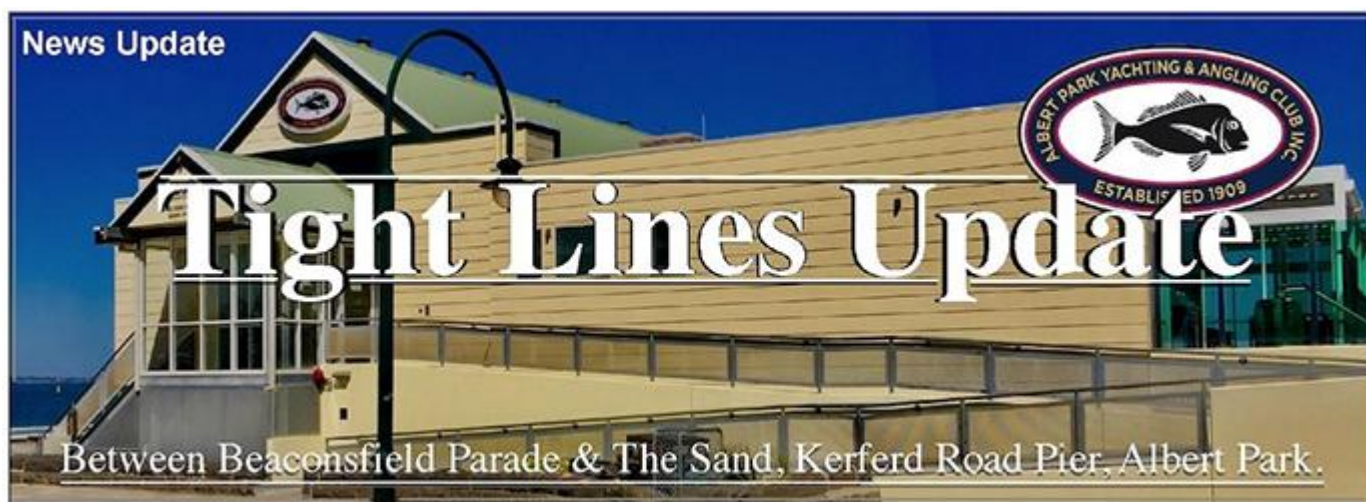


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Wednesday 26th November - Tuesday 16th December 2025

That was fast!

A few minutes ago we were celebrating the Spring carnival. We had one cold wet weekend, next minute Summer is on the doorstep! Christmas is coming. The diary is getting full.

Welcome to the new members who have just joined our Club. A special thanks to the Committee Members and Volunteers who helped **Mike Kotsanis** with his *New Member Induction* last Sunday, with more to come in the weeks ahead.

Make sure you come to the General Meeting on Wednesday night. You'll hear from the Committee for about 45 minutes, and then get to sample Chris's free supper before hearing two great Speakers.

I have noticed our Santa Claus growing his beard in time for the Kid's Christmas Party, always a great morning for the little ones. I wonder who's wearing the elf suit this year?

Olga is putting on the *Mixed Fishing Charter*, (for women and men) – hopefully it will be as successful as the inaugural *Men's Charter* two weeks ago when the big snapper came to visit. Make a note: the *Ladies Charter* is on the 7th of February.

All volunteers are invited to the Boathouse Christmas barbecue, check it out below.

Chill out from the pre-Christmas stress at our Sunday Session with Stylus' lead singer **Peter Cupples**, which will be our last act before we close for the Christmas New Year break. You'll thank me for the idea.

It's a great time of year to become inducted on the fishing kayaks and club hire boats, so make the effort. Seeing Melbourne's skyline from the sea is one of life's great pleasures.

Thanks to **Stu Cousins** for teaching the boathouse volunteers CPR and how to use a defibrillator. It's a skill you never forget.

I want us to actively seek out those little soy-sauce plastic fish containers, and prevent them from entering the storm water system. We'll fill a bucket with them at the Club, then have a guessing competition ... and save some real fish at the same time.

Do jet skis drive you crazy? Stu Cousins tells us what we need to know to keep them doing the right thing around swimmers.

Congratulations to **Lee Spyrou** being re-elected to the board of VRFish, representing recreational fishers; with **John Spragg** and **Cody McLeod** —we are well represented.

