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**Wednesday 15th April - Tuesday 27th April 2026**

## The Club Dolphins.

The Volunteers and their partners were invited to attend the Club on the evening of Tuesday, 31st March.

A marvellous supper was put on by **Chris Lockhart** from Ascot catering, **Rob Raffa** arranged a wine tasting, **Ian Banks** provided music and entertainment, and we heard speeches from both the President, **Lee Spyrou** and **Ian Sekac**.

It was one of the ways that the Club thanks the many volunteers who keep the place running, both upstairs, and down in the boathouse.

How Annabelle and the staff arranged the pod of dolphins, though, was quite beyond me.

It is the sort of attention to detail we have come to expect from **Annabelle Sealy**, who has formally accepted the role of Club Manager after acting in the position for over six months.

Congratulations Annabelle.

Last Thursday, Life Member, two time President, and Club Legend **Phil Langdon** held a lunch for the volunteers who have restored his clinker boat; plus this scribe, who answered his phone call in January 2017.

That call led to my volunteering with the Club, and working closely with Phil, who, despite being a Tigers fan, is one class operator. We especially thank his family for sharing him with us for so many years.

In this issue you'll discover that the APYAC APP is available again for your phone, both iPhones and androids. Get to grips with it—it's the fastest way to book a dining table, plus you can read Tight Lines on it.

This is edition 120, of Tight Lines.

James Nixon.





## 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 6th May.

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.

Partake in the Club-sponsored supper after the meeting, before the speaker.

All welcome!

## Happy hour Thursdays.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

7 p.m. \$1,000 Member's Draw! It only spins once on Thursdays. To win, you must be present, and financial. When your name comes up, you must claim the prize within one minute.

## Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp, and is \$1,600 for Friday the 17th. 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 *Will Mossop*, *Jennifer Whineray*, and *Trish Mc.Mullin* missed out on \$1,500.

### 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.\*

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* will return soon.)



## Snapper Competition Fishing Charter.

**Saturday 18th April.**

**5:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Cost: \$75**

**ONLY TWO SPOTS LEFT!**

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. The volunteers calendar will be available on the day.

Members only, no guests, or waitlist members.

Move fast, this is expected to be sold out! Not often do we do a Saturday charter.

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

- Boat leaves St Kilda Marina at 5:30 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 are required**, 18 - 70 years of age. Buy your licence [by clicking here](#).

Remember, Seniors Card holders are exempt.

Queries? **Olga Harradine** 0419 000 246 (Don't call the Club)

**Grab your ticket on the charter [by clicking here now!](#)**

## Mother's Day.

**Sunday, 10th May**

**From 12 noon**

Complimentary canapé and glass of Mumm champagne on arrival for the Mums.

Please choose an arrival time (like a regular booking), as we will start your luncheon from the time **YOU** arrive, instead of past years service of everyone all at the same time.

### Entrée

**Duck & Rosemary Terrine**, sour cherry gel, pickled baby onions, toasted brioche baby herb salad

### Mains

**Wagyu beef cheek**, bourguignon style, pomme puree, roasted pancetta, OR  
**Crispy skin Snapper**, saffron risotto, roasted fennel, champagne beurre Blanc

### Dessert

**Warm sticky date pudding**, white miso caramel, poached pear, brown butter gelato



**Adults \$65**

**Kids (under 12 years) \$25**

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

## Angler's Kitchen Specials.

**XO butter baked oysters, crispy shallots, coriander and lime \$5.50 EA**

**Duo of dips, warm pita bread \$16**

**Crispy barramundi wings, nuoc cham, spring onion, toasted sesame seeds \$26**

**Spinach and ricotta cannelloni with rocket and parmesan salad \$34**

**Braised pork collar with white bean cassoulet, confit shallots and herb crumb \$42**

**Warm sticky date pudding, white miso caramel, poached pear, vanilla ice cream \$16**

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.



## April Wine of the Month.

**Morris Durif  
Rutherglen**

Deep red in colour with purple overtones, there are lifted fresh aromas of blackberry and spice fruits, with subtle oak influence. The palate is rich yet supple, with concentrated berry flavours balanced by fruit and oak tannins.

This combines to produce a full-bodied wine of layered fruit flavours and great persistence.

