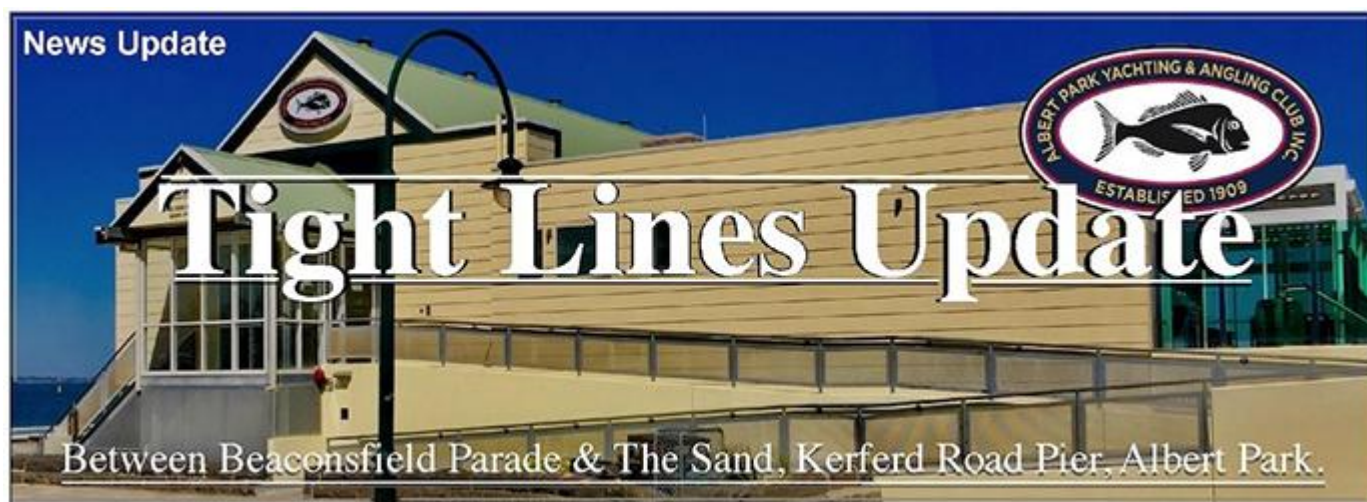


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**Wednesday 27th August - Tuesday 9th September 2025**

## A first for the Clubhouse.

I hope you enjoy the artist's impression of what the front of the clubhouse will look like when the trees on the western side have grown for 25 years! The *Shrine to Sea* project was started by the Victorian Government which, they say, will beautify the promenade from the Shrine to our front door. The City Of Port Phillip has become involved and renamed it '*Yani Barriparriput*'. You can rely on Aussies to shorten names to suit themselves, I am betting '*Yani-Barrip*' will get a run.

Make sure you come to the season-opening barbecue on Sunday —\$15 a head. We'd love to see everyone take over the place and get involved in fishing. Meet the people from downstairs —the anglers! Learn how to tie knots, bait hooks, talk about kayaks, boats, and generally have a good time.

Harry Callahan said: '*A man's got to know his limitations*'. That applies to Hawthorn football players just as much as the Editor of *Tight Lines* with this, the 106th issue. I realise that something has to give if I'm going to do *Tight Lines* properly, so I will not be nominating for a committee position at the Annual General Meeting on the 1st October. Juggling two roles —that of Editor and Club Secretary— is too much for me given my other commitments.

Please consider nominating for a seat on the Committee. It's great fun. There are fantastic people volunteering in this Club, both on the Committee, on the Sub-Committees upstairs in the clubhouse, and downstairs in the boathouse. It's a truly inspirational team, but with 2,000 members it works best if we can share the load. After all, it's all about giving the members the best experience we can. Consider stepping up, and giving us some of your wisdom and experience.

Read about the AGM, and the nomination process.

I must tell you about the short ABC television documentary we saw at the August General Meeting on **Jack Pompei**: fishing legend, boat-builder extraordinaire, a man who could not swim —but saved over 600 lives! The Producer / Director **Rebecca McLean**, (sister of Club Member **Adam McLean**) gave us the low-down. It only takes five minutes, make yourself a cup of tea, then [click here to watch!](#)

I'll bet that —since 1909— no APYAC Boathouse Captain has ever been married on the premises. Well, that will change when **Stuart** and **Donna** do the deed on Saturday night. We are so chuffed that they chose our Club as the venue for their big day, and wish them all the happiness in the world.

