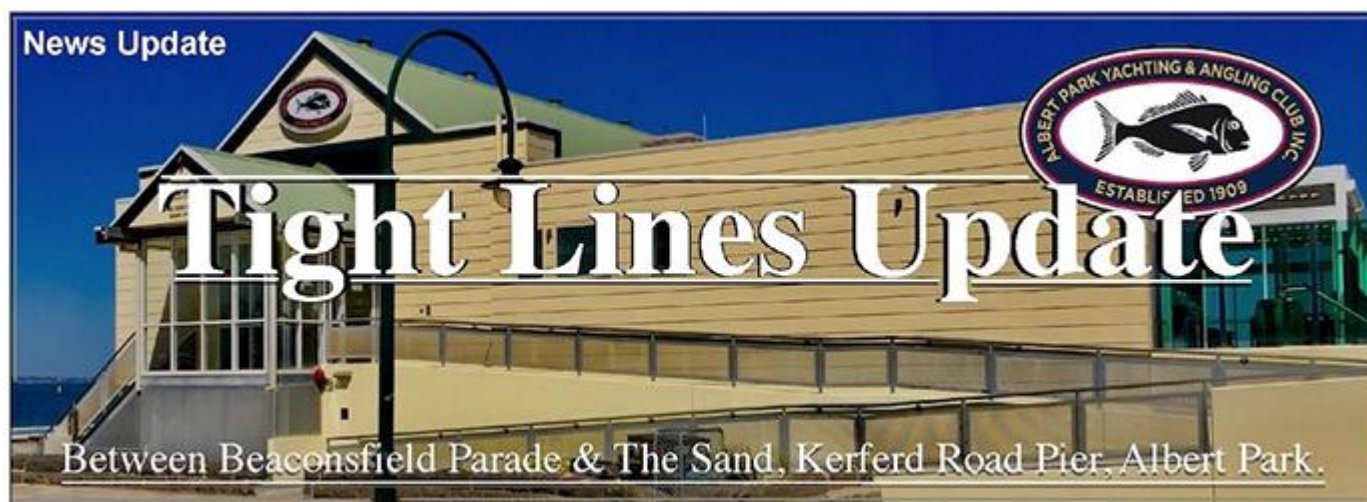


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Wednesday 29th October - Tuesday 11th November 2025

Waiting for the wind to stop.

Stage One of the new roof over the Langdon Room has gone ahead as planned. Stage two has been delayed a couple of weeks now due to unfavourable winds. When we get a clear run at it Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be action stations.

Last Saturday night *'My Girlfriend Cheryl'* rocked the place again – this time the lights stayed on! Great to have a band included in the Saturday night dining. Make sure you're here on the 8th November for *The Regular Boys*. Their drummer is one of the best in the country.

A wet Cup Day is forecast next Tuesday, so stay dry by coming to the Club instead of the track. Fashions on the field, a silent auction and random prizes. Grab your \$75 ticket before Saturday evening so we can plan the table settings. **Olga** and **Denis** will do their magic, running sweeps on the big race. Bring \$10 notes because it's cash-only, and we don't have change.

Oaks Day is the same **Chris Lockhart** fare, but \$10 cheaper because staff wages are lower since it's not a public holiday. Grab your ticket by Monday evening so we can sort out who sits where.

From the 15th November we will be running *Weekend Breakfast* until autumn, —both Saturdays and Sundays— with a more extensive menu, so check it out.

At next week's Wednesday General Meeting I will be interviewing the brand-new EO of VR Fish, **Anthony McGrath**, for a podcast. It's going to be his first day in the job, so come along and hear his story.

The fishing competition has kicked-off. We have another event this weekend starting at one minute past midnight on Friday night, and running right through until 2 p.m. on Cup Day. Great to see Juniors' names on the scoreboard already, and special congratulations to **Will Osborne** for catching a ripper fish on his seventh birthday!

It's called climate change, and it appears to be happening downstairs, these storms are occurring more regularly, and each one attempts to flood the boathouse. Congratulations and thanks to the volunteers who do a marvellous job keeping the water out, and removing the sand that stacks up against their barriers.