**\$45 per bottle.**



## President's Report.

### APYAC Shines for Good Friday Community, tradition & a bit of fishing fun.

There are moments in the year that truly capture what our Club is all about. The Good Friday Appeal is right at the top of that list. Each year, we proudly carry forward the tradition started by our much-loved Life Member, **Roland Nicholls**. What began as a humble tin on the bar, with members gathered around the telethon waiting to hear our Club's name called, has grown into something incredibly special. You can almost still hear the cheers, feel the camaraderie, and sense the pride that Roland helped build —a spirit that is very much alive at APYAC today.



This year, thanks to the generosity of our members, we raised an outstanding \$3,689, finishing #84 in Victoria and earning the **Superhero for the Kids** badge. An incredible effort for a fishing club —and one we should all be immensely proud-of.

Most importantly, these funds will directly support the vital work of *Royal Children's Hospital*, helping deliver life-saving equipment, groundbreaking research, staff training, and compassionate care for children and their families when they need it most.

#### Good Friday on the Water 'Jim's Bait & Tackle Easter Classic'.

While the spirit of giving was front and centre, a few of us also managed to sneak in a bit of fishing action!

**Alex Spyrou, Richard Muscat** and I headed down to San Remo / Phillip Island to take part in the annual *Jim's Bait & Tackle Good Friday Easter Classic*, which also raised an impressive \$3,850 thanks to generous sponsors and a fantastic local turnout.

And it wasn't just about participation - there were some great results too:

- Alex Spyrou took out *Heaviest Whiting* with a cracking fish just under 690g (48cm)



- Richard Muscat landed a *Western Port Hotel* voucher as a mystery prize.

I was lucky enough to win a rod & reel combo - matching Alex's!

Of course, I couldn't resist putting the new gear to work straight away - and it didn't disappoint, landing a fantastic Pike on light tackle. Great fun and a perfect reminder of why we love what we do.

#### What It's All About

From fundraising at the Club to fishing competitions down the coast, this is what APYAC does best - showing up, supporting each other, and giving back.

I couldn't be prouder of our community.

Thank you all for your generosity, your spirit, and for continuing to

make this Club something truly special.

With gratitude and pride,

Lee  
Lee Spyrou,  
President.

## Code of Conduct.

The Committee has recently adopted an updated **Code of Conduct** for our Club. This provides clear, simple guidance to help maintain the friendly, respectful and safe environment we all value.

It aligns with our existing Rules and reflects how we expect members and guests to behave both at the Club and when representing it. The Code is not about changing our culture, but supporting it and providing clarity for everyone.

Members are encouraged to take a few minutes to read it via the link below. As well as on our website, a copy is also displayed on the Club Notice Board.

Barry Hayes,  
Vice President.  
Click here for the **APYAC Code of Conduct**

[ Image: Autumn storms keep the Boathouse crew busy - thanks Stu Cousins & Alex Spyrou. ]



## 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](#).



## 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, email: **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.

	OPEN	IN-HOUSE	TOTAL
SEPTEMBER	6	1	7
OCTOBER	6	12	18
NOVEMBER	26	12	38
DECEMBER	22	1	23
JANUARY	N/A	N/A	N/A
FEBRUARY	3	0	3
MARCH	1	6	7
APRIL			
MAY			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>96</b>

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: Scoreboard Part A.]

## The Roland Nicholls Scoreboard.

OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
MICK SASS	19	126.9	ROB RAFFA	5	24.9
MARK MERCECA	12	79.4	EDDIE BERNOBICH	2	13.0
RICHARD MUSCAT	8	51.4			
OLGA HARRADINE	5	34.3			
ALEX SPYROU	4	23.8			
ANTHONY HANSON	3	20.2			
DANIEL KARIS	2	12.9			
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>69</b>			<b>14</b>	

## Angling.

### General

Autumn the weather has been good, then shocking, for boaters and anglers, wind has been less than it has been, and temperatures up and down, till this last weekend, then very strong winds and showers arrived. Keep an eye of forecasts, it's better to err on safety than practising your swimming style. The Bay water temperatures are only just dropping, 18.2 C top end of the bay, 18.3 C Mid Bay, 17.6 C in the Ocean.

Due to the dangerous conditions on the Bay over the weekend the Flathead Frenzy Competition was postponed, a new date shortly.

Really nothing has changed much since the last report, snapper off the bite, whiting and flathead biting, predominant wind direction has changed, and water dirty so squid hard to find. Sharks are around and Kingfish at the heads and small kings reported amongst schools of salmon.

