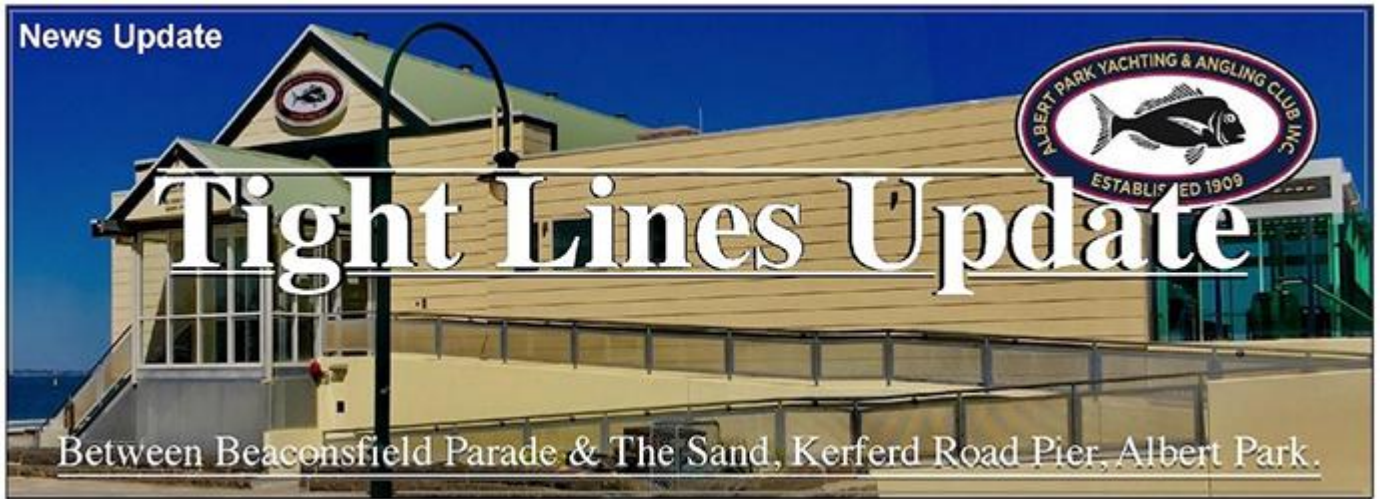


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**Wednesday 25th February - Tuesday 10th March 2026**

## The best time of year, I reckon.

**Olga's** mixed charter was successful last weekend, *unless it was Snapper you were after!* They caught five sharks, some Pinkies and a Flatty. Friday Night is getting bigger and bigger, and Footy Tipping is back —so all is right with the world.

Locals can take advantage of free entry to the Grand Prix on Thursday 5th March. A few of us annually take advantage of *Community Day*, have a coffee, walk around checking-out all the cars, and then come down to the Club for lunch —not a bad way to spend the day. Check out the details [by clicking here.](#)

Bubbles and oysters are back in the boathouse, and we are bringing a slice of Mexico to the Club in March.

Great news --for those of you who have been asking-- is that we will be trading right throughout Easter for the first time, so your home-away-from-home will be ready for you. If you're staying in town make a point of coming down, just to prove that it's wanted!

We are very proud that our President is representing us at the *World Recreational Fishing Conference* in South Africa. Who would've thought that our little Club would end up representing Australia on the world stage? *What chance do you think Qantas has in reuniting her with her suitcase before she returns home?*

There's lots to read about in this issue. If you want to learn the art of fly-fishing we'll teach you how to do it in the angling section. Further down you'll find out about two interesting opportunities from the *Australian Trout Foundation (ATF)*. One of our stalwarts, **Terry George**, has been spearheading the ATF for years. We are very happy to share information, and there's nothing wrong with being a member of both organisations.

I'll be interviewing one of our Club legends **Tommy Johnstone** for a podcast episode at the March General Meeting next Wednesday. He's known for telling it like it is ... get there on time because you won't want to miss a minute.

This is edition 117, of Tight Lines.

James Nixon,  
Editor.