At our last meeting one of our members asked why they couldn't open Station Pier to the public. A conversation was had —who knows if it sparked their decision?— and the good news is that Station Pier is opening during daylight hours on each weekend, beginning on Saturday. We have all the details below.

Last but not least, it's great to see our President rubbing shoulders with the big wigs at the official opening of the expanded *Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery* —nice to see APYAC represented at the highest levels of recreational fishing in Victoria.

This is edition 110, of Tight Lines.

James Nixon

Editor.

Our Manager, Elise Thomas, is on leave.



Fast weather. Saturday night, the calm after the storm, before Sunday's 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.

General Meeting Wednesday - 5th November

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 meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

The Club-sponsored supper after the meeting.

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 \$1,800 for the 31st of October.

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 Friday night *Bernadine Kelly*, *Ken Silvers*, and *Trevor Townsend* missed out on \$1,700.

Weekly Raffle

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

Four Prizes up for grabs:

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

Tickets: one for \$5, or six for \$20 (EFT only).

Be nice to our Volunteers on the door and selling raffle tickets.

If you wish to stay for a meal, please make sure you book a table by **clicking the link here**.

Reminder: When making a reservation for dining it is expected you order within 30 mins of your booking time and all meals must be ordered before 8:30 p.m. Thank you.



Saturday night dining every week.*

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

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

Full Dinner menu available.

Book your table **by clicking here**.

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

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

Saturday 8th November – Live Music 'The Regular Boys.'

* Unless a function is being held.

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

November General Meeting

Next Wednesday 5th November 2025 - 7 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.

7 p.m. General Meeting

Minutes of previous General Meeting.

Updates and reports: President, Treasurer, Membership, Boathouse, & Sub-Committees.

Members Q&A to the Club Committee.

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

8:15 p.m. Podcast interview with **Anthony McGrath** on his first day working as the Executive Officer of VRFish! Anthony has more than 20 years' experience across local and state government, including eight years at the Victorian Fisheries Authority. He is dedicated to championing the interests of recreational fishers across Victoria and has

been responsible for delivering many of the recreational fishing election commitments and grants programs. More recently, Anthony has been working with Victoria's commercial fishers as the Abalone Fishery Manager.

All Club members welcome!

NOTE: Date change. At the AGM we were expecting to slip the date of the November Meeting a week. This is not possible as it clashes with the VRFish AGM.



Melbourne Cup Day

Tuesday 4th November

12 noon - 4:30 p.m.

Get ready to turn heads this Melbourne Cup. Dress to impress for a day filled with fun, fashion, fantastic prizes and a silent auction. Whether you're joining us for the races or the atmosphere, great prizes are up for grabs for the best-dressed attendees.

Interested in being a Judge?

If you're attending and want to help judge the fashion, please email us at office@apyac.org.au to express your interest.

\$75 per head

Booking includes:

Welcome glass of Mumm Marlborough (or a beer)

Entry into Fashions On The Field.

Entry into random prize draws.

Entrée

Cured Kingfish Ceviche - Coconut, chilli, daikon radish, lime.

Mains

Wild Barramundi - Celeriac remoulade, crushed spring peas, chive & lemon butter sauce, OR

Eye fillet - Served medium rare, potato croquette, chicory, mushroom duxelles, jus gras.

Dessert

Tiramisu - Sponge cake, liqueur, coffee, mascarpone, cocoa.

Please try to book through one table captain, add your seating request in BOOKING NOTES if you wish to sit with a group to avoid table issues on the day. Also, add any vegetarian / dietary requirements.

Click the link to grab your spot now! tinyurl.com/ApyacCupDay2025

Deadline for booking: 5pm. Saturday 1st November.

Sweep



Olga and Denis will be conducting sweeps for the *Melbourne Cup Race* when you enter the Club. \$10 a ticket. Bring \$10 notes. Change not available. Draw a random horse's number out the bucket for your share of the Sweep's pool.

[Thank you Olga and Denis for volunteering again this year - Ed]

Oaks Day

Thursday 6th November

12 noon - 4:30 p.m.

\$65 per head

Booking includes:

Welcome glass of Mumm Marlborough (or a beer)

Entry into random prize draws.

