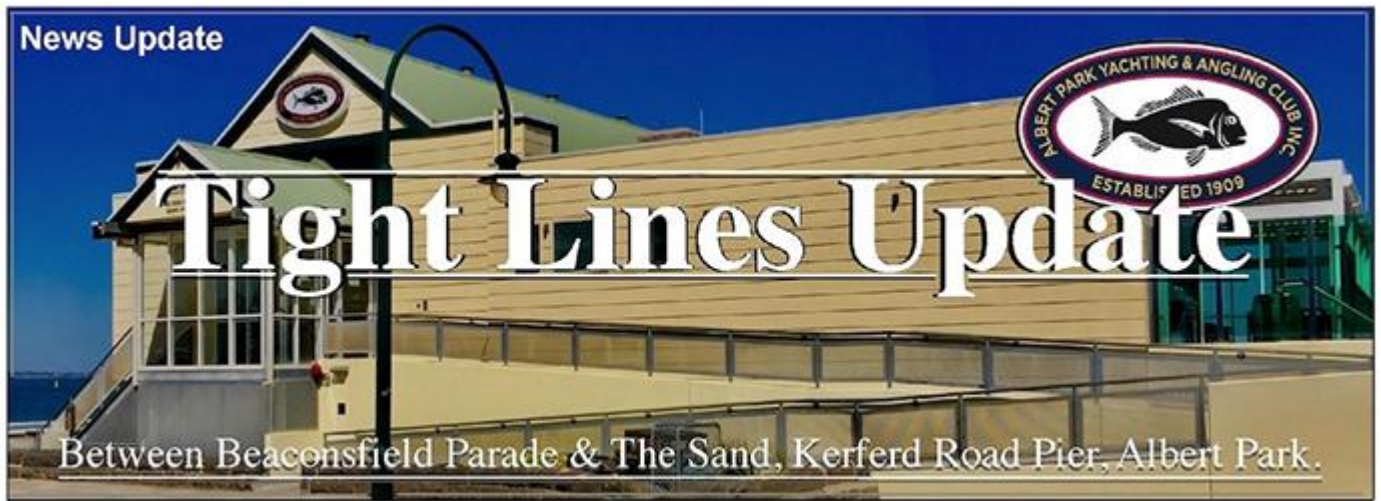


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Wednesday 12th - Tuesday 25th November 2025

Climate changes.

Hopefully we've seen the last of winter. Who would've thought last Saturday would be the equal coldest November Day since 1945?

The Club was warm and toasty inside, thanks to **Shane O'Brien** and the team working on the new roof who reconnected the heating in time. We didn't think we'd need it for months. Phase two of the roof replacement will happen when we get some settled weather.

Sadly, for our band '*The Regular Boys*' it was the second time they've played here and experienced bad weather. It didn't matter, the place was rocking.

Another mighty successful Melbourne Cup Day featuring fashions on the field and the silent auction of the Alvey rod and reel raising \$330, thanks to the kindness of Alvey's **Sean Clancy**. Thanks to **Olga** and **Denis** for running the sweeps.

How Annabelle and the staff do it is beyond me —transforming the place into the Cup spectacular then turning it back into the Club for another successful General Meeting, before magically whipping-up the Oaks Day venue the following morning.

One of our guests was **Peter Hutchinson**, cousin of Pat, who rode 900 winning horses as well as the 1993 Caulfield Cup winner, Fraar. It was marvellous to get an insight into life of a jockey, and their inevitable injuries.

Weekend Breakfast begins on Saturday, right through until Autumn —check out the extended menu below.

The angling season is in full swing, with another competition, and sold-out fishing charter, this weekend.

In between high tides the boathouse team continues to devise tricks to keep the ocean out, sustained by weekly cake rations.

Welcome to the new members who are in the process of receiving their upgrades from the waitlist. Make sure you attend one of **Mike Kotsanis'** new member sessions.

One of our members remarked, as he was leaving on Cup Day:

"This is the second time we've done this in a row, and we're never going to Flemington again. In future, we're coming here."

Why wouldn't you?

This is edition 111, of Tight Lines.

James Nixon

Editor.

Our Manager, Elise Thomas, is on leave.



The Sun marching steadily to the left until the Summer Solstice on the 21st December.

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 - 3rd December

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 \$2,000 for the 14th of November.

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 *Joanne Teagle*, *Phillip Solomon*, and *Jason Vincent* missed out on \$1,900.

