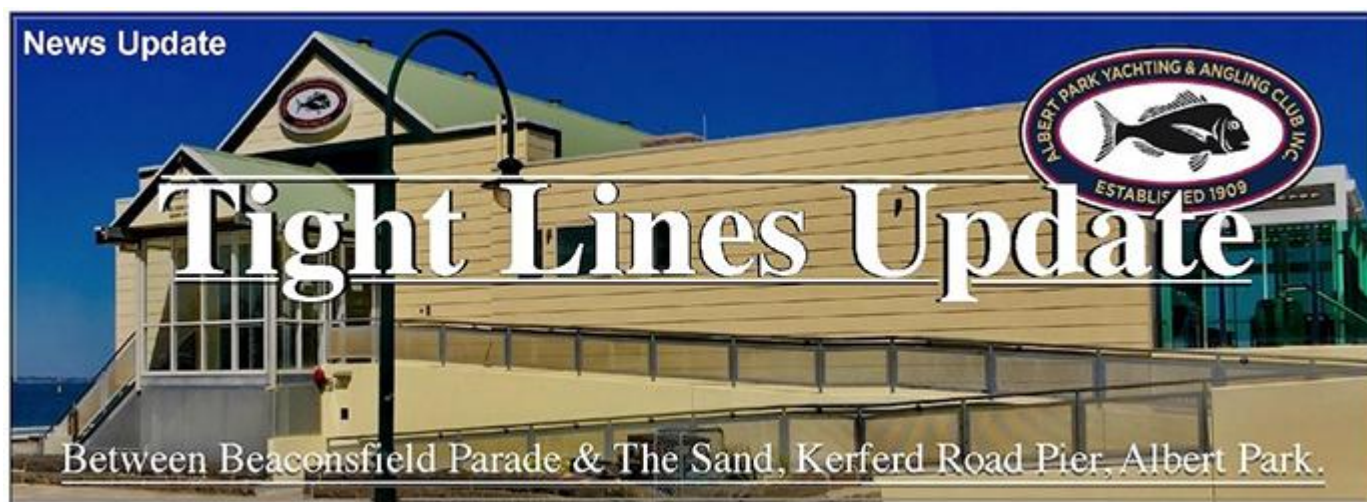


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Wednesday 24th September - Tuesday 14th October 2025

My unfortunate personality.

We'll be live and loud on Grand Final Day at the Club despite there being no Hawthorn or Collingwood presence at the MCG. I'm suggesting we all support Geelong and their incredible Captain **Patrick Dangerfield**. As **John Blackman** once said: *'Sometimes you gotta sit in the gutter and clap as the real heroes go by.'* At 35 years of age the Geelong Captain is worth applauding.

Bollywood Night is coming-up, and we'll have the Bathurst car racing on the television on the 12th October. Plus, we're planning ahead for *Cup Day*, and *Oaks Day*, in the first week of November; and we are thinking of slipping the November General Meeting a week to secure a brilliant speaker.

Check-out the new menu from *Ascot Catering's Chris Lockhart*, and the grand final inspired specials.

We've decided to open up the Club for your corporate Christmas party or festive lunch with colleagues on Tuesdays (lunch and dinner) and Wednesdays (lunches) coming-up to Christmas. Get in now.

You can imagine how staggered we were to receive the note from our tram-travelling member, **Jennifer Smith**. Check out that story below, it's quite uplifting.

Three positions become vacant at Wednesdays Annual General Meeting. By the deadline we only had two nominations — from **Lee** and **Chantal**; so they'll be elected automatically. This leaves one vacancy that can be filled by the Committee at their leisure.

This means there is no need for a vote on Wednesday night so we can just get into the Club-sponsored food at 6:30. **Ian Banks** will be providing music, and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

I've been writing my last *Secretary's Report* and am staggered to see how much work has been accomplished in the last year. At least 20 major projects, and all the dramas that go with having a building that breathes salt air, with its feet in sea water. Thank you to our amazing staff, and incredible volunteers. We're always looking for more!