Entrée

Cured Kingfish Ceviche - Coconut, chilli, daikon radish, lime.

Mains

Wild Barramundi - Celeriac remoulade, crushed spring peas, chive & lemon butter sauce, OR

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Click the link to grab your spot now! tinyurl.com/ApyacOaksDay2025

Deadline for booking: 5.pm. Monday 3rd November.



My Girlfriend Sheryl (*that's her on the left*) had the place jumping last Saturday night. Thanks Gus, Linda and Neil.

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Duo Dips – Served with toasted pita bread \$16

Fish Taco – Crispy fish, sweet corn Pico de Gallo, slaw, chipotle dressing \$9 each

Salmon Nicoise Salad – Confit flaked salmon, egg, olives, capers, anchovies, vinaigrette \$28

Prawn Spaghetti – Spinach, garlic, chilli, white wine, cherry tomato, parsley, lemon \$35

Sticky Date Pudding – Served with butterscotch sauce & vanilla ice cream \$16

You're right! The specials have been continued due to popular demand.

Check out the **brand new main and breakfast menus 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.

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LUNCH & DINNER BISTRO MENU		
Graze Olives (V, VGL, GF) 8 Marinated mixed olives Vegetal Dipsters (GF, GF) 8 Served warm, lemon individual half dozen full dozen Vegetarian Spring Rolls (V, VGL, GF) 10 Chilli & lime dipping sauce Crispytates 20 Wagyu beef, Miyako, garlic aioli Pork & Chive Spice 22 Chilli oil, seaweed, turkoke Grilled Kingfish Deviche (GF, GF) 22 Cucumber, chili, chicken breast, lemon	Classic Double Cheeseburger 18 Wagyu beef, cheese, pickles, onion, ketchup sauce, chips Chicken Schnitzel 20 Served with coleslaw and lemon Market Buttered Fish (GF) 22 Garden salad, chips, tartar, lemon Chicken Parmigiano 22 Grated cheese, tomato, fresh buffalo mozzarella, basil, olive Lamb Mince (GF) 22 Garlic, chili, white wine, sage, parsley, crusty bread Signature Maitre (GF) 22 Mussels, cream, potato, fish, garlic, chili, white wine, sage	Sides Slippy Slaps (V, VGL, GF, GF) 18 Tomato sauce Garden Salad (V, VGL, GF, GF) 18 Tomato, cucumber, onion, carrot, house dressing Cakesicle (V, GF) 12 Cabbage, creamy apple dressing Roasted Green Beans (V, GF) 18 Roasted potato, lemon, agave butter Burrata & Pita chips (V) 18 Grilled vegetables, bulgogi, parmesan, olive, olive
Salad Classic Caesar 18 Baby rom lettuce, garlic croutons, lemon, boiled egg, parmesan, white anchovies, cream dressing Grilled Salmon (V, GF) 24 Marinated salmon, olive, tomato, cucumber, parmesan, yogurt dressing	Signature Potato Roast (V) 21 Roast butter, sage, sweet potatoes, pine nuts & parmesan Grilled King Prawns 24 Lemon and cucumber vinaigrette, chili & orange parmesan Butterfist Grouper 24 Baked in lemon, agave & sea herb butter, served with	Kids eats Linguine Napoli (V) 18 Parmesan cheese Mini Schnitzel 18 Cakesicle, tomato sauce Fish & Chips (GF) 18 Salad & lemon Kids Mini Cheeseburger 18 Chips

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.

Rob Dolan

Black Label Chardonnay

The 2023 vintage was cooler than average, thanks to the La Niña phenomenon. These conditions allowed for gentle ripening of Chardonnay, without any major heat spikes. This has translated to lovely acid and bright, fresh fruit characteristics.

Made with ripe, textural fruit harvested from the stunning Murrumbidgee and Yarra Valley vineyards, enjoy a rounder, fuller expression of Yarra Valley Chardonnay.

Open up a bottle and enjoy with friends alongside a seafood feast from Ascot Kitchen!

\$42 per bottle



Weekend Breakfast.