Thanks again to the amazing **Annabelle** and her team as we host so many functions this time of year. How they do it is astounding. Please be kind to them!

Finally, happy birthday to **Phil Langdon** and **Pat Hutchinson**, two of our Club's legends. We are so grateful of your contribution over so many years.

This is edition 112, of Tight Lines.

James Nixon
Editor.

Our Manager, Elise Thomas, is on leave.



The sun came up, the rain stopped, the wind died-down, and we all watched each other wait for the fish who weren't hungry.

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.

The Club is closed for a private function tonight - 26th November.

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 \$2,200 for the 28th 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 *Thomas Mogg, Rebecca Pope*, and *Marina Johnson* missed out on \$2,100.

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**.]

December General Meeting

Next Wednesday 3rd December - 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

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. Two speakers:

Dr Richard Stafford-Bell from *Agriculture Victoria* talking about Marine Biosecurity; what are marine pests and how do they get here? Ag Vic's surveillance for high-risk pests and more.

Tyler King, from *Port Phillip EcoCentre* on '*Understanding the Bay: Citizen Science and our local marine environment*'; extending the people-power of researchers in ways that are inclusive, far-reaching, and what Port Phillip EcoCentre has been involved with over the last 10 years.

All Club members welcome!

[IMAGE: After eating our fish, the seal has a mid morning nap]



Kid's Christmas Party

Sunday 7th December

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Santa Claus is coming to the Club, along with Andy! Our favourite clown is back 'Andy's Antics' providing Christmas frivolity for both young and old!

Fish & Chips, Icy Pole & Soft Drink

For Children Under 12 Years Old

\$25 Per Child

Grab your spot by clicking here.

Parents - Please Supply A \$10-20 wrapped & named gift for each of your children which will be distributed by Santa and his Elf!



Mixed Fishing Charter

SUNDAY 14 December 2025

4:45 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Cost: \$75

-It's half price as an APYAC subsidised event for Members. In return, you are required to volunteer for raffle / or door duty on a Friday night.

-Members only, no guests, or waitlist members.

-Move fast, this is expected to be sold out! [Book by clicking here](#)

-Boat leaves St Kilda Marina at 5 a.m. sharp.

-Wait at the wooden benches midway next to the Marina for roll call --15 mins early-- we board together.

-Only 12 spots.

-15 years and over

-Breakfast BBQ - (Dietary requirements cannot be catered for)

-BYO drinks including alcohol - no eskies

-Two staff (they will assist anyone who has not fished before with bait etc.) - Bait and rods supplied.

-Toilet on board.

- Check the weather and dress appropriately incl. headwear.
- Prizes will be awarded on the day. Brag mats on board.
- NOTE WELL: Check SMS updates before you leave home in case of late cancellation.
- Victorian Fishing Licenses required, 18 - 70 years of age. Buy your licence [by clicking here](#). Remember, Seniors Card holders are exempt for needing a licence.

Boathouse Christmas BBQ

All Club Volunteers

Saturday 20th December

Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

Christmas themed BBQ at the Boathouse

For ALL CLUB VOLUNTEERS.

Feel free to bring a chair.

[IMAGE: **Olga Harradine** is on the board at last with this brilliant 69 cms Snapper.]



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.

Salmon & Potato Fish Cakes Crispy fish cakes, lemon herb aioli, rocket & shaved fennel salad \$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

for your understanding.