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:

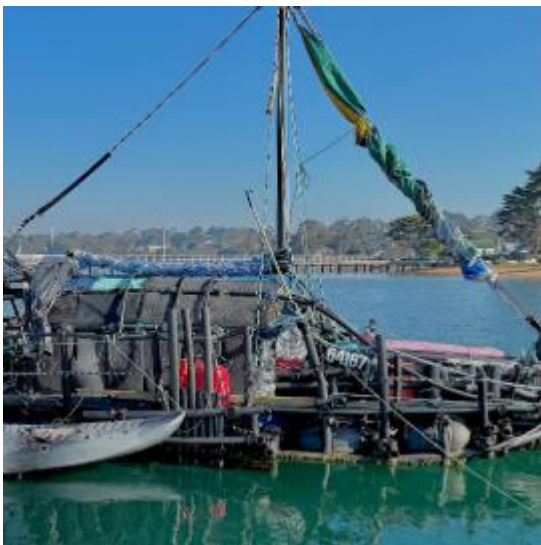
- The Meats Tray, from *Kirkpatrick's Meats*.
- Mumm Champagne.
- A \$70 bar voucher.
- A substantial 'secret' prize; check it out on the prize table.

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)

Image: Tasmanian **Samuel McLennan** built a sailing vessel from marine debris then sailed it from Hobart to Melbourne. His organisation, *Project Interrupt*, is about changing the way we think, speak, and act about ourselves, other people, and the environment. Check out his website **by clicking this link**.

Kid's Christmas Party

Sunday 7th December

9:30 a.m.

Give your child a fun lead-up to Christmas at the annual Kid's Christmas Party.

Full details in the next edition of Tight Lines.



Peter Cupples

Sunday 21st December.

Time: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Celebrate the last day open before the Christmas / New Year break with the incredible Peter Cupples.

Gather your friends and enjoy a spectacular afternoon filled with great music, good vibes, and delightful refreshments.

Kitchen open with FULL MENU till 6 p.m.

Bar open till 6:30 p.m.

Venue closes at 7 p.m.

Tickets: Just \$15. **Book your spot by clicking here.**

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Duo Dips - Served with toasted pita bread \$16

Crispy Chicken Taco - Mango, green chilli & mint salsa, yoghurt, chipotle and cabbage coleslaw \$10ea

Prawn Cocktail - Iceberg lettuce, pickled cucumber, Marie rose sauce and lemon \$28

Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini - Sweet pumpkin puree, pickled walnut, raisin and caper dressing \$38

Buttermilk Panna Cotta - Raspberry compote & pistachio crumble \$16

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

anglers kitchen		
LUNCH & DINNER BISTRO MENU		
Graze	Classic	Sides
Olives (V, VI, VII, GF) Moroccan mixed olives Marinated Speltz (GF, GF) Served warm, lemon Individual Shell oysters Full oysters Vegetarian Spring Rolls (V, VI, GF) Chilli & lime dipping sauce Croquettes Wagyu beef, potato, garlic aioli Pork & Chive Spice Chilli oil, seaweed, turmeric Grilled Kingfish (GF, GF) Garlic, chili, chicken breast, lemon	Smoky Cheddarburger Wagyu beef, cheddar, pickles, onion, house sauce, chips Chicken Schnitzel Served with coleslaw and lemon Market Sautéed Fish (GF) Garden salad, chips, tartare, lemon Chicken Panagiotis Grilled chicken, tomato, fresh buffalo mozzarella, basil, olive Smoky Mussels (GF) Garlic, chili, white wine, Sops, parsley, crusty bread Signature Mussels (GF) Mussels, cream, prawns, fish, garlic, chili, white wine, Sops	Delightful Chips (V, VI, GF, GF) Tomato sauce Roasted Potato (V, VI, GF, GF) Tomato, parmesan, onion, garlic, house dressing Delicious (V, GF) Cabbage, creamy apple dressing Roasted Green Beans (V, GF) Roasted potato, tomato, olive oil Roasted & Pita Chips (V) Grilled vegetables, bulgogi, parmesan, olive oil
Salad	Signature	Kids eats
Classic Caesar Roasted chicken, garlic, parmesan, lemon, baked egg, parmesan, white anchovies, house dressing Grilled Salmon (V, GF) Moroccan tabbouleh, olive, tomato, cucumber, parmesan, yogurt dressing	Potato Roast (V) Roast chicken, sage, onion, parmesan, olive oil & potatoes Grilled King Prawn Roast & tomato salad, chili & orange parmesan Roasted Beef Roast & tomato salad, chili & orange parmesan	Signature Mussels (V) Parmesan cheese Mini Schnitzel Delicious, tomato sauce Fish & Chips (GF) Salad & lemon Kids Mini Cheddarburger Chips

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.

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 Yarralund 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.)
From this weekend 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.