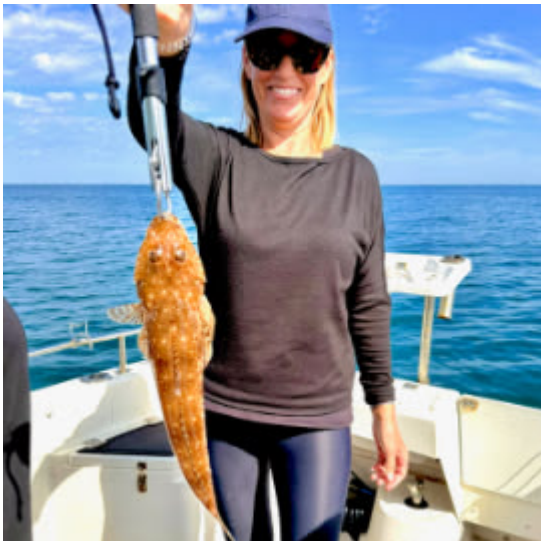
When you get bait from the Club can you please stop writing in hieroglyphics as my ancient Egyptian is not good when reconciling docketts; and be sure you have enough credit on your fob when taking bait or you will get a call from the office.

### Snapper

We have reports of good catches of snapper in Western Port so there may be a later than normal run of snapper about to happen. Up till now Snapper have been 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 a very expensive day out. The water temperatures are about right for the late run snapper. So worth a try.

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.

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	R. RAFFA / R. POPE	77
	OPEN	M. SASS / P.HUTCHINSON	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	38
	OPEN	MICHAEL BRIFFA	45
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



### Flatties

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

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 still large numbers of sharks in the Bay school sharks, Bronze Whalers, Seven 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 they normally hang out. There are good reports from the very Southern end of the Bay where the water has been mostly clear, 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, 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 back in huge 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 and near the Cardinal Marker. Salmon up to 65cm are being caught. 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 and if bled and cleaned immediately and cooked that day make reasonable eating. There also have been schools of Taylor up our end of the Bay caught by the same method as Australian Salmon

## 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.

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

Next official Comp is the Snapper Weekend Comp starting at 12.01 a.m. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of April and finishing at 2.00 p.m. 19<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Olga Harradine**, the new '*Snapper Whisperer*' is running a charter on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of April as part of the Snapper competition—details above, there are only two spots left.

*There is no greater fan of fly fishing than worms. ... Patrick F. McManus*

John Spragg

[ Images: Nic La Mela, Carla, and Will Osborne ]

## The App's back!

I'm pleased to report that the APYAC App has been restored.

Two pages of your Club info in the palm of your hand.

- Read TIGHT LINES in Member News,
- Book a table in a flash in Dining Bookings,
- Hire a boat or kayak, and much more.

Check out the APYAC APP on both app stores, here's the links:

For iPhones -- **Apple App Store:**

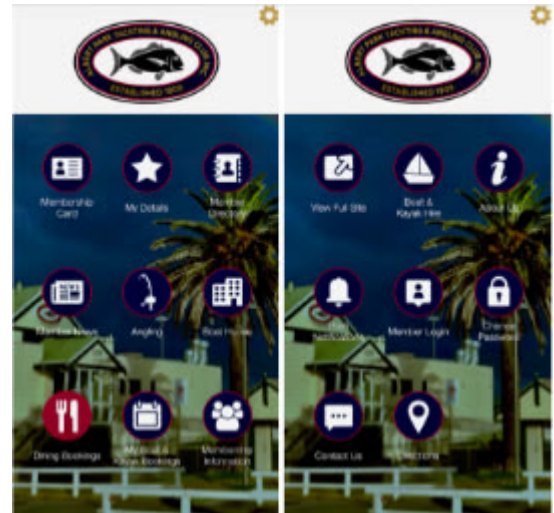
<https://tinyurl.com/APYAC-app-Apple>

For Android phones --**Google Play Store:**

<https://tinyurl.com/APYAC-App-GooglePlay>

Chantal Jacq

APYAC Boathouse Captain & Social Media Manager



## APYAC Calendar 2026.

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

Saturday 18th April – **Band: Johnny Fab Trio** (sold out)

Sunday 10th May – **Mother’s Day Luncheon.**

Saturday 30th May – **Band: Regular Boys.**

*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** or **apyac.volunteers @ gmail.com**

[ Image: Chantal and Carla.]