anglers kitchen		
LUNCH & DINNER BISTRO MENU		
Graze	Classic	Sides
Olives (V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X) Marinated mixed olives	Double Cheeseburger Wagyu beef, cheese, pickles, onion, tomato sauce, chips	Gravy Chips (V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X) Tomato sauce
Vegetarian Options (X, XI, XII) Served natural, lemon individual shell dress Full dress	Chicken Reubens Served with coleslaw and house sauce	Garlic Salad (V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X) Tomato, cucumber, onion, carrot, house dressing
Vegetarian Spring Rolls (V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X) Chilli & lime dipping sauce	Market Buttered Fish (XII) Garden salad, chips, tartar sauce	Chickadee (V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X) Cabbage, creamy apple dressing
Crawfisher Wagyu beef, Miso, garlic and	Chicken Parmigiano Grated chicken, tomato, fresh buffalo mozzarella, basil, olive	Roasted Green Beans (V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X) Roasted tomato, onion, agave sauce
Pork & Chive Space Chilli oil, seaweed, turkoke	Local Mussels (XII) Cauli, chili, white wine, Sage, parsley, crusty bread	Roasted & Pita chips (V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X) Grated vegetables, bulgar, pomegranate, olive
Grilled Kingfisher Croquette (XII, XIII) Clement, chili, chicken stock, onion	Signature Maitre d' (XII) Russets, stems, prawns, fish, garlic, chili, white wine, Sage	
Salad	Signature	Kids eats
Classic Caesar Baby rom lettuce, garlic, croutons, lemon, boiled egg, parmesan, white anchovies, house dressing	Potato Roast (V) Burst butter, sage, sweet potatoes, pine nuts & pomegranate	Signature Maitre d' (V) Parmesan cheese
Grilled Salmon (V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X) Marinated salmon, olive, tomato, cucumber, pomegranate, house dressing	Grilled King Prawns Prawn and cucumber salad, chili & orange pomegranate	Mini Reubens Coleslaw, tomato sauce
	Butterflied Garfish Butterflied in house, agave & sea herb butter, served with	Fish & Chips (XII) Baked & house
		Kids Mini Cheeseburger 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



[Image: Members of the *Melbourne Network Group* checking-out **Samuel McLennan's** boat.]

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.

Try Breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays (9 a.m. till 11 a.m.) 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.

A Week of Legends at APYAC

Some weeks remind us exactly why APYAC is such a special place, and last week was one for the history books.

It began last Sunday when two giants of world sport, **Dawn Fraser AC MBE** and **Lord Ian Botham**, casually wandered-in for lunch.

Ian, one of our Honorary Members, is always a delight, and Dawn was every bit as warm and gracious as you'd hope. To see two of my childhood heroes sharing a meal in our little clubhouse by the sea felt like a nod from the universe as to how far APYAC has come.

But the magic didn't stop there.

By Saturday, the celebrations continued with two of APYAC's own legends —Life Members, **Past President Phil Langdon** and **Past Vice President Pat Hutchinson**— celebrating their joint birthdays. Born on the same day, both proud

Scorpios, long-serving leaders, and lifelong stewards of the Club's spirit, they were joined by Pat's twin brother **Frank** for a gathering full of stories, friendship, food and heartfelt speeches.

Many newer members may not realise that two of our most treasured spaces —the *Langdon Room* and the *Pat Hutchinson Deck*— carry these men's names for a reason. Phil and Pat devoted decades to guiding APYAC through renovations, funding challenges and pivotal moments. And Phil's father, **David Langdon**, a former President himself, once stepped-in with vital support when the Club was on the brink. Without that contribution, the Club may not exist today.

As if the day wasn't special enough, another Club stalwart and Life Member, **Michael Sass**, gifted Pat a birthday fishing trip. The grin on Michael's face was priceless when Pat wrestled in an 84cm Snapper, matching Sass for longest fish of the season —proof that the old boy well and truly still has it!

Weeks like this remind us that APYAC isn't just a club - it's a living history shaped by legends past and present. From global icons dropping by for lunch, to the home-grown heroes who built the foundations we stand on today, we are surrounded by stories worth celebrating.

Here's to our legends - those who visit, those who stay, and those who made APYAC the incredible community it is. Welcome to the new members who have just begun their journey with us.

See you at the Club,

Lee.

Lee Spyrou

President



Member's General Meeting - 3 December

Our next members General Meeting is on **3 December 2025**. One of the agenda items for this meeting is the approval of the Club's audit accounts for the last financial year. For this we need a minimum of 30 members present at the meeting to enable the accounts to be approved on the day.

Accordingly, I encourage all members who are able to attend the general meeting. If any added encouragement to attend is needed, Chris, our super chef, will be putting on a great supper spread for members to enjoy.

Mark Goldblatt

Secretary.

Kayaker's Reef

From Flathead Hopes to Snapper Glory

Last Wednesday, while working soft plastics over our thriving new Kayakers Reef, hoping for a tasty Flathead, **Alex Spyrou** hooked the surprise of his life —a powerful Snapper (approx. 70cm) that towed his kayak around, before a memorable catch-and-release.