Murray Codference 2025 – Where Fish, Fun and Fabulous Presenters Collide!

If you think fishing conferences are all graphs, data and serious faces - think again! The *Victorian Fisheries Authority's Murray Codference 2025* was nothing short of a splash hit. Held in true VFA style, this free annual event once again reeled in some of the biggest names in recreational fishing, research and media for a day that was equal parts informative and entertaining.

The line-up was star-studded - think passionate scientists, legendary anglers, and media personalities all sharing the same stage to celebrate one of our most iconic native species, the mighty Murray Cod. It was fantastic to see so many familiar faces from across Victoria's fishing community all in one room - the passion, energy and commitment to sustainable angling was infectious!

One of my personal highlights was the incredible **Robbie Alexander**, who delivered a heartfelt and hilarious presentation on *Fishing for Mental Health*. Robbie's raw honesty, humour and down-to-earth delivery had the whole room captivated. He reminded us all why a quiet cast at sunset or an early morning launch isn't just about the catch - it's about connection, calm and community. If you haven't had the privilege of hearing Robbie speak, do yourself a favour and check him out on YouTube - he's absolutely brilliant!



And just when you thought things couldn't get any better ... Trellly wrapped up the day dressed head-to-tail as a Murray Cod! You've got to hand it to him - no one promotes native fish quite like **Steven "Trellly" Threlfall**. A fitting (and hilarious) finale to a day that celebrated everything we love about fishing and the people behind it.

While I was there, I also managed to line up a special treat for our members - **Alan Bonicci** from *Fishing Mad* will be joining us at our first Club Meeting of 2026, Wednesday 4th February! Alan's passion for sharing fishing knowledge, from beginners to seasoned anglers, makes him the perfect guest to kick off another great year at APYAC.

A huge shoutout to the Victorian Fisheries Authority for putting on another top-tier, free community event. If you missed out this year - put Murray **Cod**ference 2026 in your diary now. It's an experience that'll leave you hooked!

See you at the Club,

Lee.

Lee Spyrou

President

P.S. Here is Robbie Alexander's free Youtube channel, check it out **by clicking here**.

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

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. Grab yours, 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	10	63.0	HARRY TSOUMBAKOS	6	36.7
MARK MERECICA	5	30.7	ROB RAFFA	3	15.8
RICHARD MUSCAT	3	17.1	EDDIE BERNOBICH	1	5.8
ALEX SPYROU	1	5.6			
JOHN SPRAGG	1	4.9			
LEE SPYROU	1	4.7			
ANDRE CARTEL	4	11.6	DANNY VITKIN	3	11.3
			WILL OSBORNE	3	10.7
	25			16	

Angling Competition - This weekend.

An Angling Competition will be held from 12.01 a.m. Saturday 15th of November until 2 p.m. Sunday 16th of November, with prizes awarded at a barbecue at 2.30 pm on Sunday.

Angling.

The **Max Coningsby Comp** was held from 12.01am Saturday 1st of November till 2pm Tuesday 4th of November, had a couple of good days weather wise, a good morning and the rest of the four days not good conditions.

Winners:

Open

First Price longest Snapper **Michael Sass** 74cm

Second Prize longest Snapper **Richard Muscat** 54cm

In House

First Prize longest Snapper **Harry Tsoumbakos** 76cm

Second Prize longest snapper **Robert Raffa** 63 cm

Longest bag of Snapper **Mark Mercieca** 182cms

Interesting, the In-House fish were longer than the Open fish.

Next competition

This weekend, starts at 12.01 am Saturday 15th of November till 2.00pm on Sunday 16th of November. There will be a 2.30 pm barbecue on Sunday for prize announcements, if you are a likely winner and cannot make the barbecue let the Angling Committee know beforehand with a good excuse (the dog ate my bait etc,) or you miss out on your prize. **apyacanglers@gmail.com**

There is also a charter being run by Olga which was quickly sold out. Watch out for the next one in December.

MONTH	OPEN	IN-HOUSE	TOTAL
SEPTEMBER	6	1	7
OCTOBER	6	12	18
NOVEMBER			
DECEMBER			
JANUARY			
FEBRUARY			
MARCH			
APRIL			
MAY			

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	H. TSOUMBAKOS	76
	OPEN	M. SASS	74
FLATHEAD	IN	R. RAFFA	46
	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	DAVE VITKIN	75
	OPEN		
KINGFISH	IN		
	OPEN		
SALMON	IN	ROB RAFFA	55
	OPEN	MARK MERCECA	50

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.

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 filets 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.