We will be running Breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays (9 a.m. till 11 a.m.)
15th November until Autumn 2026.

A wider offering than last summer, **check out the menu by clicking here.**

Always a good idea to book a table, **just click here** and choose the date.



President's Report.

APYAC continues to punch well above our weight with the leadership and influence of our Club being recognised far and wide across Victoria!

Last week, at the official opening of the expanded Victorian Fisheries Authority's (VFA) *Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery*, **Minister Steve Dimopoulos**, VFA Board Chair **Graeme Dear** (AKA Gus) and CEO **Travis Dowling** each made special mention of APYAC —acknowledging the important role our Club plays in shaping the future of recreational fishing in Victoria. That's something every one of us should be proud of!

And what a future it is ...

The Arcadia expansion —part of a \$15 million Government investment— has transformed it into the World's largest native fish hatchery, capable of producing 6+ million fish annually by 2030. Combined with Snobs Creek upgrades, Victoria is now set to become self-sufficient in native fish production, helping secure trophy fisheries for generations to come. As Trely said perfectly:

"Victoria can now produce more fish than needed to supply the entire state —even the whole country. A monumental game-changer!"

From Murray Cod broodstock to record-breaking stocking numbers, VFA is delivering —and APYAC is right there helping influence what happens next.

We're thrilled to announce that **Anthony McGrath** will be joining us at our next General Meeting —on his very first day as the new Executive Officer of VRFish! This is a major coup for APYAC and signals an exciting chapter for VRFish's relationship with VFA and the fly-fishing community.

Anthony brings two decades of government experience, 14 years in recreational fisheries, international exposure, and a real passion for developing young, female, and First Nations leadership across our sector.

As your President, I couldn't be more excited about the direction we are heading. Our voice matters. Our expertise is sought out. And our passion for fishing and community is driving real change.

From Port Phillip to State-wide fisheries management; APYAC is helping shape the future.

Come along, get involved, and continue being part of something BIG.

See you at the Club —rods ready and pride high!

Lee.

Lee Spyrou

President

IMAGE: **Scott Jefferies** VRFISH, **Anthony McGrath** new EO VRFish, **Steve Dimopoulos** MP, **Luba Grigorovitch** MP, & **Lee Spyrou** VRFish.



Do you know?

Your Spouse can join APYAC as an Associate Member.

As a **Full Member**, your **Spouse** can be part of the fun too by joining as an **Associate Member** and enjoy the Clubhouse, bar, and great social events alongside our friendly APYAC community. It's a simple way to get involved and share the club experience together.

Sign up here: [Spouse Membership Application](#)

APYAC welcomes Life Partners too.

APYAC is all about community — and that includes **Life Partners** of our Full Members. If you've shared a home and life together for at least 12 months, you can apply for **Associate Membership** and enjoy the Clubhouse, events, and friendly

APYAC spirit. It's easy to join, with just a \$25 admin fee.

Apply here: [Life Partner Membership Application](#)

Barry Hayes,
Vice President.

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**

Roland Nicholls Scoreboard.

OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
MICK SASS	3	16.4	HARRY TSOUMBAKOS	3	17.3
MARK MERCEICA	2	12.5	ROB RAFFA	2	8.6
RICHARD MUSCAT	1	6.5	EDDIE BERNOBICH	1	5.8
ALEX SPYROU	1	5.6			
JOHN SPRAGG	1	4.9			
LEE SPYROU	1	4.7			
ANDRE CARTEL	2	5.9	DANNY VITKIN	3	11.3
			WILL OSBORNE	3	10.7
	11			12	

Max Coningsby Competition

This weekend!

The **Max Coningsby Competition** held from 12.01 a.m. Saturday 1st of November till 2 p.m. Tuesday 4th of November, with prizes awarded at the November General Meeting (Wednesday 5th).

Angling.

The windy October Fishing Competitions have been completed with the following fun facts for the month, The winners of our second snapper comp held 18th and 19th Oct were Open **Mark Mercieca** and In House **Rob Raffa**.

