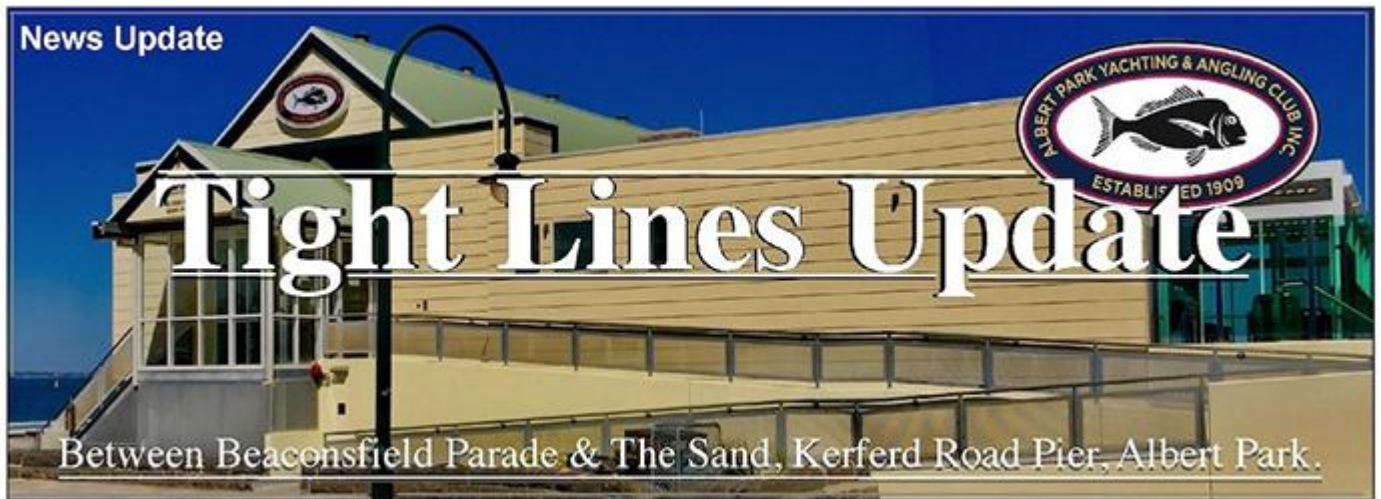


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**Wednesday 10th - Tuesday 23rd September 2025**

## Something in the water.

The Angling Season's Opening Sunday lunch christened our new barbecue, thanks to **Alex Spyrou, Mick Sass, John Spragg**, and maybe others—but I could not see them due to the smoke. *We have plans to fix that!*

Over forty people rocked-up, more than we catered-for; which is why we ask you to let us know if you plan to attend events. Thanks to the volunteers who helped, especially Mick Sass who passed-on his knot-tying skills to a new generation of Fishos.

Please consider nominating for a seat on the Committee. It's great fun. This Club has fantastic volunteers—a truly inspirational team. It's all about giving the members the best experience we can. So, how about giving-us some of your wisdom and experience? Read about the upcoming AGM, and the nomination process. Deadline for nominations is **next Tuesday at 5 p.m.** Three spots are up for grabs.

We are going to run a *Marine Licence Course* at the Club on Monday 22nd September, stay tuned.

Oh, and the Club's new boat, the Arvor 20, has arrived at St.Kilda Marina and is being prepared. We'll have a feature on it next issue.

Thanks to **Mike Kotsanis** for his brilliant *Footy Tipping Snippets* throughout the season. He has agreed to do the Welcome Briefings for the new members who come off the waitlist—as people who fail to pay their annual subs drop-off. I recently mentioned that Donna and Stuart were getting married at the Club, and by the way, the night was a blast; their praise of Annabelle and the team couldn't have been higher.

That afternoon we had a successful marriage proposal in the Langdon Room during lunch, so ... maybe it's something in the water.

That reminds me. Did we tell you? We have installed new water fountains dispensing room temperature, cold, and sparkling water, free-of-charge.

Read on, this, the 107th issue of Tight Lines has news about the Angling Season opening, Bollywood night, the new menu specials --*Garfish have arrived in numbers*-- another free fly-casting day, the work done by boathouse volunteers after the recent storm, proposed changes to the Kingfish bag limits, South Australia's shellfish reef project, the discovery of eight new dolphins, and more.

James Nixon  
Secretary.

Our Manager, Elise Thomas, is on leave.