## Fishing & Boating Season Calendar 2026.

### 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.**

Wednesday 6th May – **General Meeting 7 p.m.**

### JUNE

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

Saturday 20th June – **Presentation night.**



Note: Beaconsfield / Beach Road Closures may impact some events.

[ Image: **Stephen Clements** will be talking about how he catches Mulloway at the General Meeting on the 6th of May.]



## Boathouse Volunteers.

One large storm hit us —threatening to flood the Boathouse— and caused significant damage to the concrete structure in front of the West side of the building and the remaining apron.

If it wasn't for the efforts of **Stu Cousins** and **Alex Spyrou**, the sand and water ingress to the Boathouse would have been a major problem. Extra sandbags were placed inside the doors and canvas was packed between the storm barrier ends. Stu put a day in from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., ending the day by clearing the built-up sand away with the Terex. The next day you wouldn't have thought there had been a storm; the Boathouse and apron looked so clean. Great work, Stu and Alex.

An ENZED mechanic arrived to replace a failed hydraulic hose fitting and corroded fittings and damaged hoses on our Terex loader.

The first topcoat was applied to Clinker EA385 by two volunteers. The second coat was applied on two days later. This boat was turned-over and fitted-out with the new engine.



The east aisle crane supports were installed in preparation for the commencement of the new crane work.

Two term President and Patron of the Club, **Phil Langdon**, came to see the result of the restoration work on his Clinker boat PA25. He was extremely pleased, and invited the volunteers who contributed to the restoration work to join him for a special lunch. The boat was sea-trialled and managed to stay afloat.

We also managed to induct two new members into the use of the Hire Boats. Thanks Stu, for taking the time to conduct the boat handling capability demonstrations.

Restoration work commenced on Clinker Boat PA35, a boat built by the same builder that built PA25. The engine, electricals and the canopy have been removed before starting cleaning and repairing

the inner hull. When the inside of the hull is completed the boat will be turned-over for repair of the keel, and hull exterior.

The donated *George Watkins* boat EA385, has had the hull fully sealed and undercoated, and is now ready for the final topcoat. The topcoat has been selected to be the international product *Snow White* —the same as PA005— and will have three coats applied. This boat will then be turned back-over and the new Nanni engine installed.

The *Pompei* boat PA005 needs to have the engine fuel system controls completed, and then it will also be ready for sea trials. This boat, once deemed fit for sale, is intended to be offered to members to purchase.

Volunteers and partners attended the Club House for two hours of socialising and to enjoy a delicious spread of food and fine wine provided by the Club. The evening was to celebrate the Volunteers and for APYAC to show its appreciation for what they do for the Club. Many also took advantage of the selection of *Peter Lehmann* wines that were able to be tasted through the courtesy of **Robert Raffa**. The Pinot Grigio was a particular favourite. The staff also need to be applauded for how the venue was set up, and it was a treat to have **Ian Banks** playing and singing to us.



## Rations

Thanks to the Committee, cakes and cake ingredients (for Mrs. Cakes) will now be purchased for the Tuesday and Wednesday smokos. The Volunteers couldn't wish for anything better.

Thanks to **Nick**, the owner of PA35, for supplying a beautiful homemade cake for one of our Tuesday smokos.

Coming up to Easter, the Volunteers were expecting a treat. (*I demurred on providing Easter eggs because they could not remember where they hid them*). Instead, the Wednesday surprise was Hot Cross Buns for smoko.

Ian Sekac

## Fill the barrel.

### 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.

## Footy Tipping.

Well what a week of football at Gather Round.

South Australia puts on quite a show. I'd encourage everyone to head over for Gather Round and a long weekend in 2027. The locals are enthusiastically friendly towards Gather Round visitors, There is lots of entertainment all over the city and the football matches contain crowds full of neutral supporters wearing their team scarves and enjoying the various venues and matches.

### Tip-Stars of the week

Our tip-star of the week was SWM01 (**Scott Myers**), who tipped 8 correctly, was out on margin by only 3 points, played his Joker to double his score and also jumps from 22nd spot into the top 3. Plenty of others tipped 8 as well, but not with as much impact as Scott. Well played.

Eight tip-stars played a Joker this week. Did they pick the right round to do so? Absolutely. SMW01, SewellM (**Mike Sewell**), Vincent (**Vincent Chan**), HazyBaz (**VP of APYAC**), **James Nixon, Don Karis**, Rooboy1824 (**Trevor Cornish**), Borell (**John Borell**) all scored well.