Remember all anglers unless you are at the Club at the competition close barbecue, or send the Angling Committee **apyacanglers@gmail.com** a feasible excuse for not being there, you miss your prize. Exception to this rule is the **Max Coningsby Competition** held from 12.01 a.m. this Saturday, 1st of November, till 2 p.m. Tuesday 4th of November, prizes awarded at the General Meeting the following night.

20 snapper were recorded over the course of the month of October, 7 were recorded in the Open category, with 12 from In House from boats, launched from underneath the Club.

7 of these fish were registered by Juniors Will Osbourne (4, including a birthday fish) and Danny Vitkin (3)

Our first longest Gummy shark was registered by **Tony Panayotou** in his trusty kayak, measuring nose to tail at 85 cms.

(NB Gummy Sharks must be measured from the rear-most gill to the base of the tail to satisfy the 45cm VFA size limit)

To date the longest snapper at 68cm was caught by **Mark Merceica** over at Williamstown.

Check out the scoreboard at the Club, or here in Tight Lines, for other notable catches and the updated Leaderboard.

Roll on November our biggest month for Snapper up the Top End of the bay, the water temperature near the club is 15.5 C

Flatties

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.



LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	ROB RAFFA	56
	OPEN	MARK MERCECA	68
FLATHEAD	IN		
	OPEN		
SHARK	IN	TONY PANAYOTOU	85
	OPEN		
1ST SNAPPER	IN	ROB RAFFA	43
	OPEN	MICK SASS	64
LAST SNAPPER	IN		
	OPEN		
WHITING	IN		
	OPEN		
WHITING BAG	IN		
	OPEN		
PIKE	IN		
	IN		
KINGFISH	IN		
	OPEN		
SALMON	IN	ROB RAFFA	55
	OPEN		

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 do tend to school-up in waves on the bottom. Out the back of the Club, 100 metres out further from the pier end can be productive. The weather has been mixed for boaters and anglers—it has been warmer during the day, some very strong northerlies, then light winds, smooth seas and gale warnings—a complete mixed bag. The Bay water temperatures are still on the rise at last, since the last edition (15.33 C top end of the bay, 15.08 C Mid Bay, 14.23 C in the Ocean) We are looking for 14.00+C and the Snapper will be back in numbers. The Bay is now warmer than the Ocean.

Snapper

Big numbers of snapper have pretty much left the Bay, there are always resident fish in the Bay, they can be hard to find. Snapper are

on in Western Port Bay and that normally happens 2-3 weeks before the Port Phillip Bay run. 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. Fish from Princess Pier to Ricketts Point and you may get lucky. 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.

Gummies

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

Whiting have mostly been missing from the usual marks around the Club and other area reports are not great. Full moon has not helped and strong winds. There are reports from that the very southern end of the Bay, St Leonards is producing some Whiting. Fish grassy areas 2-5 mts deep and keep moving if you are not catching them. Best baits, Pipis, mussels and squid strips.

Squid

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. Look for clear water.

Australian Salmon

Keep an eye out for birds working as there are still giant schools of Australian Salmon up the Club end of the bay. 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. Salmon makes great bait for snapper when they arrive. Snook also have been caught up our end of the Bay.

Garfish

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!

"Most of the world is covered by water. A fisherman's job is simple: Pick out the best parts." — Charles Waterman

John Spragg

Image: Junior Angler Will Osbourne and his 7th Birthday present to himself!

APYAC Calendar 2025.

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

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

Thursday 6th November – **Oaks Day.**

Saturday 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 are due back on Saturday 6th November!]



Fishing & Boating Season Calendar 2025-6

NOVEMBER

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

(Prizes awarded at the November 5th 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**

Sat 7th February – **APYAC Ladies Fishing Charter with Olga.**

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.

Boathouse Volunteers.

Thank you again to the team of dedicated volunteers that attended on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Wednesday week ago was a little quieter as four volunteers, **Remy, Colin, Robert** and **Chris** took the opportunity to take their Clinker boats out for a fish. As it turned out they would have been better off helping me. No fish were recorded. But a great weather opportunity to get the Clinkers out there.

A Boat House Committee meeting was held on Monday the 13th and it was pleasing to see 11 members attended and welcomed our new Boat House Captain, **Chantal Jacq**.