*Last Friday night, showing the weed left over from the August storm.*

## 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.

### **Annual General Meeting Wednesday - 1st October**

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 AGM starts at 7:30 p.m. **after** the 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 \$1,100 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 *Anna Heylbut, Jenny Bunnet and Tim Dowling* 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.\*

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)

## 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

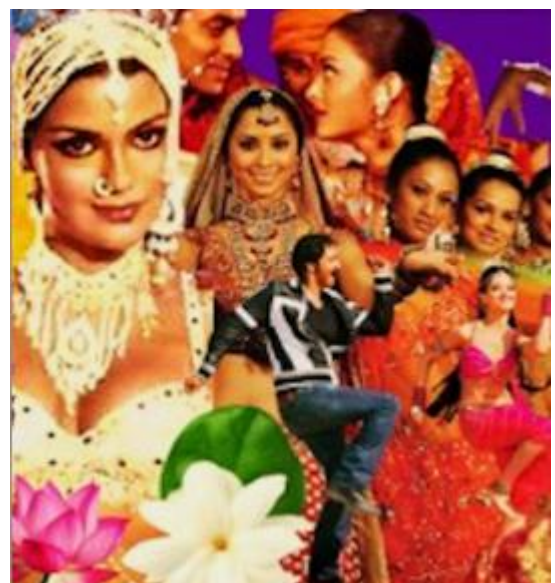
Authentic Live Entertainment

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.

**Croquettes** – Wagyu beef, garlic aioli, parsley. \$18

**Roast pumpkin soup** – Chilli and orange pangrattato, crunchy bread. \$20

**Chicken Schnitzel** – Served with creamy apple coleslaw & caramelised lemon. \$30

**Whole Garfish** – Lemon myrtle butter, sea herbs, charred zucchini, burnt citrus. \$35

**Nutella Crème Brulee** – Double cream, strawberry. \$14

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 AGAIN 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**

*Next month: a cheeky Riesling ...*





## President's Report.

### Snapper Celebration & Season Kick-off!

Were you there? If so what a night to remember! Last Wednesday's *APYAC General Meeting* wasn't just another Club catch-up —it was a follow-up to our official launch of both the angling and snapper seasons, and boy, did we nail the opening cast!

Our special guest, *Bluewater Johnny* (aka the legendary **John Cahill**), reeled-us in with a sensational presentation that had everyone hooked. From the moment he started dishing-out snapper secrets, the vibe in the room simmered with excitement, laughter, and more than a few "A-ha!" moments.

#### Snapper Insights Worth Their Weight in Ice

John didn't just talk tactics, he served up gourmet-grade know-how. Want snapper that are melt-in-your-mouth delicious? Here's the pro tip: dispatch quickly, then bleed them before chilling in an ice slurry for a full 24 hours before filleting. The result? Cleaner beautiful cuts, optimal texture, zero drama, and prime snapper perfection. APYAC is, and has been, one of the largest and most respected Snapper clubs since 1909. That's more than a century of anglers chasing the iconic local Snapper, one of Victoria's most beloved and sustainable fish stocks. Snapper are absolutely central to Victoria's fisheries scene. Port Phillip, or as we love to refer to it —our backyard— isn't just beautiful, it's a major nursery and spawning ground, the beating heart of the western stock. The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) confirms that the snapper stock in the Bay are in good health, are sustainable and critically important to our local waterways.

#### You may ask, why do we ogle Snapper?

They are stunning fighters, as John reminded us, the young ones scrap hard, while the old bruisers (7kg plus) can be so lazy you might not even know you've got one on the line until you start winding; tough, beautiful, and always up for a tussle. Dawn ramp queues at Port Phillip, Western Port, and Bass Strait are legendary during the season for those keen to get into a dream fish.



They're top-table fare too, prized for their flavour and texture; especially when given the chilling VIP treatment post-catch, as John taught-us.

In Victoria, we have extremely smart management and spawning studies —like tagging and tracking— to ensure their numbers stay healthy and keep the sport thriving.

### **What's Next at APYAC?**

Want to get amongst the action? Circle the first Wednesday of every month. October is our Annual General Meeting! We've got another brilliant night planned: our very own crooner Ian Banks will set the mood, Ascot Catering are already plotting a mouth-watering menu, and you'll get to meet your new Committee for the 2025-26 season. Who knows —if you nominate for a spot— you could be part of it!

Good luck for the season ahead. May your hooks stay sharp, your chilled slurries cold, and the snapper season be as brilliant as last Wednesday's presentation.

As we love to say: *Tight lines!*

See you at the Club and please come up and say hi.

Lee

Lee Spyrou

President.

**STOP PRESS:** We've just locked-in a **Marine Licence Course** at the Club! **Monday 22nd September**. Put it in your diary.