Thanks to our incredible staff for going above and beyond, you're helping make memories the happy couple, and their families, will cherish forever.

James Nixon  
Secretary.

Our Manager, Elise Thomas, is on leave.



The *Shrine to Sea* project has been renamed **Yani Barriparripuyt** see article below.

## 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 General Meeting Wednesday - 3rd September**

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.

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 \$900 for the 29th of August.

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. Last week *Tim Loder, Timothy Downie, Pat Lohan* missed out on the money.

### 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.\*

This week: **CLOSING AT 4 P.M. PRIVATE FUNCTION**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. HAPPY HOUR\*\*

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

Full Dinner menu available.

Book your table **by clicking here**.

Please note you will be directed to the website, and need to log into your portal, or use the App.

If there are no bookings or demand, the venue may close early.

\* Unless a function is being held.

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

## Angling Season Opening BBQ

**Sunday 31 August**

**12 noon - 2 p.m.**

Opening Season BBQ lunch. Come and join the angling fun.

Learn how to tie a knot or bait your hooks, check out the upcoming dates for fishing competitions and charters.

Our season competition is not about winning prizes; however we'll have some fun giveaways on the day.

All skill levels welcome, we encourage all members, new and experienced!

You may even learn some new tricks from previous, and up-and-coming Club Champions!

**\$15** per person, includes BBQ lunch. Drinks at club prices

**Be sure to book, by clicking here.**

## General Meeting

**Wednesday 3rd September**

**7 p.m.**

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 p.m. General Meeting**

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.

7:45 p.m. **Club-sponsored supper.**

8:15 p.m. **Speaker: John Cahill** —Facebook's '*Bluewater*

*Johnny*' talking all things Snapper. All Anglers need to come along, no matter what your level. He's also doing a talk the next night at **Mitcham Angling Club** where he will be talking about Dusky flathead, grab your FREE ticket by clicking this link.



All Club members welcome!

## Father's Day

**Sunday 7th September**

This Father's Day September 7<sup>th</sup>, join us at APYAC for a delicious Sunday full roast meal from the Anglers Kitchen.

Main menu available as well and there is no cost to book your table, so you better hurry!

Book your table by [clicking here](#).

Kitchen opens from midday until 3.30 p.m.



## One Night In Bollywood

**Saturday 4th Oct**

**6:30 p.m.**

Immerse yourself into a dazzling world of captivating stories, vibrant colours, music and mesmerising live dance sequences, where every frame is infused with the glitz and glamour of cinematic magic.

Indulge in an opulent feast of tantalising, aromatic dishes with exquisite fragrant offerings that fill the air.

A truly exotic experience for the senses awaits

*Bollywood attire is strongly encouraged!*

Enjoy a decadent three course Indian cuisine buffet

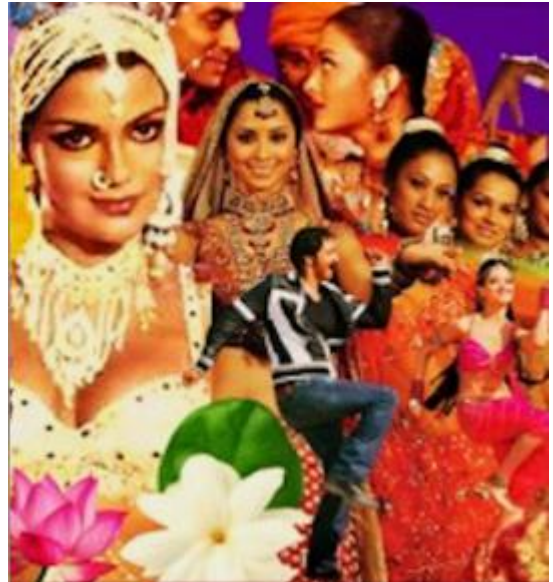
Authentic Live Entertainment

Glamorous and exotic surroundings, music, and activities

**\$65 per ticket**



Only a limited amount of seating available, so first in, best dressed.  
Grab your tickets by [clicking this link](#).



