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Wednesday 29th April - Tuesday 12th May 2026

The things we forget.

We forget that the weather in April can make you exclaim that this is the best place on Earth, as you stare down a nearly empty beach which if on the Mediterranean would be carpeted in 10 euro per hour deck chairs.

We forget that April is the month when the Little Corellas arrive in their screeching millions to get drunk on the round balls of fluff of the plane trees, and we marvel as if we have never seen it before.

We forget the full moon at Easter gives way to a crispy dawn for the egg hunt, and that you need to wear an extra layer, and take a scarf to the Anzac Day Dawn Service.

That the inclination of the planet this time of year causes the high-pressure systems in the Tasman Sea to block against New Zealand, giving us perfect weather for three days at a time. Seas of glass and crackerjack sunsets.

That's April done. Bring on May, which can be a duplicate of April, save for *the first cold snap*.

You never know what day it will come ... but it'll make you think there's nothing between you and the Antarctic.

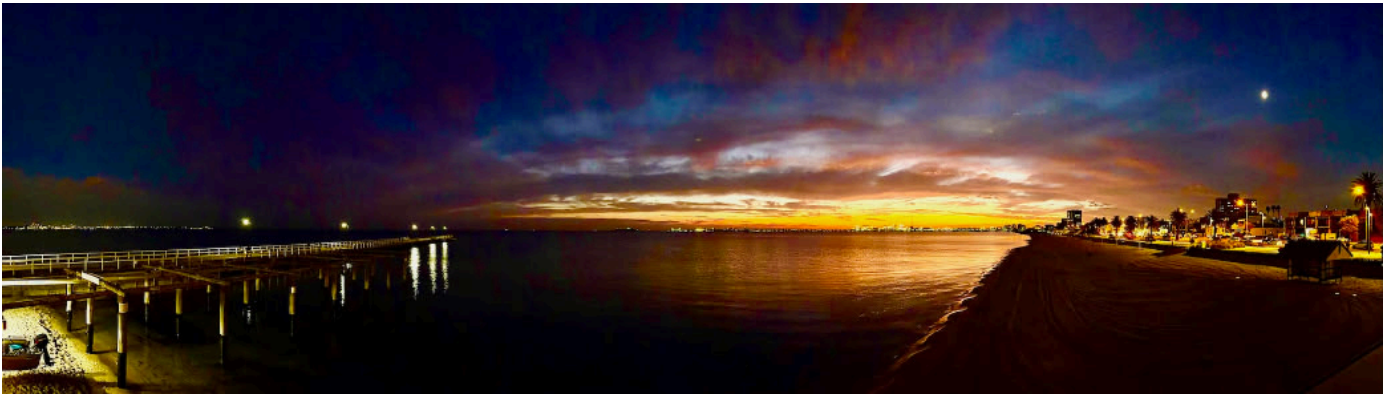
My old hairdresser, Terry, looked down the street and declared that business was going bad due to cancellations; and had to be reminded that on *the first cold snap in May*, everyone pulls out their jumpers and scarves to find them smelling of mothballs and needing a run in *Martha Gardner's Wool Mix*.

So here's a tip: while it's sunny this week, wash your your favourite jumpers and scarves, drape them flat on towels on the floor to dry, and come down to the Club for your last drink on the deck —*before you need 'em!*

This is edition 121, 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, see below.

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 \$1,800 for Friday the 1st. 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.

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**.

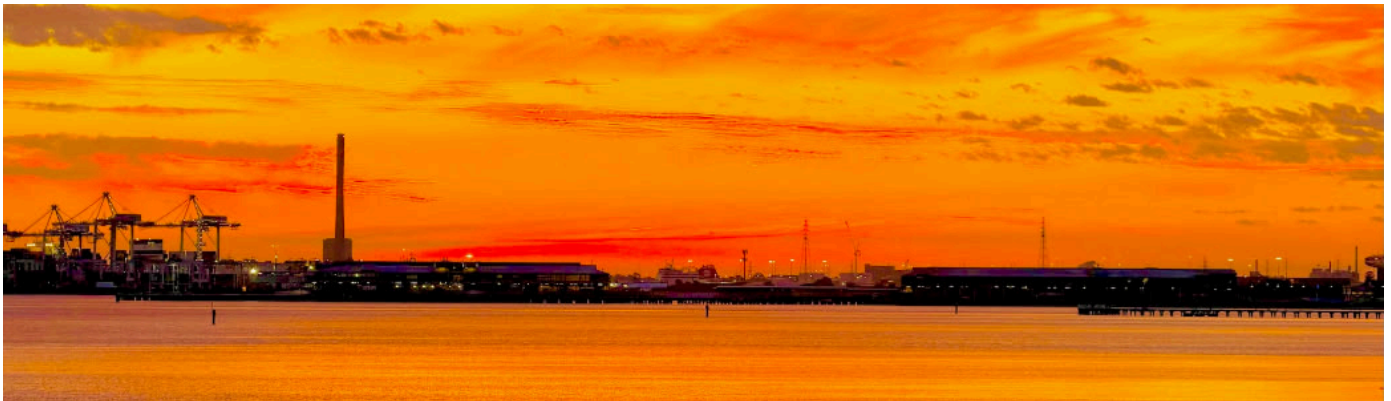
Please note you will be directed to the website, and need to log into your portal, or use the App.