The reef's rapid growth is incredible, and seeing big fish return is a credit to **Bob Pearce**, APYAC and our members. For those who'd like to join in on the fun of this wonderful new fishing hotspot, plug these co-ordinates into your sounder: 37° 51.370' South / 144° 56.810' East

Congratulations Alex.



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](mailto: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**

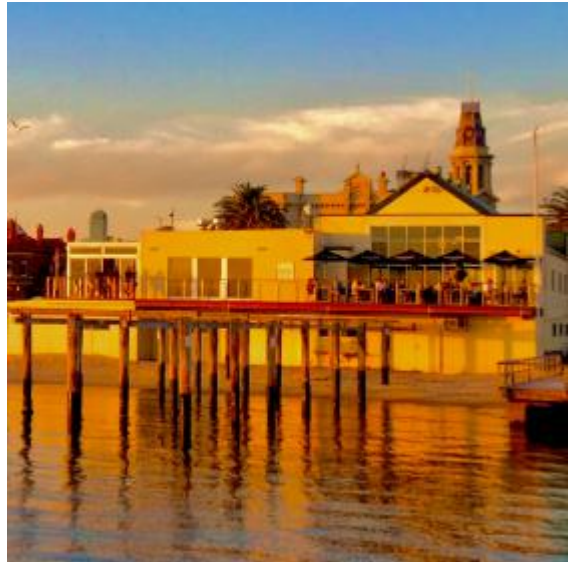
Hayes and **Chris Herbert**.

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	13	83.6	HARRY TSOUMBAKOS	11	73.6
MARK MERCECA	6	37.7	ROB RAFFA	4	20.1
RICHARD MUSCAT	4	24.4	EDDIE BERNOBICH	1	5.8
DANIEL KARIS	2	12.9			
LEE SPYROU	2	9.0			
OLGA HARRADINE	1	6.9			
ANTHONY HANSON	1	6.7			
ANDY MCSHANAG	1	6.4			
LACHLAN MCGREGOR	1	6.4			
BARRY HAYES	1	6.1			
ALEX SPYROU	1	5.6			
JOHN SPRAGG	1	4.9			
JUNIORS					
ANDRE CARTEL	4	11.6	DANNY VITKIN	3	11.3
			WILL OSBORNE	3	10.7
	38			22	

Angling.

Results of weekend Comp held on the 15th & 16th of November

First Prize **Mick Sass** 84 cms

Second Prize **Daniel Karis** 73 cms

Congratulations to both Mick and Daniel and all the Club anglers who did well over the competition weekend.

Next up is the **Pot of Gold**, a weekend competition, starting at 12.01 a.m. **Saturday 6th of December until 2 p.m. Sunday 7th of December**. There will be a 2.30 p.m. barbecue (sausage in a roll) 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**

Next Fishing Charter

There is a Mixed Charter being run by Olga on **Sunday 14th of December** get in quickly as we are not sure how many places left.

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

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 2-8 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.

General

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	H. TSOUMBAKOS	82
	OPEN	M. SASS	84
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

The weather has been mixed for boaters and anglers it has been warmer during the day, some very strong northerlies and southerlies , heavy rain, then light winds, smooth seas and strong wind warnings, a complete mixed bag. The Bay water temperatures are still on the rise, only just, bay temperatures did actually cool for a brief time after the cold weather a couple of weeks ago. (16.3 C top end of the bay, 16.1 C Mid Bay, 14.8 C in the Ocean) We are looking for 16.5+C and the Snapper will go crazy, we hope. The Bay is now warmer than the ocean.

When you get bait from the Club can you please stop writing in hieroglyphics as my ancient Egyptian is not good when reconciling dockets! Please be sure you have enough credit on your fob when taking bait or you will get a call from the office.

Snapper

We went back through the records and the Bay is cooler at present than this time of year for the past five years. The '*Red Snapper Tide*' has started, although very patchy, but they are on. **Harry Tsoumbakos, Robert Pope, Richard Muscat, Rob Raffa, Stuart Cousins** his first snapper, **Grant Ahearn, Mark Mercieca, Pat**

Hutchinson, Bob Snell, Olga Harradine, Dan Karis, A. Hanson, A. Mcshanag, L.McGregor, Barry Hayes, Alex and Lee Spyrou and Mick Sass have all caught nice fish. Single or two fish being landed but not many 'bag outs' at all reported. Evening fishing the most productive.