## Angler's Kitchen Specials.

**Roasted Pumpkin & Grain Salad** – Freekeh, pomegranate, mint, labneh, brown butter & hazelnut \$26

**Shepherd's Pie** – A rich gravy with beef, rosemary and thyme topped with cheesy mash potato served with chips \$28

**Grilled Prawn and Citrus Salad** – Pink grapefruit, braised fennel, lemon aioli with dressing of charred orange and pickled chilli \$33

**Chocolate Hazelnut Crème Brûlée** - Caramelised sugar, strawberry \$15

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: Shrine to the Sea project. ]



## Wine of the Month.

Extended by popular demand

### 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.

### Casting into the Unknown

With the Club's angling season just around the corner, I've been keeping a New Year's promise I made to myself: to learn something new, step outside my comfort zone, and dive headfirst into a whole new world of fishing.

Inspired by the Victorian Trout Fishing Festival and some wonderful new friends in the freshwater scene, I decided to tackle fly fishing. How hard could it be? Well, let's just say the answer so far has been bloody hard! Life's responsibilities don't exactly leave endless hours to practice, and fly fishing demands patience, persistence, and plenty of dedication before the rewards start flowing.

Fortunately, I've had a little help from some absolute legends. Our very own Club member **Terry George**, past *President of the Australian Trout Foundation*, and **John Spragg**, Senior Vice President of the *Victorian Fly Fishing Association* (and APYAC Committee Member), have both been generous guides on my journey. Thanks to them, Alex and I were lucky enough to be invited to the 93rd Annual VFFA Dinner on August 15th - a privilege in itself, made even sweeter when I took home a bottle of Dom Perignon from the raffle (*pro tip: always buy the full book of tickets - it's for a great cause anyway!*). The adventure continued on Sunday August 17th at the *VFFA President's Casting Day* at the Red Tag Pool in Fairfield, as advertised in Tight Lines. There was tuition, loaner gear for beginners, and of course the essential sausage sizzle from noon. A brilliant day, full of laughs, tangles, and the kind of encouragement that makes you believe you really can master this art.

The members were so patient and dedicated, but I'll admit —my casting style looked less like a skilled fly fisho and more like a witch waving her wand.

From there, I headed off to the *Snobs Creek Hatchery* for a meeting with the *Recreational Fishing Licence Trust* team, where I cheekily asked for a cracking photo with a stonker rainbow trout. They delivered the fish ... but let's just say the photo didn't exactly scream "pro angler"!

So, roll on Snapper season. I might not be the best snapper fisho out there, but at least I kind of know what I'm doing (well, most of the time). Luckily, we've got **John Cahill** —better known as *Bluewater Johnny* on Facebook— lined-up to speak at our Club meeting next week. He's promised to cover everything snapper: from teaching the greenest junior how to land their first pinkie, right through to the finer points of catch-and-release for our most experienced hands.



I'm genuinely excited about the new format the Angling Committee has put together this season, and I can't wait to see what we'll achieve out on the water.

See you at the Club and make sure you come up and say hello.

Lee

Lee Spyrou

President

**STOP PRESS:** We've just locked-in a Marine Licence course at Coast Guard on Saturday October 12th. Put it in your diary.

## Annual General Meeting - NOTICE

### Wednesday 1st October 2025

This Notice specifies that the Wednesday 1st October meeting is our Annual General Meeting, and lists the Agenda. We do not plan any rule changes requiring any Special Resolutions, so this Notice and Agenda, and availability of the Nomination Form [[CLICK HERE](#)] fulfils the minus 21 Day items in accordance with the legislation.

This edition of Tight Lines occurs on the 27th August, 35 days out from the AGM.

### Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Quorum Confirmation & Conflict of Interest Declaration
- Confirm Minutes of Previous 2024 AGM
- Business Arising from Minutes of 2024 AGM
- To receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last 12 months
- President's Address
- Treasurer's Report
- Accountants Report
- Auditors Report
- Appointment of Club Auditor for 2025-26
- Confirmation of 2025-26 Membership Fees including Boathouse Fees
- Results of election for New Committee Members
- Announce Executive Committee positions
- Other Business.
- Close of Meeting

## Nomination to Committee

- There are **THREE** committee places available for nomination under our collegiate system, a nomination form is available from the website: APYAC / Club Rules / Nominations [[CLICK HERE](#)]
- The Process:
  - a. A nomination is to be made in writing, in accordance with the attached form, with a Proposer and Seconder who are full financial members for Financial Year 2025-6 (e.g. have paid their Annual Membership fees in full).
  - b. All nominations should be supported by a photo and short biography.
  - c. The nomination form is to be emailed to the Secretary at **secretary @ apyac.org.au**, to be received no later than **Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 5 p.m.**



- d. If there are more than three nominations to fill the vacancies, a vote will be required, and copies of all nominations will be posted on the Club notice board.
- e. Voting can only be done by attending on the night in accordance with the Club Rules. No proxy votes for the AGM.
- f. Voting will open at 6:00 p.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 1st of October 2024.

