, last few days terrible, but the end of this week looks settled. The Bay water temperatures have dropped further since the last edition (11.0 C top end of the bay, 11.1 C Mid Bay, 13.7 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, Fawcner Beacon, Mud Island and Mt Martha.

There are good size Gummy Sharks at many of the deep 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. Mick Sass and I fished in the Tamar River, North of Launceston and with bag limits of 5 per person we were releasing whiting up to 47 cm in length, the biggest we kept was 49cm.

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. 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.

Rug up, check weather forecasts, keep an eye on the actual weather, do not take risks, give it a go and take care!

A fish in the hand is worth not having to tell anyone about the one that got away - Unknown.

John Spragg

APYAC CALENDAR 2025.

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'.**
 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!]





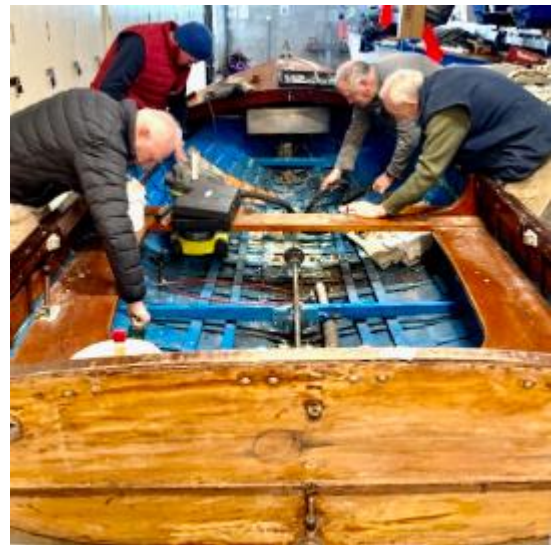
Before, during and after.

Boathouse Volunteers.

A full restoration of clinker boat **PA25** is underway. Volunteers have stripped the interior to bare timber, removing old sealants and paint, and discovered a split plank. Once the interior is resealed and repainted, attention will turn to the outer hull. Restoration work has also commenced on **EA385**, the George Watkins boat, which will eventually join the hire fleet with a new Nanni engine as a unique clinker boat experience.

The **air compressor**, damaged in recent flooding, is being fully-refurbished. All flood-affected components, especially electronics, are being replaced to prevent corrosion issues.

The **fish cleaning table** suffered storm damage, with its basin now 'buried at sea.' Repairs are underway, thanks to an ex-member offering to weld a new support stay.



Hire fleet maintenance continues. Three boats have received new adult life jackets, and the two-person kayak is now fully equipped and available. Boat servicing and detailed inspections are scheduled for August.

Weekly checks on all **Boathouse cranes** are ongoing, with some engineering issues identified – including the decommissioning of the East Aisle crane pending rectification.

Ongoing general tasks include removing sand and rubbish, cleaning ramp areas, emptying air receiver condensate containers, and de-rusting apron supports. Flood repairs to interior walls and exterior boarding are progressing steadily.

Volunteers enjoyed treats at smoko, with panettone from Remy (rejected by Mrs Remy!) and custard tarts courtesy of Mrs Cakes. With many regulars on (unapproved) leave, we're calling on those still local to lend a hand.

Ian Sekac

[Editor's Note: With Ian's permission this 800 word email to volunteers was reduced to a 250 word article using ChatGPT in 30 seconds.]



Ready for next time!

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.

#22 That's Entertainment

A cursory perusal of Tight Lines will show that more than a dozen social events and many more fishing related events are scheduled for the second half of the year. It's a busy club.

Dining options for Sunday morning brekkie in summer, and Wednesday evening Parma nights are already in place to cater for the increased membership and patronage. But catering and entertainment was simpler in the past, as can be seen from this entry from 40 years ago ...

'Moved that a design and quote be obtained for a bar to be securely installed in the area currently occupied by the piano in the billiard room' (03/26/86)

Visitors-only two per member on two occasions per year is to be strictly adhered to' (02/06/85)

Fast forward to 2025 and members' guests are warmly welcomed to club events, and the Club continues to enhance its wide range of events for members and guests.

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.



Mordialloc Creek, near Cheltenham.