*Olga Harradine's mixed charter, a perfect morning, brilliant weather ... the next one will be on the 18th of April.*

## Knock knock.

As it's the busy summer season, we've experienced some delays at the door on Friday nights due to sign-ins. To help make entry as quick and smooth as possible, please ensure you have your **member fob** ready, and remind your guests to have their **physical driver's licence** ready to be scanned before entry, (electronic licences on mobiles aren't compatible).

Signing-in to the Club is a requirement of **Liquor Licensing Victoria** and everyone must comply upon entering.

Please also be aware that the door staff on Friday nights are **volunteers**. We kindly ask that you are patient and appreciative of their time when they assist you and let you know where you are seated.

Here's a tip: *arrive early!*

## 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 Meetings** are held on the first Wednesday of the month

The next one is on the 4th March.

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 \$900 for Friday the 27th. To win, the member must be present, and financial. When their name comes up, they must claim the prize within one minute. If not claimed, the jackpot increases by \$100 each week until won. Last Friday night *Adam Jackson, Rodney Walsh, and Paul Hoefler* missed-out on \$800.

### 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.\*

### **THIS SATURDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, THE CLUB IS CLOSING EARLY FOR A PRIVATE FUNCTION.**

On normal Saturdays:

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: *The Regular Boys* thrill's them every time they visit.)

## March General Meeting

### Next Wednesday 4th March 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 - the unmissable APYAC Legend, **Tommy Johnstone!**

All Club members welcome!

## Footy Tipping

### Starts 5th March

### Move fast!

The Members' AFL footy tipping competition starts again on 5th March. If you think you know your Aussie Rules footy, or just enjoy the camaraderie that comes with the competition, then join up. If you think you aren't knowledgeable enough to win, remember that a Carlton supporter won in two of the prior three years!

To participate:

- Pay \$30 to join at the bar,
- Record your name, email address and phone number on the receipt, then
- Give it back to the bar staff.
- Open the footy tipping app and start tipping.

For those that did not participate in 2025, download the ESPN footy tips app, or use the website [www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au) and register (name, email address, personal password).



Once registered, search for the **APYAC competition** and join using the password on the flyers at the club.

All money collected is paid out to the top three place getters at the end of the home and away season:

- First receiving 50% of the pool,
- Second receives 30%, and
- Third receives 20%.

Good tipping!

Mike

Yellow (not Gold) and Black

*(Image: Stolen from an AFL post. ©DarrianTraynor)*

## Boathouse Bubbles & Oysters

**Saturday 14th March**

**From 6 p.m.**

Join us for an elegant stand-up cocktail evening in the Boathouse, featuring fresh oysters, flowing bubbles, and good company as the sun sets over the Bay.

\$110 per person

Strictly limited to 50 guests

Dress to impress — but with a gentle warning: the Boathouse is a working space, so we recommend leaving the Jimmy Choo's at home.

An intimate night of sparkle, salt air, and APYAC charm awaits!



MENU:

**Freshly Shucked Oysters (8 per guest)**

*Served ice-cold with bright lemon wedges and a classic Champagne mignonette*

**Oysters Kilpatrick (2 per guest)**

*Warm oysters crowned with crisp bacon and rich, smokey glaze*

**Oyster Shot (2 per guest)**

*Fresh oyster meat, served simple briny, clean and unapologetically indulgent*

**Australian King Prawns (3-4 per guest)**

*Cooked prawns, sweet and succulent served chilled and paired with silky Mary Rose sauce*

**New Zealand King Salmon Tartare Cornets (2 per guest)**

*Delicate salmon tartare nestled in crisp cornets with onion jam, whipped cream cheese, and toasted sesame seeds*

**Brioche Prawn Roll (2 per guest)**

*Butter-soft brioche with a creamy prawn and herb filling, gem lettuce, and pickles onions*

**Grab your spot [by clicking here now!](#)**

## La Fiesta!

An exciting Mexican themed night.

**Saturday 21st March**

**7p.m.**

**\$65 per person**

An exciting Mexican themed night. A feast for your eyes with the rich colours Mexico is known for --as well as for your stomach-- with the utterly delicious food!