*IMAGE: No, it's not Lee ... it's just the Fishing Kayak of her dreams!*

## **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. The same Notice has been appended to the Club Noticeboard.

### **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 Seconded 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 nominated:
  - **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 he **will not** be nominating:
  - **James Nixon**, who is a present Committee member, responsible for communications, and currently holds the role of Secretary.

## Membership Reminder.

As of 8th September, **251** members had outstanding subscriptions. If you fall into this unfinancial category, to continue your membership you **MUST** pay outstanding subs.

Removal of unfinancial memberships will soon commence, paving the way for new applicants to join. There are **277** people on the waitlist.

Barry Hayes,  
Vice President.

### You never know...

What you'll see at the Club  
on a Saturday afternoon!

Chris Lawton successfully  
proposed to Eliza Palfery.



## 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 drop into the office at the Club. Your support makes all the difference.

Barry Hayes,

Vice President.

P.S. Our Friday Night Raffle & Door Volunteer Roster has been updated and is ready for vacant positions to be filled. **Click this link** and add your name to the Volunteer Roster.

## APYAC Podcasts.

The latest addition to the podcast library is a speech given by the Secretary to a business lunch about APYAC and our *Shellfish Reef Restoration Project*. Check it out **by clicking here**.

*Other podcasts interview guests:*

**Remy Van De Wiel**, *'Plastics in the bays.'*

**Travis Dowling** CEO of the Victorian Fishing Authority (VFA).

**Brian Wright** speaking about his friend, Warren Davey.

**Bob Pearce**, speaking about his life and times.

**Mick Sass**, speaking about his life and times.

**Chris Lockhart**, introducing our new Caterer.

**Phil Langdon**, speaking about his life and times.

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

*Plus*

**Bev Pinder & Lee Spyrou** (88.3 FM).

**Gavin McGrath & Lee Spyrou** (ABC Radio).

Check out APYAC's **podcast page** by clicking **here**.



## Email spam.

To reduce the amount of spam emails information technology experts recommend that we don't put linked email addresses in Tight Lines, so we write the email address, but leave gaps between the words.

It is up to you to put them together. For example: **members @ apyac.org.au**



## Angling.

The APYAC angling season is about to start at 12.01 am on Saturday 13 September 2025. Remember the first Snapper caught and pic. and details entered delivers for that angler no club subscription fee for the 26-27 year. Plenty of bait in the freezer at last seasons prices, remember if booking bait to your fob make sure enough credit to cover it

Thank you, all anglers and their friends who attended the start of angling season barbecue, we had 31 bookings then by Sunday had over 40 turned up. Catering was stretched, we apologise if anyone thought the food a little light on, please be sure you book early in future.

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

Time to get psyched up for the start of the season in a few days.

*I never drink water because of the disgusting things fish do in it ... (Anon)*

John Spragg



Image: Michael Sass --getting his eye-in early.

## APYAC CALENDAR 2025.

Saturday 20 September – **Preliminary Final Day.**

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

### 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**

Sat 15th November – **APYAC Mixed Fishing Charter with Olga.**

### 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**

Sat 21st February 2026 – **APYAC Mixed Fishing Charter with Olga.**

### MARCH

Sat 7th March – Mon 9th March - **Purumbete 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 #2

### 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.

We are slowly getting back to 'normal' volunteer work after the disruption of the latest weather event on the 30th of August which caused sea water to enter the boat house along with a considerable amount of seaweed and sand. The amount of seaweed that was washed-up during the storm is still visible along the beaches and noticeably in front of the Boat House. Thanks go out again to the volunteers who immediately came down on Saturday, and to **Andrew Mellett** and his boys who came down on Saturday night to chip-in. Many hands removed the sand and weed from under the boats during the last couple of days.