This is the last chance to remind you to pay your membership fees before the deadline of next Tuesday. We have 280 people who are hoping that your fob gets turned-off —*so they can get turned-on!*

Sixty people rocked-up on Monday night to get their boating licenses. This is probably the largest group we've had in one sitting. Congratulations to the organisers and to the candidates. Not one failure from what I've heard.

This issue has a great article about female anglers, and if you want to catch a brand-new rainbow trout get yourself to Albert Park Lake as 1,500 have just been released by the *Victorian Fisheries Authority* —in time for the school holiday Anglers. Make sure you fish in the correct areas, and don't leave behind any line, or hooks, to injure the birdlife.

Thank you for your support and assistance while I have been Secretary of this great Club. I wish I had more time to continue to do both but I think *'my unfortunate personality'** is better-suited as Editor of Tight Lines!

This is issue #108.

James Nixon

Secretary.

**Captain Geoff's perfect excuse for avoiding committee work!*

Our Manager, Elise Thomas, is on leave.



The windiest month of the year and still no sign of 'Shadow' --our favourite stingray.

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.

Normal trading this Friday Night, the Grand Final Public Holiday.

The Member's Draw prize pool rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp, and is \$1,300 for the 26th of September.

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 *Garry Voges, Dominic Vellar and Maureen Renton* 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)



Grand Final Day

This Saturday 27th September.

LIVE and LOUD

Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

Geelong VS Brisbane

Specialty gourmet loaded hotdogs!

\$22 each

Lock in your table now.

BOOKINGS: 9690 5530

Click **HERE** to make a booking.

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 1st October 2025

7:30 p.m.

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

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

6:30 p.m. The Club-sponsored supper.

The AGM starts at 7:30 p.m. **after** the Club-sponsored supper.

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
- Secretary'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

All welcome!

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

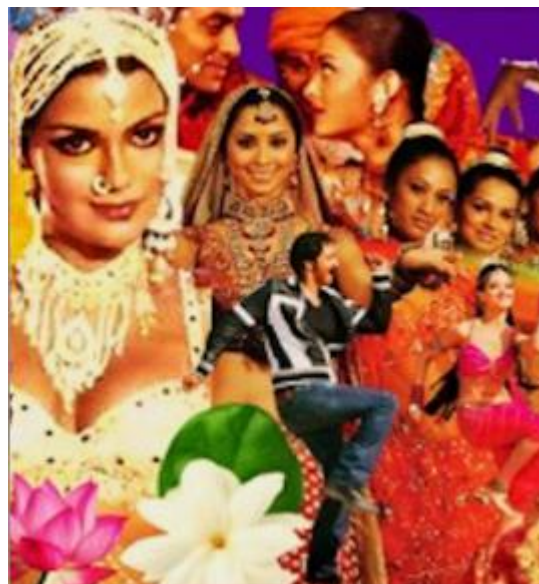
Authentic Live Entertainment

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.**



Plan ahead Cup Day

Tuesday 4th November

Limited to 140 pax.

3 course lunch (Vegetarian option available)

\$75 per person

From 12 noon. (First course starts at 12.30 p.m.)
Booking details soon.

Plan ahead Oaks Day

Thursday 6th November

Plan ahead! 140 pax.

3 course lunch (Vegetarian option available)

\$65 per person

From 12 noon. (First course starts at 12.30 p.m.)

Booking details soon.

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Duo dips – Toasted pita bread \$16

Fish taco – Served with fresh coleslaw, coriander, siracha dressing \$8 each

Cheesy Loaded Chips – with bacon and spring onion \$16

Chilli dogs – brioche bun, hot dog, beef chilli, cheese, served with chips \$22

Fried chicken wings – Crispy hot wings served with hot sauce and pickles \$24

Check out the **brand new menu** [HERE](#).