- All full financial members are invited to nominate eligible members for the Committee in accordance with the rules.
- The following members have already advised they **will** be nominating:
  - **Lee Spyrou**, who is a present Committee member, holding the role of President, and
  - **Chantal Meehan**, who is a present Committee member, responsible for social media, angling, and has previously held the role of Secretary.
- The following member has already advised they **will not** be nominating:
  - **James Nixon**, who is a present Committee member, responsible for communications, and currently holds the role of Secretary.

## 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 angling season is about to start at 12.01 a.m. on Saturday 13th September 2025. Remember, the first Snapper caught (pic and details entered) delivers for that angler no club subscription fee for the 2026-27 year.



All anglers and their friends should attend the start of season barbecue, from midday **this Sunday, 31st August**. Only \$15 a head includes meat, salads and bread. Don't forget to book to assist catering.

### 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 boathouse 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.

### They are out there.

Flathead are on the in 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 tend to school-up in waves on the bottom. Out the back of the club, 100 metres out further from the pier end can be productive.

The weather has been fairly good for boaters and anglers as it has been warmer during the day, some northerlies, often light winds and smooth seas. The Bay water temperatures are on the rise at last, since the last edition (11.3 C top end of the bay, 11.3 C Mid Bay, 12.9 C in the Ocean).

Snapper have pretty much left the bay, there are always resident fish in the bay, but they can be hard to find. However there have been large pinkies and snapper caught in the Williamstown area. Gem Pier Williamstown has had some nice fish caught from it. The 'warmies' has been producing good numbers of pinkies if you can find room to get a line in. Steam coming out of the power station means warm water and generally fish. No steam, don't bother.

There are good size Gummy Sharks at many of the deep (12-20 metres) channels near the heads. 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 good reports from that the very southern end of the Bay is producing good whiting. 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. Any smallish slivery or pilchard-looking lure dragged through or cast into the area the birds are diving-in should produce fish. Snook also have been caught up our end of the Bay.

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 are below 10 degrees, 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.

*You know when they make a fishing show on TV? They catch the fish and then let it go. They don't want to eat the fish, they just want to make it late for something. - Mitch Hedberg*

John Spragg

*Image: Richard Muscat's already into 'em.*



## APYAC CALENDAR 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday 4th October – **'Bollywood' comes to APYAC.**

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!]*



## Fishing & Boating Season Calendar 2025-6

### AUGUST

31st August, 12 noon - **Season Opening BBQ Lunch**

### SEPTEMBER

12.01 a.m. Sat 13th September - 2 p.m. Sun 14th September - **Opening Season Snapper Weekend Competition**

12.01 a.m. Sat 20th September – 2 p.m. Sun 21st September - **Calamari Weekend Competition**

### OCTOBER

12.01 a.m. Sat 4th October – 2 p.m. Sun 5th October - **Snapper Weekend Competition**

12.01 a.m. Sat 18th October – 2 p.m. Sun 19th October - **Snapper Weekend Competition**

### NOVEMBER

12.01 a.m. Sat 1st November – 2 p.m. Tues 4th November - **Max Coningsby Long Weekend Competition**

*(Prizes awarded at December monthly meeting)*

12.01 a.m. Sat 15th November – 2 p.m. Sun 16th November - **Snapper Weekend Competition**

### DECEMBER

12.01 a.m. Sat 6th - 2 p.m. Sun 7th December - **Pot Of Gold Competition**

*(13th & 14th December / Back up dates P.O.G)*

JANUARY – No competitions

### FEBRUARY

12.01 a.m. Sat 7th February – 2 p.m. Sun 8th February - **Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition**

12.01 a.m. Sat 21st February – 2 p.m. Sun 22nd February - **Snapper Weekend Competition**

### MARCH

Sat 7th March – Mon 9th March - **Purrumbete Long Weekend**

12.01 a.m. Sat 21st March – 2 p.m. Sun 22nd March - **Snapper Weekend Competition**

### APRIL

12.01 a.m. Sat 11th – 2 p.m. Sun 12th April - **Flathead Frenzy Weekend**

12.01 a.m. Sat 18th April – 2 p.m. Sun 19th April - **Snapper Weekend Competition**

### MAY

12.01 a.m. Sat 2nd May – 2 p.m. Sun 3rd May - **Snapper Weekend Competition**

JUNE

Saturday 20th June - **Presentation night**

Note: Beaconsfield / Beach Road Closures may impact some events.