Exciting traditional Mexican entertainment & live music

- **Complimentary Arrival Beverage**
- **The Lone Mariachi Man**, Melbourne's most authentic Mexican mariachi performer.
- **Traditional Mexican Canapés** All your favourites, roaming continuously throughout the night.
- **Romper La Piñata!** Break the Piñata and reveal multiple prizes to win!
- **Calavera Face Painting** Traditional Mexican style face painting, go big or go small --the professional face painter can do it all!



**Grab your tickets now by clicking here now.**



## Easter Trading

For the first time we will be trading through Easter after requests from members. Please support the Club by making an effort to make it work.

**Thursday April 2nd** - Normal trading

**Good Friday April 3rd** - Open from 12 noon

12 noon - Lunch

5.30 p.m. - Dinner

**Easter Saturday April 4th** - Open from 12 noon

12 noon - Lunch

5.30 p.m. - Dinner

**Easter Sunday April 5th** - 12 noon until 5 p.m.

No breakfast



12 p.m. - Lunch

On Easter Saturday, we will draw the winner of the Easter Egg Guessing Game!  
(Easter Egg Guessing Game will start on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>)

## Angler's Kitchen Specials

**Fresh Oysters** - Natural oysters topped with finger lime pearls and a bright ginger dressing - \$6ea

**Duo Of Dips** - A selection of house made dips, served with warm bread for sharing - \$16

**Grilled Prawn Tacos** - Char-grilled prawns tucked into soft tortillas with papaya slaw, smashed avocado, salsa and a fresh squeeze of lime - \$11ea

**Ocean Trout Gravlax** - House-cured Ocean trout with crème fraiche, fresh dill, capers and pickled lemon - \$28

**Lamb Kofta & Pita** - Spiced lamb kofta with warm pita, classic Greek salad, lemon and creamy tzatziki - \$32

**Crumbed Flathead Fillet** - Golden crumbed flathead served with house-made tartar, minted smashed peas and lemon - \$38

**Millionaires Chocolate Mousse** with a caramel insert and mirror glaze - \$10

Check out the **new main and Sunday 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.



## February's Wine Of the Month.

### Sutherland 2025 Rosé

'First picking from our grenache vines, red berry, cranberry, raspberry, rose petal, very aromatic and fruity nose with hints of orange blossom.  
Dry, crisp, and fresh on the palate.'

\$30 per bottle

*February Wine of the Month*

**SUTHERLAND**  
ESTATE GROWN SINGLE VINEYARD

**2025 ROSE**  
**NEW RELEASE**  
First picking from our grenache vines, red berry, cranberry, raspberry, rose petal, very aromatic and fruity nose with hints of orange blossom. Dry, crisp, and fresh on the palate.

Our wine is handpicked and fermented with wild yeast and partial whole bunches.

During fermentation, the must is gently hand plunged and then basket pressed to maintain the structure of the wine.

The wine is then aged in mature barrels using a combination of French and American oak for 18 months before racking and bottling.

2025 Australian Small Winemakers Show - Bronze Medal.

2025 People's Choice Awards - Central Victoria - Silver Medal.

**\$30**  
Per bottle

10% Sunday / 15% Public Holiday Discounts apply



## Sunday Breakfast.

Try Sunday Breakfast (9 a.m. till 11 a.m.) until Autumn.

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.

### **Tight Lines - from South Africa**

What an incredible few weeks it has been!

I've just wrapped up an unforgettable kayak fishing adventure in the wild, pristine waters of Tasmania - a place where every cast feels like a privilege and every sunrise reminds you why we're drawn to the water. Tasmania delivered in every sense: spectacular scenery, testing conditions, and the kind of fishing that fills your soul.

I've now left Alex behind - regrettably, I might add - as he's chasing some enormous King George Whiting, to make my way to South Africa for what promises to be one of the most important fishing events of my life.

I am deeply humbled and incredibly proud to share with you all that I've been awarded a *Fisheries Research & Development Corporation (FRDC)* bursary to attend the **11th World Recreational Fishing Conference (WRFC)**, being held at the breathtaking Mpekweni Beach Resort on South Africa's Eastern Cape. I am honoured to be part of a 14-person Australian delegation - a group of passionate, driven individuals all committed to the future of recreational fishing.