General

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 just, after the coldest November day for 80 years over the weekend. (15.75 C top end of the bay, 15.69 C Mid Bay, 14.57 C in the Ocean) We are looking for 16.00+C and the Snapper will go crazy, we hope. Bay now warmer than the ocean.

Snapper

The "Red Snapper Tide" has started, although a little patchy, but they are on. Harry Tsoumbakos, Robert Pope, Richard Muscat, Rob Raffa, Grant Ahearn, Mark Mercieca, Bob Snell and Mick Sass have all caught nice fish. Snapper are being 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 around them. Fish from Princess Pier to Ricketts Point and you may get lucky, all the marks around the club are looking good. Snapper prefer shallow water this time of year so fish close inshore 1.5-4 metres deep. Shallow water in mornings and nightfall, deeper water during the day.

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. Best baits everywhere are silver whiting, pilchards, squid, garfish and couta.

Gummies

There are good size Gummy Sharks at many of the deep (12-20 metres) channels near the heads and deeper areas up our end, try P2. 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 whiting fishing is on the improve. 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 metres 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, 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

Salmon are everywhere. Keep an eye out for birds working as there are even more 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. 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!

To a man with a hammer everything looks like a nail; to a man with a fishing rod everything looks like a fish - (unknown)

John Spragg

APYAC Calendar 2025.

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

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

Sunday 21st December – **Peter Cupples** 4 - 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 rocked the place last Saturday!]



Fishing & Boating Season Calendar 2025-6

NOVEMBER

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

Sat 15th November – **APYAC Mens 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)

Sun 14th December – **APYAC Mixed Fishing Charter with Olga.** (T.B.A.)

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

A huge thank you to all the amazing Volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to restoring our beloved clinker boats and maintaining the boathouse. Their hard work preserves our Club's heritage, and keeps our angling and boating community strong and vibrant. We appreciate their passion, commitment, and spirit of teamwork that fuels our Club's success.

If you've ever wanted to get involved, now's the perfect time. Whether you're handy with a paintbrush, passionate about preserving tradition, or simply keen to contribute, we welcome new volunteers to join our boathouse crew.

It's a rewarding way to connect, learn, and make a visible impact. Reach out or speak to me to find out how you can be part of this proud legacy: captain @ apyac. org. au or 0412 824 060.

Chantal Jacq
Boathouse Captain

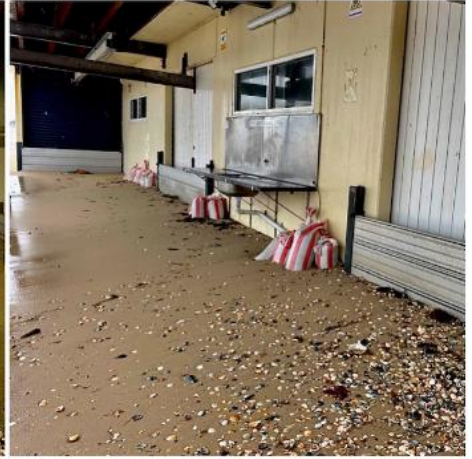
Saturday 8th November - the coldest November day since 2013.



Friday night 19:46 the showers begin



Saturday 12:17 — 17 mins after LOW tide.



Saturday 17:42 — 51 mins after HIGH tide.

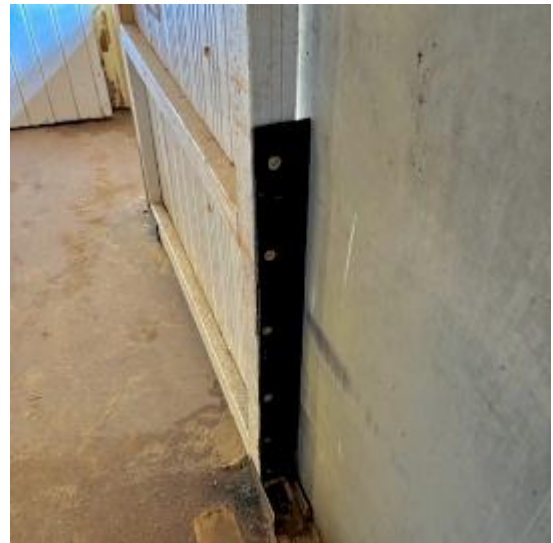
Boathouse Volunteers.

Further flood mitigation was carried out, this time on the East aisle door system by adding rubber strips to an East aisle door. These actions will hopefully reduce the water that goes over the barriers into the Boat House. Thanks to **Richard** for great work again. Continuous Improvement.

First Aid / CPR course - Change of date

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.

The session will be held upstairs between 9.30 and 10.30 a.m. on the 19th of November. Let me know if you will be attending.