The Leaderboard has been turned on its head with the Joker players racing northwards. At the top is James Nixon, who has now played both Jokers and will let everyone know he is leading, followed by the more reserved Scott Meyers in second spot and JBDemon (**John Bradley**) in third.

### Memorable Moments

- Carlton were fantastic in the first quarter and actually won the fourth quarter.
- Curnow's miss-kick for goal from the goal square will be the subject of memes for decades.
- Essendon somehow clicked, which is so much more enjoyable for everyone to watch compared to their excruciating results over the last 17 matches. Let's see if they have found the formula for next week as well.
- The sun didn't shine in Adelaide and neither did the Suns.
- Hawthorn made the Bulldogs look slow and sleepy. The Hawks are the best team in the AFL right now.
- The most entertaining match at Gather Round was the VFL versus SANFL rep match won by Victoria at Glenelg Oval. Watch for Tom Scully, formerly on Port's list, to be picked up an AFL side in the mid season draft

### Trivia answers

1. Which player, an unwanted Captain of their team last year, has made more tackles than any other player to date? **ANSWER: 2021 to 2025 St Kilda captain, Jack Steele, now at Melbourne**
2. What is the rumoured annual cash that Richmond have proposed for their eight year offer to current Port Adelaide player, Zac Butters? **ANSWER: \$2 million per year for eight years**
3. If Essendon lose in Gather Round they will break their record for most matches lost in a row which was back in 2016. How many matches is that? (a) 17 (b) 18 (c) 19 **ANSWER: (a) 17 matches. Thankfully they won and have avoided extending their record!**
4. The pressure is definitely on both Michael Voss and Brad Scott. But is history on their side? When is the earliest ever in a season that a coach has been sacked? (a) after a pre-season match (b) First match (c) second match (d) third match (e) fourth match (f) fifth match **ANSWER: (a) Wayne Schimmelbusch was sacked after a pre-season match** when his team lost by over 100 points. Terry Wheeler (Footscray) and Ian Stewart (Carlton) lasted 2 matches into the season.

### Smokie tip performance

St Kilda did what was expected. My smokie tipping results are looking better and are now 2 from 6.

Regards

Mike  
Yellow (not Gold) and Black

## 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*



## Boat Trailer Reversing Clinics.

### Four locations in May & June.

Learn how to reverse your boat trailer like a pro at our *Boat Trailer Reversing Clinics* – don't miss out!

Join us for a fun and educational day where you can improve your boat trailer reversing skills at East Geelong, Ballarat, Mornington, Frankston and Altona!

Expert instructors from Peninsula Boat Training will teach you new skills and provide hands on practice in reversing a boat trailer. Whether you're a beginner or just looking to brush up on your skills, this clinic has something for everyone.

The classes will include:

- An informative overview of launching and retrieving a boat
- Hands-on practice reversing a boat trailer
- A detailed demonstration of how to launch a boat

The sessions will run for 45 minutes and will occur at multiple times throughout the day. Some sessions will be women only, while others will be open to all genders, ensuring a comfortable and supportive learning environment for all participants. The clinics are free but booking is essential, follow the booking link to lock in a time that suits you.

These clinics are made possible through the Victorian Government's *Better Boating Fund*, which reinvests boaters' licence and registration fees into improved facilities and programs for recreational boaters across the state.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to enhance your boating experience!

Check the dates and further details **by clicking here.**

[VFA press release]

[Image: Will and Anthony Osborne]





## Recreational Fishing Management Update.

### Victoria.

The latest March 2026 issue provides an overview and progress report on some of the key projects and initiatives for Victorian recreational fishers over the past three months.

*The twenty page PDF covers 15 subjects including our Kayakers Reef and is well worth a read.*

Download this, and previous updates, **by clicking this link.**

## Tight Lines - Why so often?

The larger edition of Tight Lines appears at the end of the month to advise you of the next Club Meeting, and always on a Wednesday so you can plan your weekend.

The smaller edition, (which we call *Slack Lines* behind the scenes), usually appears in the second week of the month to advise changes, events, band Sundays, and the latest Menu Specials. The clue is in the dateline at the top and bottom. 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)

## 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.**

## 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**

## 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

**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 15th April - Tuesday 27th April 2026**

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