This bursary is not just a personal milestone --it's recognition of the work we're doing together at APYAC, Victoria, and Australia to champion sustainable fishing, habitat restoration, and the vital role recreational anglers play in protecting our marine environment.



The WRFC brings together global leaders in fisheries science, policy, conservation, and recreational fishing to share research, ideas, and solutions that will shape the future of our sport worldwide. Topics include habitat restoration, fishery sustainability, angler participation, environmental stewardship, and how clubs like ours can play a leading role in protecting and enhancing our fisheries.

I'm especially excited to learn from international reef restoration projects, youth engagement programs, and club-based conservation initiatives - knowledge that I'm determined to bring back to APYAC to strengthen our own incredible work with reef building, habitat restoration, and fostering the next generation of anglers.

Like my great friend **Shea Bloom** so beautifully expressed, this opportunity is about learning, connecting, and bringing knowledge home. None of this happens in isolation. It happens because of community. Because of clubs like ours. Because of members like you.

I carry Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club with me wherever I go, and I am proud to represent our club, our members, and our shared passion on the world stage.

This is just the beginning, and I promise to keep you all updated as the conference unfolds. I look forward to returning with new ideas, new inspiration, and new opportunities that will help ensure APYAC continues to lead from the front - not just locally, but globally.

Until then, Tight Lines - *from South Africa!*

Lee

Lee Spyrou  
Your very proud President.

[ Image: The squid won.]

## 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.

The **Friday Night Raffle & Door Volunteer Roster** has been updated and is ready for vacant positions to be filled.

Add your name to the Volunteer Roster by **Clicking this link**.

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.

## 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**

## Boat Hire Coordination

The Club has three boats and three kayaks for hire. See the website **by clicking here** for hire details.

For an Induction course, please reach out to **Chantal Jacq**, our Boathouse Captain, at **captain @ apyac.org.au**.

**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.

*[Image: New members Dan, Stephen and Mark have been inducted into the Boat House and Boat Hire and are now eligible to hire a boat.]*



## The Roland Nicholls Scoreboard

OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
MICK SASS	19	126.9	ROB RAFFA	4	20.1
MARK MERCIECA	11	74.6	EDDIE BERNOBICH	2	13.0
RICHARD MUSCAT	7	46.7			
ANTHONY HANSON	3	20.2			
ALEX SPYROU	3	18.8			
DANIEL KARIS	2	12.9			
OLGA HARRADINE	2	11.6			
LEE SPYROU	2	9.0			
ANDY MCSHANAG	1	6.4			
LACHLAN MCGREGOR	1	6.4			
BARRY HAYES	1	6.1			
JOE CARBONE	1	5.6			
JOHN SPRAGG	1	4.9			

### JUNIORS

ANDRE CARTEL	6	19.8	DANNY VITKIN	3	11.3
ORLANDO LUMICISI	3	12.6	WILL OSBORNE	3	10.7
			HENRY RUDD	1	3.1
	<b>63</b>			<b>13</b>	

## Angling.

**The Snapper Competition** last weekend had a good number of anglers out on the water. However it was very tough fishing, with the fish not co-operating.

Winner:

**Mick Sass** caught 3 Snapper.

A number of anglers caught a variety of fish and sharks but Mick was the only person to catch competition length snapper. Maybe that is why he is the reigning Club Champion.

Well done all anglers who competed.

### **Fly fishing.**

We have a booking on 15<sup>th</sup> of March at 1p.m. for 8 people to learn how to fly fish in Noojee. I can take three people and probably Ray Goddard can take a few if you do not want to drive. I need to know numbers by the end of next week John Spragg 0407 555 621 or [johnrs3175@gmail.com](mailto:johnrs3175@gmail.com) cost is \$99 per person. All gear supplied. Only a couple of spots remaining so get in ASAP.

### **Purrumbete.**

Purrumbete Long Weekend competition has so far been poorly subscribed, we believe there is one cabin with an APAYC deposit paid on it. If anyone is interested call John Spragg 0407555621 or John Cali.