BOOKINGS: 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.



Celebrate in style!

Book your event today.

Looking for the perfect spot to host your end-of-year celebration? Whether it's a corporate Christmas party, a club break-up, or festive lunch with colleagues, your Club has you covered.

With Melbourne's best waterfront views, a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and our talented catering partners **Ascot** delivering mouth-watering menus, your event is guaranteed to be unforgettable.

Available times:

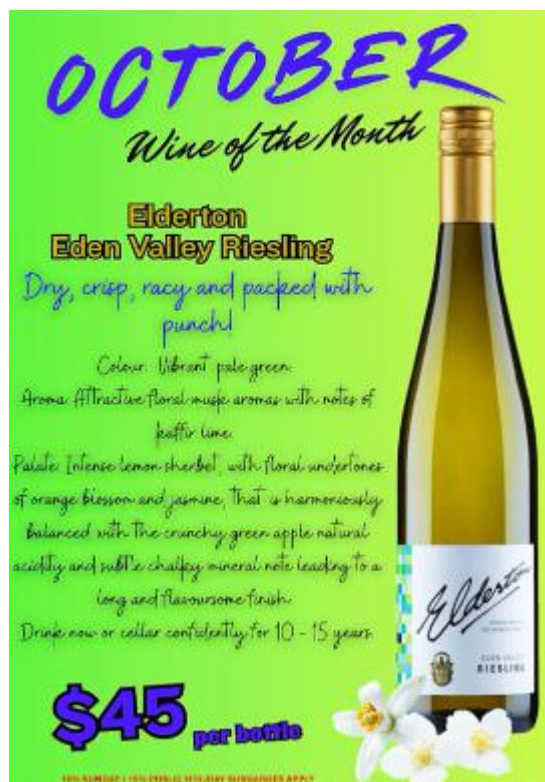
- Tuesday lunch or dinner
- Wednesday lunch

Our team will work with you to plan every detail, making sure your celebration runs smoothly and sparkles with APYAC style.

Email: admin@apyac.org.au

Phone: 9690 5530

Wine of the Month.



Elderton Eden Valley Riesling

Dry, crisp, racy and packed with punch!

Colour: Vibrant pale green.

Aroma: Attractive floral musk aromas with notes of kaffir lime.

Palate: Intense lemon sherbet, with floral undertones of orange blossom and jasmine, that is harmoniously balanced with the crunchy green apple natural acidity and subtle chalky mineral note leading to a long and flavoursome finish.

Drink now or cellar confidently for 10 - 15 years.

\$45 per bottle

A remarkable act.

On Thursday, 11th September, **Jennifer Smith** exited a tram, accidentally leaving behind a Chanel parcel.

A man on the tram noticed the parcel had been left behind. Rather than ignore it, he chose to take responsibility for ensuring it was returned to its rightful owner.

After finding a receipt inside, he went out of his way and travelled into the CBD, to the Chanel boutique within *David Jones*, where he asked the staff to trace the purchaser using the receipt.

Jennifer was overwhelmed by the incredible lengths he had gone to, and eventually spoke with her saviour. His honesty, initiative, and sheer determination to return the item were truly heartwarming.

As a local resident of Albert Park and a proud member, she was astonished not only by the integrity of the person who found her parcel, but by the extraordinary coincidence that he is **Sebastian**, a chef at our much-loved Angling Club!

In a time where we often hear stories that shake our trust in others, Sebastian's actions are a powerful reminder that kindness, honesty, and community spirit are still very much alive.

Jennifer said: *"We are incredibly fortunate to have someone like Sebastian not only in our community, but in the heart of our Club."*

President's Report.

Last weekend, we were all set for one of our most anticipated events - *the Calamari Competition*. While we're sad to have had to postpone, it's the perfect moment to dive into the incredible world of cephalopods, those mesmerising creatures of the deep that we're all so passionate about. As a lover of these intelligent, agile, and undeniably unique creatures, I can't help but share a few fascinating tidbits about squid and calamari that will make you appreciate them even more.