Snapper are being caught in the Williamstown/Altona area and along the outside of the channel exclusion zones and around P2. 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, Australian salmon fillets and couta.

Please when you catch fish think about returning the ones you and your family do not need for food. Catch, take a pic and then return them asap in good condition.

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. Stuart Cousins caught a ripper gummy 88 cm. just to prove me wrong in shallow water near St Kilda Harbour, seems fish and sharks do not follow the general rules. 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. There are reports from that the very southern end of the Bay and 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, Point Lonsdale, Sorrento and Blairgowrie. Look for clear water. Southern end of the Bay most productive.

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 make 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!

*How much fishing tackle can a man accumulate before his wife throws him out?
I do not know the answer but I believe I'm nearly there ... (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

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.**

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.

[IMAGE: Barry Hayes gets in on the act]



Boathouse and Boat Hire Induction.

This Saturday 29th November 8:30 a.m.

The next Induction session will be Saturday the 29th of November from 8.30am.

Please contact [i.sekac @ bigpond.com](mailto:i.sekac@bigpond.com) to arrange an Induction.

Kayaks for hire.

Each Kayak is equipped with Fish Finders and costs \$30 a day to hire.

Before hiring you need an induction session. Please contact the Boat House Captain.

To hire go to the APYAC website / Angling / Boat and Kayak hire or [just click here](#).

Ian Sekac



Inaugural Men's Annual Fishing Charter

The inaugural **APYAC Men's Fishing Charter** turned out to be everything we had hoped-for. After an early start, and with the rain bucketing down, spirits remained high as we all headed out with great anticipation towards our first destination near Sandringham on the Williamstown-based *'Bacardi'*.

It didn't take long for the jokes to start flying and the rods to start bending, albeit mostly undersized Pinkies (Piranha) that were put back into the bay to grow for the seasons to come.

Slowly the weather improved, and whilst spirits remained high, hope was waning. The delicious bacon, egg and sausage barbecue breakfast kept energy levels up.



After a few more spots without much luck, and with only an hour of charter time remaining, the boat's Captain hit pay dirt!

Suddenly the tempo increased as one after the other of the Club members started hauling-in some impressively large catches, each one greeted with words of encouragement to first timers, and a fair amount of excited banter.

By the time we headed back to shore, there was a great sense of camaraderie. New friendships were formed, and the inaugural men's fishing charter already feels like the start of a great club tradition. Being a Snapper competition weekend, it was fantastic to also see a few new names make it onto the APYAC competition board.

First prize on the charter went to **Daniel Karis** with an impressive 73cm Snapper!

Olga Harradine

Boathouse Volunteers.

Thank you to the Tuesday and Wednesday volunteers.

A special thank you to **Stuart Cousins**, a Coast Guard Skipper and our former Boat House Captain, who conducted a professional and very informative one-hour session on the application of CPR and the use of a Defibrillator. It was a great opportunity for the volunteers to ask questions and gain practical knowledge. Doing CPR properly is a very strenuous task, *—for a moment we thought we'd have to apply it to a vigorous student! (Only kidding).*

Thanks also to **Alex Spyrou** and **John Spragg** who are doing as Skippers on 'Seahawk', the new Club boat. Apart from conducting the early sea trials, Alex and John last weekend conducted skipper inductions for a few of us.



Reminders notes have been placed at each seaward door to remind boat users of the important tasks that must be completed.

EG385 will have the new flooring temporarily fitted-out, and the placement of the engine and other pieces of ancillary equipment placement need to be determined before the hull is turned-over for assessment, keel repair, and painting. The marine ply was cut to shape and fitted. A thoroughly professional job by **Colin, Bruce and Dave**.

PA25 has undergone repairs to the keel and split planks have been made. The voids between planks have been filled, and final sanding of the hull will take place, prior to timber treatment and painting / varnishing. The stainless steel keel strip has been temporarily fitted, and is waiting for the rear wooden wedge section to be made prior to undercoating, sealing with *Sikaflex 291* and permanent fixing. **PA005** has had the floor supports made and the Simplex engine painted and installed. The debate was to leave the engine painted

silver or paint it blue. Blue won out. Flooring will be cut and fitted and the wiring to the engine will commence.

The boat and kayak owners bait freezer has been cleaned out of ice bottles, plastic bags, loose bait, and unidentified containers. The freezer was becoming a problem because of the clutter in it.