### **General.**

As mentioned, the weather has been mixed for boaters and anglers, wind has been less than it has been and temperatures up and down, but many mornings and evenings have been ok . Keep an eye of forecasts, it's better to err on safety —than practising your swimming style. The Bay water temperatures are very much on the rise. 21.5 C top end of the bay, 21.4 C Mid Bay, 19.1 C in 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; and be sure you have enough credit on your fob when taking bait or you will get a call from the office.

### **Snapper.**

Snapper have gone extremely quiet; it has been a hit and miss season so far. Some days bag outs, next day not a bait taken. Evening fishing seems to be most productive. Some Pinkies to 40 cm are being caught in the Williamstown / Altona area. Actually pinkies are in large numbers on most reef areas. Remember to fish outside shipping channel exclusion zones or it becomes very expensive fishing.

Best baits everywhere are silver whiting, pilchards, squid, garfish, Australian salmon fillets and couta. When you catch fish please think about returning the ones you and your family do not need for food. Catch, take a pic, and then return them a.s.a.p. in good condition.

### **Flatties.**

The record is not stuck, this is a very useful study and worth the effort even if you have to read this every Tight Lines issue.

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.

It is Flathead time, (although they bite all year) next couple of months are exceptional. Try for them on 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.

### **Gummies and other Sharks.**





There are large numbers of sharks in the Bay school sharks (well done Yossi) Bronze Whalers, 7 Gill Sharks and the odd Mako but they are more prevalent outside the heads. 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. You may even hook a shark in the shallows. Best baits seem to be Silver Whiting, Australian Salmon Fillets, Pilchards, Garfish and Squid.

### **Whiting.**

Whiting fishing has hit prime time, the Club marks are delivering fish. For some reason the water has not been clear in areas where whiting normally hang out. There are good reports from the very Southern end of the Bay, Kirks Point and St Leonards areas are producing some nice whiting. Fish grassy areas 2-5 metres deep, and keep moving if you are not catching them. Best baits, Pipsis,

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 back in large numbers. Keep an eye out for birds working as there are schools of Australian Salmon up the Club end of the bay. Many good salmon caught around the red stick near Altona, schools have been reported out from Williamstown footy ground, and near Kerferd Road Pier. If you catch a salmon on a bait it is worth trying a lure for a dozen or so casts or a quick troll as they are a school fish.

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. There also have been schools of Taylor up our end of the Bay caught by the same method as Australian Salmon.

### **Kingfish.**

Kingfish have been going well around the heads if you are willing to venture that far. It really is Kingfish time now due to water temperatures. Best baits are whole squid, live yakkas or slimy mackerel.

### **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, even bread dough works! They are being caught off most piers as well.

Make sure you wear a large hat take plenty of sun screen protection, it is Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide season right up until 21st March. Slip on a shirt, Slop on sunscreen, Slap on a hat, Seek shade, and Slide on your sunnies. Carry, and Sip, plenty of water.

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

There is the **Purrumbete Mug Competition** held Lake Purrumbete on the March Long Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> till 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Next official competition is a **Snapper Comp** starting 12.01 a.m. on Saturday 21 March ending 2 p.m. Sunday 22 March with a sausage sizzle.

**Olga Harradine** is running another charter on the 18th April, look out for details.

*Question "Where did you catch that fish?"*

*Answer "In the water!"*

*The solution to any problem is go fishing. -- Author unknown (but wise).*

John Spragg

*[Images: Yossi's shark & Spraggy's second Tassie investment (of five).]*

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	E. BERNOBICH	7.2
	OPEN	M. SASS	84
FLATHEAD	IN	R. RAFFA	46
	OPEN	A. CARTEL	48
SHARK	IN	S. COUSINS	88
	OPEN	J. MERCIECA	120
1ST SNAPPER	IN	ROB RAFFA	43
	OPEN	MICK SASS	64
LAST SNAPPER	IN		
	OPEN		
WHITING	IN	ROBERT RAFFA	35
	OPEN	SHANE BARWOOD	43
WHITING BAG	IN		
	OPEN	R. MUSCAT / S.BARWOOD	9.69
PIKE	IN	DAVE VITKIN	75
	OPEN	CHRIS DERRICK	55
KINGFISH	IN		
	OPEN		
SALMON	IN	ROB RAFFA	55
	OPEN	MARK MERCIECA	50
PIKE	JUNIOR	WILL OSBORNE	46