Let's start with the basics. Cephalopods, which include squids, octopuses, and cuttlefish, are often considered the alien inhabitants of our oceans. With their bulbous heads, numerous tentacles, and ink-squirting abilities, they don't exactly fit the conventional idea of sea creatures. Their sleek, torpedo-like bodies allow them to zoom through the water with astounding speed, a skill that makes them formidable predators in their own right.

Did you know that squids have three hearts? Two pump blood to the gills, while the third pumps it to the rest of the body. Fascinating, right? But it's not just their anatomy that's out of this world - squid are also known for their ability to change colour, thanks to specialised cells called chromatophores. These cells contain pigments that allow squid to blend seamlessly into their surroundings, which comes in handy when dodging predators or hunting for prey.



Then, of course, there's the squid's famous ink. This isn't just a defence mechanism - it's a clever strategy. The ink, which is made of melanin, can create a cloud of darkness, giving the squid the opportunity to escape from a potential threat.

In Greek mythology, the octopus was often seen as a symbol of power and wisdom - qualities that perfectly describe cephalopods. And if you've ever tasted calamari, you'll know they embody flavour and versatility too. Whether grilled, fried, or served as part of a Mediterranean dish, calamari is a delicacy beloved by many, with its tender yet slightly firm texture and mild flavor. For those of us who appreciate cephalopods both for their biology and their culinary appeal, this is the kind of dish that brings everything full circle. As we eagerly await the chance to gather for our Calamari competition, I hope this article deepens your appreciation for the wonders of cephalopods. They're more than just creatures of the sea - they're a testament to the mysteries of the natural world, full of surprises and awe-inspiring adaptations.

So, while we may have to delay the fun, I'll be sure to continue dreaming about the day we can all dive into the excitement of a calamari competition once more!

If you'd like to find out more please click here and watch **Professor Gretta Pecl** and her YouTube video called '*Squids and other suckers*' by [clicking this link](#).

See you at the Club, and please come up and say hello.

Lee

Lee Spyrou

President

IMAGE: Lee and a Blue Salmon Catfish caught from her fishing kayak at Yamba.



Is your membership lapsing?

At the time of going to press, there are some **175** members with annual subscriptions outstanding totalling around \$72,000. The due date was 31st August.

Our Admin staff have sent reminders by way of email and SMS, but still many payments have not been received. APYAC Rules are clear.

'Annual subscriptions for all categories of members will be set at each Annual General Meeting and are payable on or before 30 September in each year. Failure by a member to pay the annual subscription by the due date will result in his / her membership lapsing.'

Wednesday 1st October looks like being a busy day for the Office with **280** on the waitlist!

Barry Hayes
Vice President.

Nomination to Committee

APYAC holds nine committee positions, each with three year terms.

Under our rules THREE committee positions retire and become vacant for nomination at each Annual General Meeting.

This year's outgoing committee-members are **Lee Spyrou**, **Chantal Meehan**, & **James Nixon**.

Despite our advertising, only TWO members nominated to undertake a role on the Committee prior to the deadline:

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, has previously held the role of Secretary.

James Nixon, who is a present Committee member, responsible for communications, and currently holds the role of Secretary, is retiring from the Committee to concentrate on editing Tight Lines.

As a result, there is no need for an election.

The two Nominees will receive positions on the Committee and one position will remain vacant.

Rule 28.2 provides for the Committee to appoint a member of the Club to fill a casual vacancy, '*... and the member so appointed may continue in office for the remainder of the term that the vacating Committee member would have served.*'

We need '*fresh blood*' —as **Peter Neville** used to be fond of saying!

If you would like to become involved, please contact any Committee member.

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.

Our angling season has started with a number of fish landed.

Congratulations to **Rob Raffa** who landed the first snapper of the season; his next year's subs will be paid.