Members may have noticed how refreshed the exterior steel mesh panels that border the stairs and ramps are. This is due to the efforts of **Tony P.** and **Mike K** who have de-rusted the panels and painted Zinc Gal onto them. There are still several panels to go. When finished the panels will certainly enhance the appearance of the building. It has been a great job undertaken by our two volunteers.

While waiting for more Zinc Gal to arrive our two volunteers haven't been idle. They have de-rusted and painted —with a metal finish— a steel crane-support section in the centre aisle. All supports will be done eventually.

RATIONS

Thank you to **Amy** for suppling a cake for the Tuesday volunteers. Thanks also to **Chris H.** for looking after the volunteers on Tuesday.

Wednesday volunteers had a Chocolate Mud cake from **Mrs Cakes**. I am not allowed to show you the photo before it was iced. What is the saying, *'it was the icing on the cake'*, thank God for the Chocolate icing.

How spoilt are these volunteers? Sausage rolls and Party pies care of Chris H, and a top-up with orange cake from Mrs Cakes.

I need to cut these smokos back to one hour. Thank you to **Robert P** for his contribution of sweets on the Tuesday.

Ian Sekac

We challenge you ...

Fish-shaped soy sauce bottles.

In the last issue we talked about the fish-shaped soy containers handed out with takeaway food. How these have been around since 1954 when they were developed in Japan, before spreading all over the world, and how they cause all sorts of dramas for fish.

They find their way into our streets' gutters, down stormwater drains into the sea where they are attractive to fish, who eat them.

This results in the fish sensing a full tummy and not foraging for food resulting, eventually, in starvation.

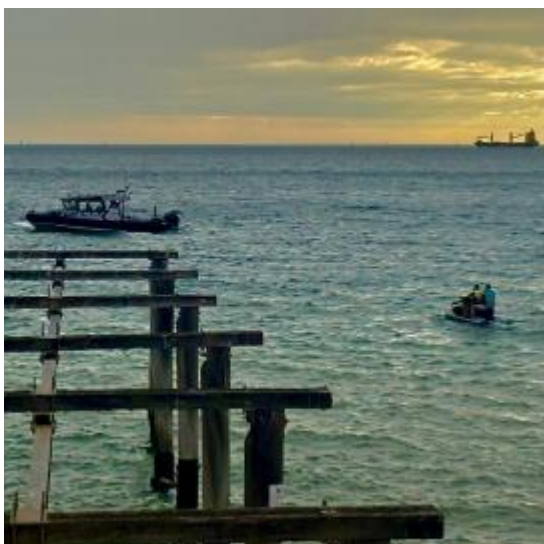
For most bony fish it also affects their swim bladders as the air inside the containers prevents them from swimming deep.

Not to mention the dramas with micro plastics as the little plastic containers decay.

Challenge.

We challenge members to pick up any little plastic fish they find to stop them entering our waterways, bring them to the Club, and stuff them into our bucket. In future, when it's near full we'll have a guessing competition.

Meanwhile, in a world first, the South Australian Government has banned them, with NSW promising to do it in half a decade. Who knows? Maybe Victoria could be convinced to join the party.



Jet Ski Hoon Behaviour

Recognising and Reporting Jet Ski Hoon Behaviour in the APYAC Zone

Personal watercraft can be great fun when used responsibly, but unsafe jet ski behaviour is a real risk to swimmers, paddlers and boaters along the foreshore. Understanding the rules around the APYAC boating zone helps everyone stay safe on the water.

Know the Local Zone

APYAC has a designated **5-knot zone** extending for 200 metres straight out from the club.

Its boundaries are:

- **Kerferd Road Jetty** on the eastern (left) side
- The **yellow special mark** on the western (right) side, which delineates the 200m zone.

Outside those boundaries, the waters within 200 metres of the shoreline are **no-boating zones**. All vessels, including jet skis, must stay out of these areas entirely.

The 5-Knot Rule

Five knots is slower than most people think.

It's roughly:

- **9 km/h**, or
- About the speed of a casual jog, and
- A vessel should produce **minimal wake**.

If a jet ski is throwing up spray, it's not doing 5 knots.