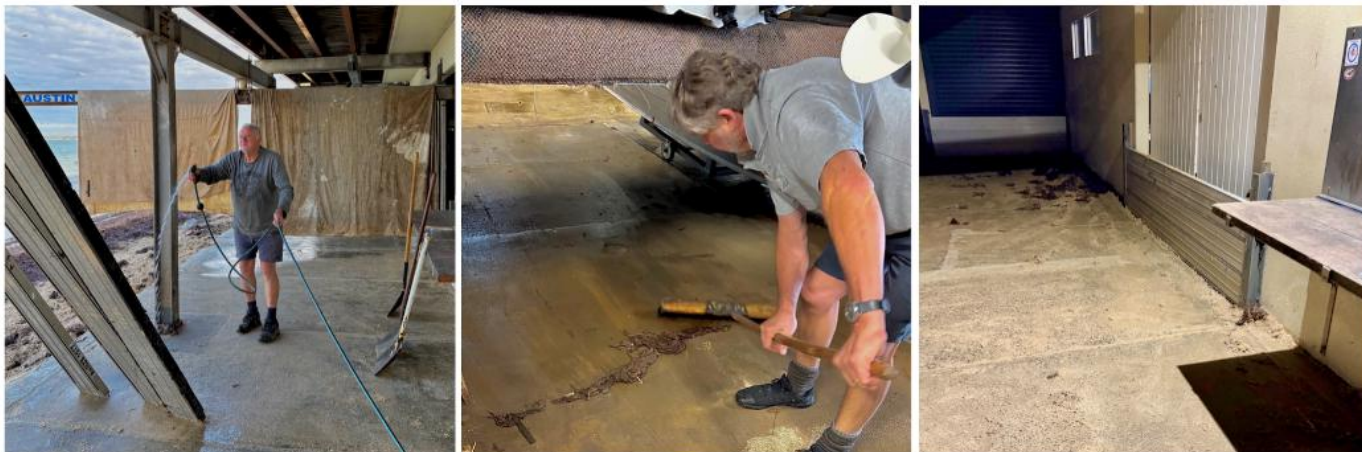
Tuesday was a day of finally removing the flood-damaged refrigerator. It needed a lot of muscle, and the valued assistance of **Alex Spyrou** with a Bunnings trailer, to shift it.

A new two door refrigerator has been purchased, Many thanks to volunteers **Pete Hickey, George Watkins, Colin McGregor** and **Robert Pope** for being on call to receive and install the refrigerator.

With all that happening smoko wasn't going to be put off! Many thanks to my daughter, **Melinda Raffa**, for making me a beautiful chocolate cake for my birthday celebration with the wonderful volunteers.

Ian Sekac.





## APYAC Footy Tipping Competition.

Well what a YEAR of football!

With five correct tips separating the top eight tip-stars, the competition came down to the results in the last round. A huge congratulations to Danny (**Daniel O'Brien**) who entered the top three in Round 17 and never looked back. He picked eight matches correctly in the final round and won the competition.

Dan j.r. (**Dan Rudd**) went for glory and picked the Hawks to upset the Lions last Sunday and ended-up second after also entering the top three in Round 17. Hairy Hawk (**Nick Herath**) will be happy his Hawks are in the top eight and he came third after leading for much of the season. He originally entered the top three in Round five! Amazing tipping and really well done to all three of you. I will separately communicate with each of you to receive your substantial prize money.

Commiserations to David G75 (**David Gowans**), CM (**Carolyn Mulcahy**), Sam M (**Sam Mitchell**), BlossyBoots (**Belinda Holt**), PJT Saints (**Phil Thompson**), Rooboy 1824 (**Trevor Cornish**) and Gmac (**Greg McPherson**) who rounded out the top ten - you were all very close to the top three but not quite in the money. I know the highlight for you is the 'specially chosen song rather than the cash prizes the winners take home.

*[ Mike chooses a song for each Tipster that reflects their season ... everyone can click on each others' links to hear their songs.]\**

In all there were 17 tip-stars who were in the top three on the Leaderboard at some point during the season. Next year you will all just have to try just that bit harder and tip with you head rather than your hearts. You do have my deepest sympathies. You also have all spring and summer to think about your tipping strategy —*there is always next season.*

To each of you, you are all tip-stars. Some people have tried harder than others, some people have had more success in their tipping, and some people have some room for improvement. This has all been noted.

Of course, if you are offended by your song choice I truly, deeply, apologise in advance. And if you are worried that you may be offended then don't click, and if you are worried that you might be worried, then you worry too much!

I trust you enjoyed what so far has been a highly entertaining AFL season so far and hope that the tipping competition provided you with a little bit of fun over autumn and winter.

And now to the AFL finals. If you're team is still alive, best of luck, and see you at the Club.

Mike Kotsanis

*\* [For example, as a regular drinker of hot chocolate on cold winter Saturdays, Mike chose Hot Chocolate's 'Every One's A Winner' for me - Ed]*



## 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**

## 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** and provide your full name and preferred date and time.

## History.

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

Bill Ryan.

Image: Thanks to the *State Library of Victoria*



## Shellfish Reef Restoration.

APYAC began Shellfish Reef Restoration more than ten years ago. It's good to see that other states are benefitting from our initiatives.