## Casting day II

### Sunday 21st September

You're invited to the second VFFA President's Casting Day at Red Tag Pool Fairfield on Sunday 21st September starting at 10.30 a.m.

Bring along family and friends; there's a sausage sizzle from 12 noon and limited beginner's equipment available on loan.

Last time Lee and Alex Spyrou had a fun time learning to cast. Alex had certified casting instructor **Jim Higgs** —former Australian cricket player and selector who taught Shane Warne how to bowl his flipper delivery— teaching him how to cast a fly. Both Lee and Alex said

they learned a lot casting pieces of wool.

Let us know you're coming by contacting either **Simon Joel** 0419 368391 or **John Spragg** 0407 555621

P.S. No fish in the Red Tag Pool.

## Boathouse Volunteers.

Volunteer numbers have been down of late due to many seeking the warmer climates for R&R interstate and overseas. Thoughts and best wishes to a couple of our regular volunteers Tony M and John L who are recovering from recent medical episodes.

**Progress on PA005:** Many thanks to Jonathan Leahey for assisting with the modification to the stainless-steel keel strip (see photo) and Alex S. for the assistance with transport. Bruce and Colin finished the assembly of the strip and —with some minor work to be done on the keel— the boat will be ready for turning-over to undertake the flooring and related support struts rebuild. Next will be the rough-in of the engine supports for the Simplex engine installation.



**Progress on PA25:** There was further painting of the inside of the hull carried out (see photo) and work has begun on refurbishing and repairing the flooring and engine supports ready for when the boat is at the stage for engine and flooring installation. The more we do, the more we find needs to be done. Time over many years has taken its toll on this wonderful boat and now we look forward to bringing her back into the condition she deserves.

**Progress on EA385:** Some measuring was carried for the installation of the new Nanni engine. A new drive shaft and coupling will need to be purchased. Reflecting on this generous donation from George, we think it befitting that we rename her **King George** after one of our target species: King George Whiting!



All have been most appreciative of the kind gestures of other members providing our volunteers with top notch 'smoko' catering on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays".

- Colin Mc.Gregor

## History.

### Broome doesn't equate.

**Martin Thomas** was happiest with a rod in his hand. Whether fishing in fresh or salt water, he relentlessly pursued fish around the world. But where did he find joy? Read on.

Martin, who died last year, was an APYAC member and stored his boat at the club. (His son, Ben, inherited the tinny and the boatshed spot.)

Martin extend his love of fishing to being a member of an organisation dedicated to collecting and preserving books on trout fishing. This little known body is the **Joseland Society**.

Over the years he provided the Society's newsletter with amusing stories about his experiences fishing, mostly chasing trout.

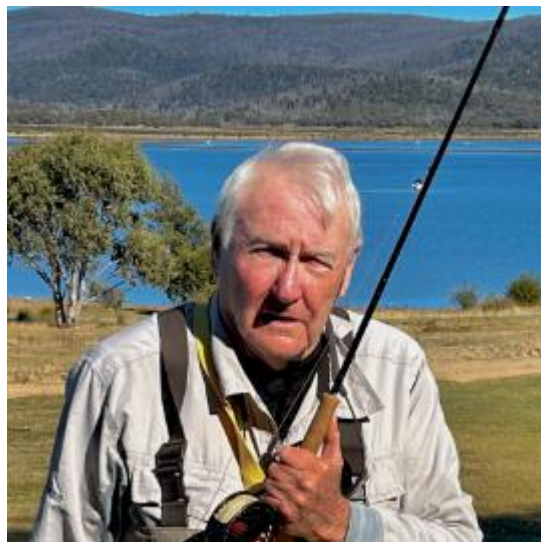
To honour Martin, the Society gathered the articles and published them in a limited edition hard cover book, ***In Search of Fishing***.

In the story *Back to Fantasy Fishing Again*, he wrote of fishing about 150 kilometres off Broome, WA. His guide was ex-rugby league player-turned-super TV fisherman **Andrew Ettingshausen** who declared the reef as 'one of my favourite fishing spots'.