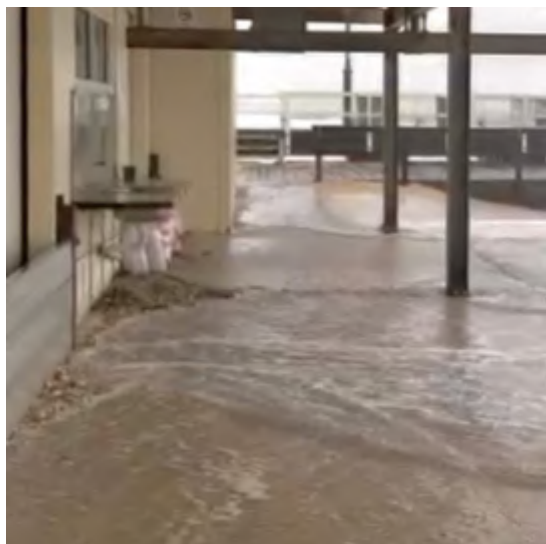
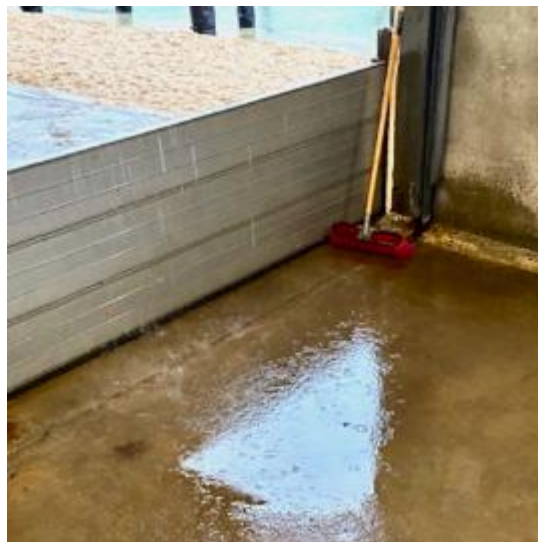
The Trip Record Desk has been shifted and attached to the west side of the Centre doors. This is a temporary site as works will soon begin in the East aisle to replace the four steel columns.

A special thank you to Colin who took the trouble to go to Bunnings, hire (no cost) a trailer and pick up some bags of Rapid Set concrete and Sheets of Core-Flute for the flooring templates of the Clinker boats in work.

PA25 has undergone keel repairs and repairs to the split planks has progressed. The voids between planks will be filled with 2-pack flexible epoxy, and then final sanding of the hull prior to timber treatment and painting/varnishing. Progressing with many hands.

PA005 is to have the floor structure installed prior to having the Simplex engine placed on the existing mountings. The Simplex engine has had a paint treatment and will look as new when installed. The rudder and tiller have been painted and are ready for use.

EG385 will have the new flooring temporarily fitted-out and the engine and other pieces of ancillary equipment placement be determined before the hull is turned over for assessment, keel repair, and painting. Measurements of the flooring have been taken, and core-flute templates have been made, and the marine ply will now be cut to shape.



With the predicted gale force winds and wind change from the southwest (gusting to 37 knots) late on Wednesday afternoon, we added some sandbags at the outside door ends and added the reinforcing brace to the East aisle doors. From all reports the waves were lapping at the barriers, but we remained dry. It appears that some measures that have been implemented recently are proving worthwhile. Sand to about a depth of 50mm was deposited on the apron and was removed by the volunteers.

We were surprised to find our West aisle being flooded in the morning with the rain coming-in but soon discovered it was from an open drainpipe from above. The situation has since been corrected. **Stuart Cousins**, our former Boat House Captain, and Coast Guard Skipper has kindly offered to give our Tuesday and Wednesday volunteers a lesson in First Aid, namely CPR and the use of a Defibrillator. Stuart is qualified to instruct in First Aid, and this will be a great opportunity for the volunteers to gain some very important skills.

Rations.

Last week a Triple Chocolate cake with white chocolate icing from Mrs Cakes was enjoyed at smoko. The seven of us that had not gone out fishing had a feast.