Mordialloc was originally established as a fishing village, and the creek played a significant role in its early development, including supporting a firm of fish dealers and later, boat building at Pompei's boat works.

Over time, Mordialloc evolved from a fishing village to a suburb, with developments like the extension of the railway in 1881 and the establishment of the Racecourse further shaping the landscape.

Photographer: Fred Kruger 1871.

Thanks to **Peter Valentino**, Old Melbourne Town Facebook page.

APYAC Footy Tipping Competition.

Well what a week of football!

Tip-stars of the week

A very tough week for most tip-stars. Nonetheless, in adversity sometimes there are glimmers of brilliance. **Rob Westwood** scored 8 (without a Joker). How did he do that? Well done.

[He tipped against the Mighty Fighting Hawks - Editor]

Two Jokers were played. Club Nicko FC (**Nick Mitchell**) and Sam_ue1 (**Sam Mulcahy**) both took a punt and scored 12 and 8 respectively. On the Leaderboard, Nick moves up to 62nd position and Sam rockets into 51st spot.

The Leaderboard was fairly stable this week with the top 6 places not changing. **Danny O'Brien** continues to hold a 2 point lead over Dan j.r. (**Daniel Rudd**). Hairly Hawk (**Nick Herath**) holds onto 3rd spot.

Memorable Moments

- The Suns held Collingwood goalless for a half. Then there was the predictable trademark comeback from the Pies who got close, but Gold Coast held on for a famous Friday night victory.
- Aaron Cadman, former number 1 draft pick, kicks 6 whilst Stringer kicks 4 to beat Geelong. Thats a big result for GWS especially with Jesse Hogan kept to just 1 goal.

- Richmond and Essendon played the most dire quality game I have seen for years. No goals scored for almost an hour during the game. Hard to watch.
- Fremantle laid 103 tackles for the match and keep their top 8 hopes alive by beating the Hawks in Perth. They have now won 6 of their last 7.
- The Saints lose again to give the Swans the faintest hope of making finals. *They won't.*
- West Coast gave Port Adelaide a fright with scores level halfway through the last quarter.

Trivia questions

- Name the only team that has been in the top 8 after each round so far this season. **ANSWER: Hawthorn**
- Jeremy Cameron kicked his 700th goal last weekend against the Tigers. How many other players have kicked 700 goals in VFL/AFL history? **ANSWER: 25**
- Alixander Tauru will be a cult figure. He has a nickname of the Flying Viking. What ancestry does he have? (a) Finland (b) Norway (c) Denmark (d) Sweden (e) Belarus **ANSWER: (d) Sweden**
- In 10 seasons since the year 2000, there has been a team with a 14-2 (or better) win loss record. What percentage of teams with that record went on to win the flag? (a) 30% (b) 40% (c) 50% (d) 60% (e) 100% **ANSWER: (c) 50%**

Smokie tip of the week

I dared to predict that the Suns would pull off a miraculous win against Collingwood ... *and they did!*

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 -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](#).

Kayakers Reef Update.

"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.

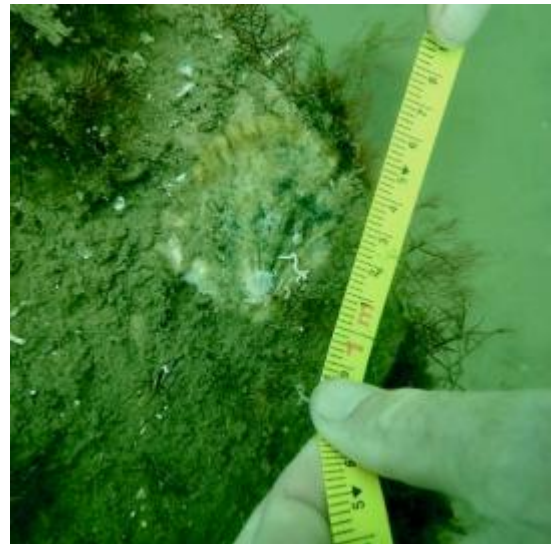
Finally, as part of the adaptive management of the project, with the identified success of the oyster triangles, we will also look at for opportunities for additional funding to source further triangles over subsequent seasons.

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."



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.

Get ready for an unforgettable **2025 Melbourne Boat Show!**

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 16th - Tuesday 29th July 2025

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