Martin wrote: "One of his favourite spots, my arse. Yeah, he pops out there in a great big boat, a few hundred yards into the deserted ocean off Broome every couple of weeks. Favourite fishing spot! Two hundred kilometres off the coast. He's got to be joking."

"My favourite spot involves me taking my tinny out on Melbourne's Port Phillip Bay and anchoring on a whiting spot a couple of hundred yards from the Albert Park Angling and Yachting Club ... That reef a couple of hundred kilometres off Broome doesn't quite equate to our favourite fishing spots."

- Grant Aldous.



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.

## APYAC Footy Tipping Competition.

Well what a week of football!

It all finishes tonight with the postponed match between the Gold Coast Suns and Essendon starting at 7:20 p.m.



Standby for the results next issue.

Good tipping!

Mike

## For sale.

### 2006 Haines Hunter Seawasp \$5,500 ONO

Resides at APYAC 4 metres (13.12 Ft)

Centre Console. 2006 2 stroke 15 hp Mercury engine with low hours

Serviced regularly by Scott Bayes Marine.

Registered PA 69. Includes safety equipment, rod holders etc.

Great boat for fishing. Happy to host a test drive.

Contact **Grant Brookes** 0411 187 676



### 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. Registered EQ675

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.

## What happened?

### The global plastic treaty talks ...

by Global Plastic Action Partnership.

"No agreement to reach stricter, enforceable rules to reduce plastic pollution was achieved after ten days of negotiations by nations at the second part of the fifth session of the *Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on plastic pollution*, including in the marine environment (INC-5.2).

The INC-5.2 negotiations, which took place from 5th-14th August, aimed to finalise a legally binding global treaty to end plastic pollution, addressing the full lifecycle of plastics from design to disposal.

The meeting drew more than 2,600 participants, with more than 1,400 member delegates from 183 countries.

Each nation must agree to any proposals in the treaty and consensus could not be reached on key issues, such as whether the treaty should impose caps on new plastic production or put its focus instead on waste management, reuse and improved design.

Talks will resume in the future, though no date has been set. Despite the disappointment of all involved, INC Chair Ambassador **Luis Vayas Valdivieso** expressed optimism in a statement: *"It should not lead to discouragement. On the contrary, it should spur us to regain our energy, renew our commitments, and unite our aspirations."*

To learn more about what led to these critical negotiations, what happened this month and what's next for a plastics treaty, read more about it by [clicking here](#)."

The Global Plastic Action Partnership's website, ([here](#)).

[IMAGE: One of the images used at the recent negotiations.]



## 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.

## 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.



## Shrine to Sea Update

Still called the 'Shrine to sea' by the State Government, it appears that the City Of Port Phillip has changed the project name to: **Yani Barripbarripuyt** [YUH-nee BUH-rip BUH-rip-oot] They say:

"Exciting changes are coming to the Kerferd Road median and Pier forecourt as part of Yani Barripbarripuyt, a project connecting the Anzac Station Precinct to Port Phillip Bay. Meaning 'go to the sea' in Boonwurrung language, Yani Barripbarripuyt will create a greener, more welcoming space for everyone to enjoy.

We're working closely with Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Parks Victoria and Department of Transport and Planning to bring this vision to life.

On City of Port Phillip land, the project will deliver:

- 25 new trees and over 30,000 native plants,
- New paths and seating for rest, gathering and reflection,
- Sculptures and interpretive works celebrating local stories and Aboriginal culture.

We're sharing the detailed design to confirm we're on the right track and identify any further considerations as the project continues. To find out more information and view the detailed design, [click on this link.](#)"

## Art Fair - Offer to Members

The fifth *Affordable Art Fair Melbourne* will take place from **Thursday 28 to Sunday 31 August** at The Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton, showcasing a diverse range of fresh and original contemporary art from over 60 galleries all priced between \$100 and \$10,000. With compulsory labelling of all artworks, you'll know exactly what fits your budget, and our complimentary wrapping service ensures you can take your purchases home the same day. For a sneak peek at the gallery list, [please visit this link.](#)

APYAC members (first come first served) can grab 10 double-passes which grant access to the exclusive VIP preview from 12 noon tomorrow. 2 passes can be processed per checkout, [just click here](#) to grab yours.

## 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 27th August - Tuesday 9th September 2025

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