Mick Sass and **Richard Muscat** are showing that our Club championship this season is going to be a hard-fought battle, with both of them landing nice fish. Richard slightly ahead with the largest Snapper landed so far, measuring 65 cms with Mick's at 64cms. Plenty of bait in the freezer at last seasons prices. Remember if booking bait to your fob make sure you have enough credit to cover it.

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.

They tend to be in 2-4 metres of water. We believe a paternoster rig, sinker at the end of your line with one or two droppers above the sinker, is best. Start with a 4/0 or 5/0 hooks. Cut pilchards, squid, or fillets of any fish are great bait, they will also take soft plastic lures. Drift over sandy areas from Black Rock to Port Melbourne. Once you catch a few go back over the area as Flathead tend to school-up in waves on the bottom. Out the back of the Club, 100 metres out from the pier end can be productive.

Weather.

The weather has been mixed for boaters and anglers, it has been warmer during the day, some very strong northerlies, light winds, smooth seas and gale warnings —a complete mixed bag! The Bay water temperatures are on the rise at last, since the last edition (12.61 C top end of the Bay, 16.63 C Mid Bay, 13.53 C in the Ocean) We are looking for 14+C and the Snapper will be back.



Reports.

Big numbers of 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 / Altona area. Gem Pier Williamstown, Kerferd Road Pier at the club, Brighton Pier and Sandringham breakwater and Lagoon Pier have had some nice fish caught from them. Snapper prefer shallow water this time of year so fish close inshore 1.5-4 metres deep. The 'warmies' has been producing good numbers of pinkies and the odd snapper up to 8kg, if you can find room to get a line in.

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 reports from that the very southern end of the Bay, St Leonards is producing good numbers of 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. A couple of our members boated 18 between them down towards Point Cook.

Keep an eye out for birds working as there are still very large schools of Australian Salmon up the Club end of the bay although they have been quieter lately. Many good salmon caught around the red stick near Altona, a giant school reported out from Williamstown footy ground and near Kerferd Road Pier. 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 still cold, check weather forecasts, keep an eye on the actual weather, do not take risks, give it a go and take care!

Fishing is like dating; it's all catch and release until you land a keeper. - Unknown.

John Spragg

Image: Richard Muscat from last season.

APYAC Calendar 2025.

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.**

Thursday 6th November – **Oaks Day.**

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

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

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

Sunday 7th December – **Kid's Christmas Party 9:30 a.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

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 - **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.

Boathouse Volunteers.

Thank you again to the team of dedicated volunteers that attended on Tuesday and Wednesday to the weekly tasks before progressing the restoration of the Clinkers, PA005 and EG385.

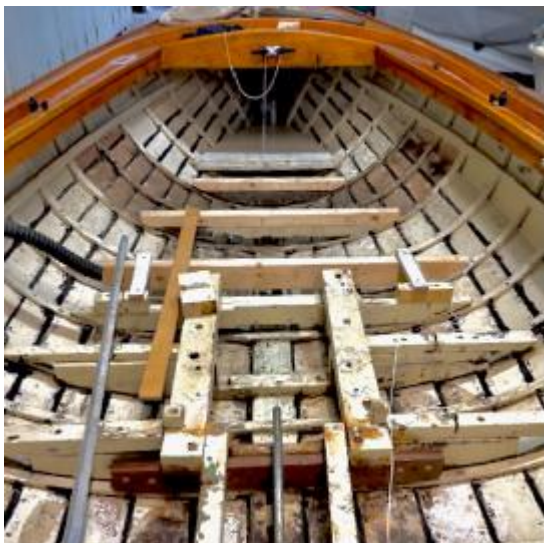
PA005 was turned-over and placed on its dolly ready for the next stage, fitting the Simplex engine and all the ancillary equipment, exhaust, lights, coolant water etc.

A special thank you to **Robert Pope** for the meticulous work he has performed in the preparation and final painting of the hull exterior. A thorough professional work of art.