## APYAC Calendar 2026.

- Thursday 5th March – **Footy Tipping.**
- Saturday 14th March – **Boathouse Bubbles & Oysters**
- Saturday 21st March – **La Fiesta!**
- Good Friday 3rd April – **Easter Trading**
- Easter Saturday 4th April – **Easter Trading**
- Easter Sunday 5th April – **Easter Trading**
- Saturday 18th April – **Mixed Fishing Charter with Olga.**
- More events coming soon!*

*Note: Saturday 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](mailto:president@apyac.org.au) or [apyacvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:apyacvolunteers@gmail.com)

*[Image: The Fire Rescue Victoria Boats came for a quick visit the other Sunday. ]*



## Fishing & Boating Season Calendar 2026

### 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**
- Saturday 18th April – **Mixed Fishing Charter with Olga.**

**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.

We very much appreciate the large numbers, 15 and 16 Volunteers that attended last Tuesday and Wednesday. It must also be added that many that attend on both those days also volunteer on the quieter days through the week as well.

On Wednesday, with the number of clinker boat restoration projects in work, the west aisle was looking like a production factory.

The front boat, EA385, had the final waterproofing wood treatment applied prior to the hull being sealed and painted, the middle boat, PA005, was having the engine electricals installed, and the end boat, PA25, was having a seal coat applied between the varnish and the below waterline blue paint.



The East aisle crane project is now at the stage where the steel work to support the load bearing beams is happening, and it may take a few more days to complete. When the support structure is signed-off by the crane contractor, work will begin on the installation of the new design crane.

One of the tasks this past week was to replace a dolly that had collapsed under a boat due to the condition the dolly was in. The dolly had succumbed to the corrosive attack of seawater. We now have three similar rusted dollies stored in the east aisle that will need to be assessed for possible salvage / rework. Due to our environment boat owners should be aware of the state of the dolly under their boat and ensure it is in a serviceable state.

The Club had been offered an old Clinker boat as a possible restoration project and addition to our fleet but sadly it was not in a condition that would have been easily restored and was only 12 feet long in lieu of our fleet size of around 14 feet.

### Rations

A couple of weeks ago there was an absence of cake on the Tuesday and Wednesday but the days smokos were saved by BBQing sausages that were left over from Sundays Angling Club competition presentation BBQ.

Last week one of our regular volunteers, **Tony Kingston**, turned his hand to cake-making and presented us with a delicious orange cake for smoko on Tuesday. There was none left for him to take home.

Mrs. Cakes was back in the kitchen for Wednesday's smoko and didn't disappoint with a blueberry cake. *(It was noted by some that the berries were well-distributed throughout the cake, this time).*

Ian Sekac

## A fishy tail.

### Fish-shaped soy sauce bottles.

The fish-shaped soy containers handed-out with takeaway food have been around since 1954 (when they were developed in Japan). 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.

### Successful challenge.

We challenged members to pick up any little plastic fish they found, to prevent them entering our waterways, then bring them to the Club, and stuff them into our bucket. It seems to be working! One of our members, **Campbell Sinclair**, has become a soy sauce bottle-finding monster! Thank you on behalf of the fish.

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.

Our local State Government Member, **Nina Taylor MP**, is enthusiastic about our Club and receives Tight Lines. We'll let you know if we hear anything.



## Ovens River Challenge

### Australian Trout Foundation

### Sat 28th & Sun 29th March

The *Australian Trout Foundation* and Native Fish Australia have again partnered to host the Ovens River Challenge, a free, family-friendly catch-and-release fishing event in the Ovens River Catchment on 28–29 March 2026.

Open to all ages, the event offers substantial prizes across multiple catch categories, plus a free draw for \$1,000 in gift cards for registered participants. Anglers do not need to be ATF or NFA members to enter. The challenge also supports a Citizen Science Research Project, with participants recording catch data to assist future fishery enhancement planning by key recreational fishing and fisheries organisations.