Thank you again to Chris H. for the Tuesday cake.

A Lemon cake (this one didn't break up) from Mrs Cakes was enjoyed at smoko this Wednesday and thanks to Chris H. who supplied a cake for the volunteers on Tuesday.

As well as cakes on both days the volunteers were also well fed with sausages that were not used at the Sunday Anglers BBQ afternoon. Two more packs of sausages have been frozen and will be enjoyed in the coming weeks. How can anyone resist being a Tuesday or Wednesday volunteer?

Ian Sekac

Image: Thanks **Stu Cousins** for getting your feet wet.



Images: It never ends. **Bruce Bourne** uses the Terex to clear the accumulated sand, **Pete Hickey** heads to sea, and yesterday the sand returned, providing a morning's work for **Chris Herbert**.

Station Pier opens to the public.

A coincidence?

After a submission from APYAC following a member's request at the last meeting, a conversation was had by parties ... who knows if this sparked the announcement?

"Ports Victoria plan to regularly open Station Pier to the public during daylight hours on weekends, starting this weekend! Walking only at this point. Check-in with the gatehouse if you have any disability needs.

Enter through the main gatehouse at the end of the restaurant parking lot. No toilet access is available on the pier so plan accordingly. There are really positive discussions on how this can evolve with further activation but for now, enjoy a walk and the lovely view."

Cruise ships.

The pier will **not** be open to the public on cruise operation days. There will be **87** ship visits this season. The 2025-6 cruise schedule can be viewed by clicking this link: tinyurl.com/MelbShipVisits2025-6.



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](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 **Chantal Jacq**, our Boathouse Captain, at **[captain @ apyac.org.au](mailto:captain@apyac.org.au)**.

Admin is assisting with the booking process only.



New VR Fish C.E.O.

"VRFish, the independent recreational fishing peak body in Victoria, is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Executive Officer. After a thorough recruitment process, VRFish Chair, **Rob Loats** announced **Anthony McGrath** as the new VRFish Executive

Officer, (see his pic in the story above).

"The VRFish recruitment panel and Board determined that Anthony had the calibre of skills and experience necessary to help drive VRFish's strategy and vision," said Mr. Loats.

"Anthony will be well-known to the Victorian fishing community through his work at the Victorian Fisheries Authority, and as a previous member of VRFish," said Mr. Loats.

Anthony has more than 20 years' experience across local and state government, including eight years at the *Victorian Fisheries Authority*. He is dedicated to championing the interests of recreational fishers across Victoria and has been responsible for delivering many of the recreational fishing election commitments and grants programs. More recently, Anthony has been working with Victoria's commercial fishers as the Abalone Fishery Manager.

Mr. McGrath said *"I'm honoured to be able to build upon the great work achieved by VRFish over the past 30 years. More than a decade ago, VRFish invested in me through the Young Future Leader program and now I'm passionate about investing in our emerging leaders, providing them with the knowledge, skills, and support to tackle the issues affecting today's recreational fishers."*

Anthony looks forward to working closely with the VRFish Board and membership to continue making fishing better for the more than 1-million Victorians that go fishing every year.

Anthony will commence his role as VRFish Executive Officer in early November.

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

Bill Ryan.

Image: Thanks to the *State Library of Victoria*



Murray Cod-ference 2025

Saturday, 8th November

9 a.m. - 4p.m.

Riverlinks Eastbank
70 Welsford Street,
Shepparton.

It's the Victorian Fisheries Authority's **Murray Codference** Time - Come and join us to hear the latest on Murray cod and native fish.

Enjoy presentations from our **speakers** on:

Big freshwater fish technology - **Taka Kawasaki**, Daiwa

Victoria's native fish resurgence - **Taylor Hunt**

Carpe Diem - Decades of inaction on carp - **Anthony Forster**

Recreational fishers standing up for river health - **Cassie Price**, OzFish

Saving Macquarie perch and wetland stocking - **Andrew Briggs**

Fishing for social and mental health - **Robbie Alexander**

A long career in breeding and stocking native fish - **Steve Vidler**, FishTech

My lure making journey - **Gage Wright**, Spinwright Lures

Countdown to Australia's best impoundment Murray cod fishery - **Colby Lesco**

Clearwater fishing for Murray cod and trout cod - **Andrew Colston**

My best native fish fishing experiences & lessons - **Lubin Pfeiffer**

Native fish research and monitoring - **Annique Harris**, ARI

Urban fishery revival - catching native fish this summer - **Alan Bonnici**, Fishing MAD

Exhibition area featuring fishing related information as well as displays and sales of fishing gear.