**OzFish explains** (click the link to read the full article)

### 'South Australia rolls up its sleeves to make reefs for recovery.

Last week in Port Adelaide, more than 50 volunteers turned out and got straight to work, recycling 12 tonnes of clean oyster shell into 600 Robust Oyster Baskets (ROBs) —brand new homes for oysters and fish, that will help kickstart the recovery of the local ecosystem. It was meant to be enough shell for a few workshops. Instead, the crew smashed it out in one go. That's 600 new oyster reef modules ready to hit the water and start doing what oysters do best—filtering water, improving water quality, and creating vital habitat for fish.

#### Why now?

Since March, South Australia's coastline has been hit hard by a harmful algal bloom (HAB). It's left a trail of dead fish, from large sharks and rays, through to popular rec fishing species like snapper, garfish and whiting. Even the smallest creatures on the food web that our fish depend on have felt the impact.

Oysters, however, can help turn the tide of destruction. They're surviving the bloom—and that resilience could make them a critical puzzle piece in the state's marine recovery.



Shellfish reefs once covered more than 800 square kilometres along South Australia's coast. Today, they're almost completely gone. Restoring them will help bring fish back, improve water quality, and build resilience against future bloom events.

As **OzFish** SA Project Manager **Brad Martin** explains:

*"Shellfish reef restoration will be really important moving forward, as we look towards recovery from this harmful algal bloom. Oysters are filter feeders—every day they take algae and nutrients out of the water, which not only helps improve water quality, but also creates the perfect foundation of habitat for fish to return."*

## VRFish.

### Proposed Changes to Kingfish Regulations

Do you go fishing for Yellowtail Kingfish off Victoria's coast?

It's time to have your say on the Victorian Fisheries Authority's

proposal to reduce the bag limit for Yellowtail Kingfish from FIVE to TWO per person, per day.

As the peak body for recreational fishers, VRFish are calling on rec-fishers to have your say in our latest survey and let us know if you support the proposed changes to bag limits.

The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and will close Monday 15th September at 11.59 p.m.

#### Background.

Yellowtail Kingfish are a highly sought-after and valued recreational fish species in Victoria, each typically averaging 5-10 kg.

Recreational fishers have raised concerns that current recreational fishing regulations for the species are outdated, particularly the five fish per person day bag limit, being seen as beyond a reasonable day's harvest for valued fish of such a large size.

Particularly large numbers of kingfish caught and harvested at Port Welshpool and Mallacoota in recent seasons have been highlighted as potentially causing local depletion during peak fishing periods.

The *Victorian Fisheries Authority*, in partnership with recreational fishers, have reviewed bag and size limits for the species as well as scientific research and neighbouring jurisdictions management, and is proposing to reduce the bag limit from FIVE to TWO kingfish per person, per day.

The proposed changes are expected to:

- Better reflect rec-fisher views of a reasonable day's harvest
- Better share the catch amongst more fishers
- Reduce local depletion of the species during peak fishing periods
- Potentially improve the fishery quality through better sized fish
- Align with the bag limit of other offshore species such as gummy and school shark.

Fill in the Yellowtail Kingfish survey **by clicking this link**.



## Eight New Dolphins!

### Record Survey Finds New Dolphins.

- The *Dolphin Research Institute* reports:

"It's not every day that you add eight dolphins to the Port Phillip catalogue! But that's precisely what happened during a recent Port Phillip dolphin survey, where our team encountered an incredible 80-100 common dolphins near Mornington.

With such a large, widespread group travelling and feeding together and with fading winter light setting in, it was no small feat to capture these fins for ID. Nearly 3,000 photos were taken, and our team has spent countless hours sorting through them to pull out as many IDs as possible.

From this **one** survey, 64 unique individuals were identified — the highest number of individuals photographed by the Institute in Port Phillip on a single day! Among the highlights was a re-sighting of **Round Mid Notch**, a





dolphin not seen on Port Phillip surveys since 2018! Her appearance marks seven years between sightings, the longest gap we've so far recorded for an individual here.

We were also thrilled to see several cow-calf pairs, including **Traveller** and **Violet** with new calves, as well as some third-generation animals, such as **Starfall**, **Lucky**, and **#77**. In addition, eight new individuals were added to the Port Phillip Common Dolphin Catalogue, adding eight new dolphins, bringing the total to **174** individuals known to use the bay. Our team has since completed another survey, again encountering large numbers of dolphins, and we're already hard at work processing the data. We look forward to sharing more exciting updates with you."

To find out more, check out the *Dolphin Research Institute* by [clicking here](#).

## 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 10th - Tuesday 23rd September 2025

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