Thank you to **Chris Herbert** and his ingenuity with devising a safer and simpler method of supporting the boat during the flipping-over stage. It required less labour and is a method we will use from now on.



Clinker boat EG385 (*to be named King George W*) has been sealed and had the flooring and engine supports fitted. It will be cleaned inside prior to undercoating and top coating.



The Boat House toilet is not operational due to one pit pump being seized and the other pump being found to have a corroded base plate causing it only to aerate the pit and not pump to the outlet which was also found to be blocked.

A quote from All Purpose Pumps has been received and a second quote from another source is expected soon before a decision is made to progress the works.

The outside toilet blocks will need to be used until further notice.

No cake on Wednesday but we made it up with a BBQ of left over sausages for smoko. I've said it before: *"They'll eat anything!"*

Mrs Cakes will supply the cake next week from her new oven.

The donated Fishing Charter voucher worth \$150 was given to **Raymond Goddard**.

Hope you get a big one Ray.

- Ian Sekac.

Women making waves!

Record Number of Female Anglers Competing

Last year's annual angling competition saw more women participating than ever before in the Club's 115 year history. This marked a turning point, not only in gender representation, but also in the growing popularity of fishing as a sport for everyone.

For decades, competitive fishing has been a male-dominated arena, but that narrative is rapidly changing. This year, five women and two junior females made it onto the competition board — a definite move forward from previous years.

With rods in hand and an undeniable presence on the water, these women aren't just joining the sport, they're redefining it.

"It's empowering to see so many women out here doing what they love," said **Lee Spyrou**, a returning champion, and one of the Club's most respected anglers. *"We're not just here to fill a quota. We're here to compete — and win."*

From first-timers to seasoned pros, the female anglers brought a fierce level of skill, determination and enthusiasm.

The Club's President, Lee Spyrou, expressed pride in the growing diversity within the community: *"Fishing has always been about patience, skill, and respect for nature. These women are showing that passion for the sport transcends gender. It's great for the future of fishing."*

The women competing noted the importance of visibility in inspiring future anglers. Youth participation has also seen a spike, particularly among young girls who now see role models in a sport that previously had few.

The Club has made concerted efforts to be more proactive in recent years, with a strong push for access to all via fishing charters under the helm of **Olga Harradine**, a long-time member of the Club and a passionate advocate for inclusivity in what has long been deemed a male-oriented sport.

The APYAC sponsored fishing charters instil camaraderie amongst Club members and many new friendships are formed.

The tides are turning in the fishing world, and with more women than ever competing, the future looks bright — and well hooked. Whether for sport, community, or the pure joy of the catch, female anglers are here to stay, and the waters of tradition are all the richer for it.



For more information on how to take part, contact **Olga Harradine** on mobile: 0419 000 246



For sale.

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](mailto:admin@apyac.org.au)** and provide your full name and preferred date and time.

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.]



History.

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

Bill Ryan.

Image: Thanks to the *State Library of Victoria*



Fish stocking

1,500 rainbow trout have just been released into Albert Park Lake.

The *Victorian Fisheries Authority* says:

"Thousands of rainbow trout are hitting Victorian lakes just in time for the school holidays — giving families more reasons to get outdoors and enjoy a fun, affordable fishing adventure, thanks to the Victorian Government.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation **Steve**

Dimopoulos announced almost 80 lakes are being stocked with more than 35,000 catchable-size fish, in time for the break.

Victoria is proud to stock more fish than every other state and territory in the country combined, providing more opportunities to go fishing and more places to choose from than ever before.

Backed by the Victorian Government's \$96 million *Go*

Fishing and Boating plan and the reinvestment of recreational fishing licence fees, these rainbow trout are amongst 10 million fish being stocked annually into lakes and rivers to improve fishing opportunities."

To read more about the fish-stocking, [click this link](#).

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, specials: Parma Night!

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 24th September - Tuesday 14th October 2025

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