Grab your free ticket by clicking here.

This is a catered event. Please advise of any dietary requirements to julie.morgan@vfa.vic.gov.au

Kingfish Bag Limit - now TWO!

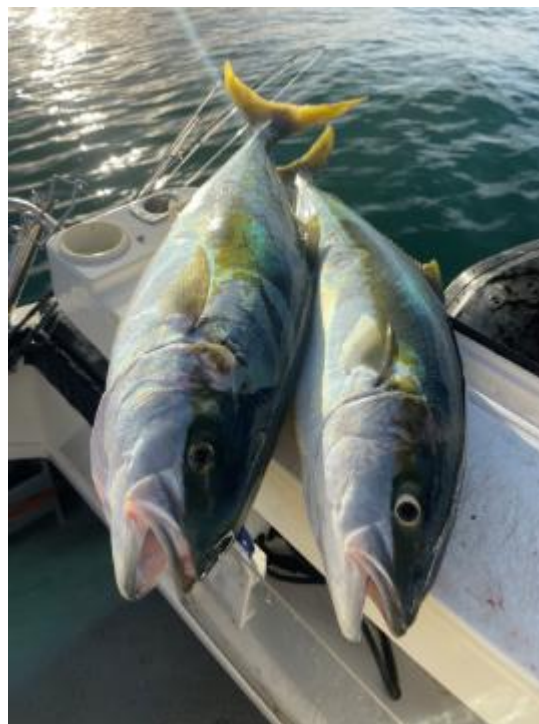
Victoria's Yellowtail Kingfish fishery continues to grow, with recreational anglers strongly supporting a new daily bag limit. Last Friday, the limit was dropped from five to two fish.

VFA CEO **Travis Dowling** said consultation showed clear backing: *"Feedback from recreational fishers was a big reason behind proposing this change ... 79 per cent were supportive of changing the bag limit to two, viewing it as being more representative of a fair day's catch."*

The change is guided by scientific research, including a kingfish tagging project funded by licence fees, and balances sustainable fishing with enjoyment of Victoria's coastal waters. The minimum legal size remains 60 cm, while kingfish can exceed 120 cm, ensuring a thriving fishery for future seasons.

To stay across all catch limits download the free *Vic Fishing App* via your app store or **by clicking here**.

[VFA press release edited for length by ChatGPT and checked for accuracy - Ed]



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 or go to the website: apyac.org.au

IMAGE: **Ray Goddard** gets a strike

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.*

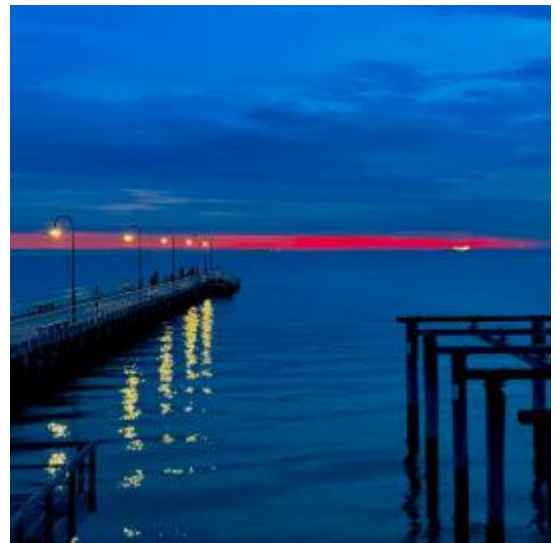
Thursdays, Fridays.

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

Breakfast 9 - 11 a.m. (from 15th November)**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

Breakfast 9 - 11 a.m. (from 15th November)**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 29th October - Tuesday 11th November 2025

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