Prohibited Behaviour

Within **200 metres of the shoreline**, jet skis are **not permitted** to perform "irregular manoeuvres", which include:

- Doughnuts
- Hard turns
- Rapid acceleration
- Weaving

What to Record

If you witness unsafe behaviour, the Water Police actively encourages reporting.

Useful information includes:

- **Photos or video**, especially if the **PWC registration number** is visible

- **Time, date and location**
- **Description** of the vessel and rider
- Details of the behaviour observed

Always stay safe. Never place yourself in danger to capture footage.

Who to Call

For hoon behaviour or urgent concerns, contact:

- **Water Police Directly: 1800 135 729**

- **Emergency Services:** Call **000** and ask for **Water Police**

Early reporting helps keep the foreshore safe and enjoyable for all users.

I recently reported such behaviour to Water Police, who expressed their gratitude and intercepted three jet skis in front of APYAC.

Stu Cousins



For sale.

Savage Fisherman - reduced to \$6,000!

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**



VRFish Board appointments

VRFish is pleased to share that four of our experienced board members have been re-appointed and re-elected to continue their service on the VRFish Board following our recent Annual General Meeting (AGM).

To ensure valuable corporate knowledge of VRFish is maintained, current and experienced board members, **Rob Loats**, **Rita Caulfield** and **Jingjing Nan** were appointed to the Board at the AGM. **Lee Spyrou** was re-elected to the Board by VRFish members.

The VRFish Board has re-appointed Rob Loats as the Chair of VRFish. Rob announced this will be his final two-year term as VRFish Chair and he will be looking forward to enjoying the outdoor environment and his number one passion, recreational fishing.

The continuing VRFish Board members join **Steven Relf**, **Lydia Cahill**, **Scott Jefferis**, **John Spragg** and **Cody McLeod** on the board.

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 Season Starts.

Victoria's Murray cod season opens on **Monday, 1 December**, and new data shows anglers can expect a healthy summer on the water. The latest **Native Fish Report Cards**, funded partly by recreational fishing licence fees and produced by the *Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)* with the *Arthur Rylah Institute*, provide an annual snapshot of the state's key cod fisheries.

Surveys across 10 waterways use electrofishing and fyke nets to assess fish numbers, legal-size proportions, and recent breeding activity. This year the **Ovens River** again leads the pack, recording

the highest fish abundance and a strong proportion of legal-sized cod within the 55–75 cm slot limit. Consistent natural breeding means stocking isn't required there.

The **Gunbower Creek** also showed excellent signs: its second-highest cod numbers since monitoring began and plenty of one- and two-year-old fish likely from the 192,000 stocked since 2022. The system's trophy status was further confirmed with a standout 113 cm, 26.7 kg cod recorded in this year's survey.

In the **Lindsay River**, cod appear to be bouncing back from the 2022 floods, with rising numbers of juveniles in a system already known for fast-growing fish. The **Goulburn River** also saw a slight uptick, with evidence of natural recruitment. VFA CEO **Travis Dowling** said the data helps guide stocking decisions and reflects the benefits of improved habitat, responsible angling, and effective size and bag limits.

See the Full report cards **by clicking here**, and catch limits are available via the free **VicFishing** app.

[VFA press release edited by ChatGPT - 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.****Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.**

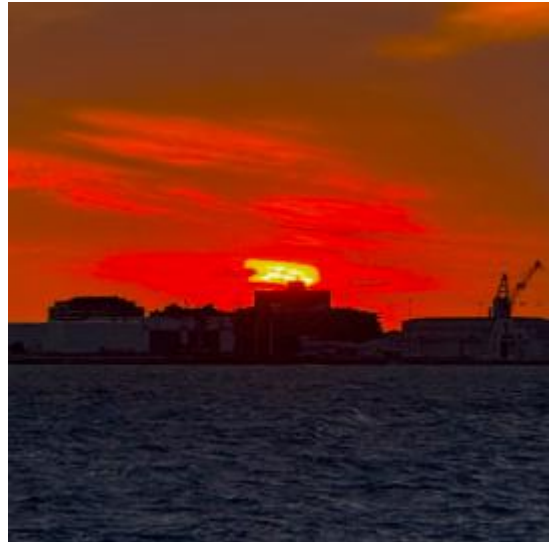
Bar snacks to 4:30 p.m.

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 26th November - Tuesday 16th December 2025

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