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. Core-flute templates have been made, and the marine ply was cut to shape and fitted today. A thoroughly professional job by Colin, Bruce and Dave.

PA25 has undergone keel repairs and repairs to the split planks have been made. The voids between planks have been filled and final sanding of the hull prior to timber treatment and painting/varnishing will take place.

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 looks as new. The rudder and tiller have been painted and are ready for use.

Rations

A Blue Berry cake from Mrs Cakes was enjoyed at smoko on the Wednesday. Oh no, the berries were on the bottom again. Mike came up with an idea. Tip the cake upside down and put the icing on this side. *[You can probably expect a phone call Mike.]*

From last week:

A Chocolate cake from Mrs Cakes was enjoyed at smoko on the Wednesday and thanks to Chris H. who supplied a cake for the volunteers on Tuesday.

Two weeks of eating sausages at our Tuesday and Wednesday morning teas will have some volunteers looking for extra physical activity in the next weeks. We can accommodate that.

Ian Sekac

Plastics in the sea.

Fish-shaped soy sauce bottles.

Single use 30 ml fish-shaped soy sauce bottles are small and difficult to sort in recycling facilities, so they often end up in landfill, or as litter which can be washed down gutters into storm water drains — eventually finding their way into the sea.

It is thought that they are attractive to fish, and maybe be eaten causing a sensation of fullness, leading to fish not receiving enough nutrition, and even starving; as well suffering buoyancy issues.

Even if they are not eaten as prey the micro plastics break down over many years —getting into the food chain.



First produced in Japan in 1954, they are all over the planet. In a world- first the South Australian Government banned them as of September 1, 2025. The ban applies to all single-use, rigid plastic containers (including fish-shaped, rectangular, or other shapes) under 30ml used for soy sauce and provided with takeaway foods.

The NSW government is phasing out small, single-use plastic condiment containers, including the iconic fish-shaped soy sauce bottles, by **2030**. The plan also requires that any alternative single-use condiment packaging must be fully recyclable, which generally rules out small sachets that get caught in recycling machinery.

The recent NSW announcement is part of a broader strategy to tackle plastic waste and reach a target of 60% reduction in all litter items by 2030.

Other States of Australia may be looking into the problem but are yet to make any announcements.

On of our members checked with Bayside Council, and Ryan Batchelor's office (the MP Labor for Southern Metropolitan). The advice was *"the Government are only looking at it"* with no plans, at this stage, to follow South Australia's lead.

Bad news for the fish and sea birds that may find this deadly pollution attractive.

If you would like to voice your concerns directly to **Ryan Batchelor MP** (Labor MP for Southern Metro) his email address is [ryan.batchelor @ parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:ryan.batchelor@parliament.vic.gov.au)

[Image: This photo was taken during last Saturday's heavy rain in a Richardson Street gutter in Albert Park.]

Station Pier opens to the public.

"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: **Ports Victoria Ship Visits 2025-6**.

[The link works now!]



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 **Chantal Jacq**, our Boathouse Captain, at **captain @ apyac.org.au**.

Admin is assisting with the booking process only.

New VR Fish Boss.

Anthony McGrath

On his first day working as the Executive Officer of VRFish Anthony attended our November General Meeting and suffered interrogation by James Nixon for a podcast. Sadly, the sound quality wasn't up to standard so only those in the room were treated to his answers.

He has more than 20 years' experience across local and state government, including eight years at the Victorian Fisheries Authority. **Anthony** 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, he has been working with Victoria's commercial fishers as the Abalone Fishery Manager.



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*



Better Boating Ahead

Victorian boaters are set to enjoy smoother launches and safer adventures, with almost \$1 million in upgrades announced by **Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos**.

The funding will support 19 projects to improve local waterways and facilities. More than \$475,000 will go toward maintenance at 13 sites, including jetty repairs at Newhaven on Phillip Island and concrete replacement at Lake Eppalock's Kirrang Point.



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Highlights include new floating pontoons at Bridgewater Lakes, ramp extensions at Lake Charlegrark, and resurfacing at Simsons Landing in Nelson. On the Bellarine Peninsula, new jetty ladders and drainage upgrades will make launching safer and more accessible.

Through the *Dredging and Access Grants Program*, over \$500,000 will fund key dredging works from Mallacoota to Brighton, ensuring reliable access across the state.

"These upgrades make boating safer, easier and more enjoyable," Minister Dimopoulos said.

Learn more at betterboating.vic.gov.au.

[Victorian Government press release edited by ChatGPT]



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.

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.

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 12th - Tuesday 25th November 2025

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