**Click here to find out more.**

Email **terrygeorge43 @ yahoo.com.au**





## Loombah Weir

### Australian Trout Foundation

2nd May to 28th June

The *Australian Trout Foundation (ATF)*, supported by three years of funding from the Recreational Fishing Licence Trust, is partnering with the *Victorian Fisheries Authority* and the *Arthur Rylah Institute* on an innovative project at Loombah Weir. The goal is to establish a refuge population of the endangered Macquarie Perch while also harvesting Brown Trout for stocking other waterways.

Loombah Weir, located in the closed Ryans Creek catchment, protects the town water supply for Benalla and is not open to fishing. Surveys show a strong population of Brown Trout within

the locked catchment. With access granted by North East Water, ATF will capture trout using rod-and-line fishing, electrofishing and trout traps, then relocate them to public waters such as Lake William Hovell.

The site will be annually stocked with Macquarie Perch fingerlings. Inspired by projects such as the NSW Fisheries program at Winburndale Dam, the refuge may also protect fish affected by natural disasters. Volunteers must be ATF members.

**Click here to find out more.**

Email [terrygeorge43 @ yahoo.com.au](mailto:terrygeorge43@yahoo.com.au)

## Child supervision & safety.

We love seeing families at the Club, but we kindly remind all parents and guardians that children must always be supervised. On Friday and Saturday nights, we've noticed an increasing issue with unsupervised children, especially around doorways.

To ensure everyone's safety, please:

- ✔ Assist YOUR children at the doors to prevent accidents.
- ✔ Ensure they are always wearing shoes.
- ✔ Remind them to follow Club rules.

Children are the Member's responsibility, not APYAC's.

[ Image: Shrine to the Sea project. ]



## History.

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

Bill Ryan.

Image: Thanks to the *State Library of Victoria*





## Catch a Carp Festival.

### Lake Colac

### Sunday 12th April.

The free **Catch a Carp Festival** returns to **Lake Colac** on Sunday 12 April, co-hosted by the *Victorian Fisheries Authority* and MIXX FM/3CS.

The family-friendly event features kids' fishing clinics, a carp fishing competition, cooking demonstrations, fish biology sessions and a live radio broadcast.

Visitors can enjoy food and coffee, market stalls, an outdoor swap meet and train rides from the Lions Club Colac. Commercial fishers will demonstrate how carp are removed without harming native species.

Carp are a declared pest in Victoria, and anglers are encouraged to help reduce their numbers. Great prizes and giveaways are on offer throughout the day.

For more information about the event or to register for the free kids fishing clinics, **just click this link.**

*Victorian Fisheries Authority* press release edited by ChatGPT for brevity.



## 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. During months with five Wednesdays we get a week off.

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](http://apyac.org.au)

[ Image: While the cat's away ... the mouse is on the King George Whiting. ]

## 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 Grandma!)**

**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.*

*General Meeting Wednesdays are different.*

### Thursdays, Fridays.

**Lunch 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.**

*Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

*Thursday Happy Hours 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

**Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

*Bar Snacks 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.*

### Saturdays

**Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.**

*Bar snacks to 4:30 p.m.*

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

**Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

*If there are no bookings or demand, the venue will close at 7 p.m.*

*NOTE: If there is a function, we close at 3:30 p.m. sharp.*

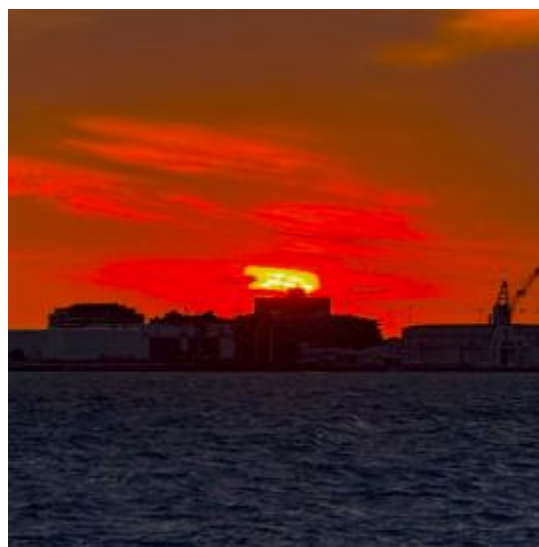
### Sundays

**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 25th February - Tuesday 10th March 2026**

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