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 on the 30th May.)



May General Meeting.

Next Wednesday 6th May

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. Special Guest: **Stephen Clements** from *Allterrain Fishing* talking about Mulloway.



Stephen is a passionate angler who as a young kid was first introduced to the joys of fishing by his Grandfather Graeme. The big redfin that he caught from a dam in Cressy still remains one of his fondest fishing memories. These days he is best described as a target fisherman, making a point of trying to catch all of the individual species, mastering the different techniques, and building on the knowledge to find and catch them.

Traditionally, a land-based specialist with an equal interest in both freshwater & saltwater, he is now mixing it up with more boat & blue water fishing. Moving forward, Stephen is proud to have connected with the VFA and brings a lot of willingness and enthusiasm towards making fishing in Victoria better for everyone.

Check out his instagram ([here](#)) and facebook page ([here](#)).

All Club members welcome!

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.

Biggest Morning Tea.

Thursday 21st May

10.30 a.m. - midday

Let's get together at APYAC and enjoy a tea, coffee and some delicious cakes & gourmet pastries to support those impacted by cancer.

Entry fee of only \$15 covers morning tea, so get your donations ready as our goal target this year is \$3,000!

Every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer.



Book now by clicking here.



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.

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.

EXTENDED BY TWO WEEKS DUE POPULAR DEMAND.

President's Report.

There's something about a fresh tide, a new horizon ... and a bit of change in the air that just feels right, isn't there?

Back here on home waters, there's been a ripple through Government with a cabinet reshuffle within the Allan Labor Government, bringing a new face into the Outdoor Recreation portfolio.

At APYAC, we extend our sincere thanks to **Steve Dimopoulos** for his strong contribution over the past two and a half years. His tenure saw meaningful investment into our fisheries; from expansions at *Snobs Creek* and *Arcadia* hatcheries, helping rebuild native fish stocks, to grants that strengthened clubs just like ours and initiatives that encouraged more people to pick up a rod and line.

We also acknowledge **Luba Grigorovitch** for her dedication as Parliamentary Secretary for Outdoor Recreation, and congratulate her on her well-deserved promotion to Minister for Youth, Carers and Volunteers.

And now, we cast forward ...

We warmly welcome **Enver Erdogan** into the role of *Minister for Outdoor Recreation and Environment*. With a background in law, local government, and a strong focus on fairness, community and practical outcomes, Minister Erdogan brings a grounded and thoughtful approach to public policy. His belief in active community engagement, fair opportunity, and making a real difference aligns beautifully with what we stand for as recreational fishers. We look forward to working closely with him as we continue to advocate for better fishing outcomes.

Because that's what we do at APYAC; we show up, we speak up, and we get things done.

Now ... speaking of getting things done, I've just returned —salt still in my hair and a big smile on my face— from another unforgettable kayak fishing adventure in Bridport, Tasmania.



What started as a mission targeting King George Whiting quickly turned into something a little more unexpected. Snapper! And not just one or two, along with some seriously impressive Tiger Flathead. Now for those who know Tassie, you'll understand just how special that is; especially in that part of the world where snapper aren't exactly the headline act. Fishing from the kayak around the old pier —literally right on our doorstep— was nothing short of magic. Early mornings, glassed-out water, and that unmistakable tap-tap turning into a screaming run ... it doesn't get much better.

And our base? The fantastic Bridport Seaside Caravan Park, a true little gem sitting right on the edge of Anderson Bay. Whether you're camping, caravanning, or tucked into a cosy cabin by the sea, it's one of those places that just makes life easy. Great facilities, family-friendly, and perfectly positioned to explore everything from world-class fishing spots to nearby icons like Barnbougle, Blue Derby, and beyond.

It's these moments —away from the noise, out on the water, connected to nature— that remind me why we do what we do.

From new leadership shaping the future of recreational fishing, to unforgettable days on the water chasing the unexpected —it's all part of the same story.

Fishing isn't just a pastime.

It's connection.

It's community.

It's legacy.

And at APYAC, we're right at the heart of it.

Tight lines and see you at the Club,

Lee

Lee Spyrou
President.

Code of Conduct.

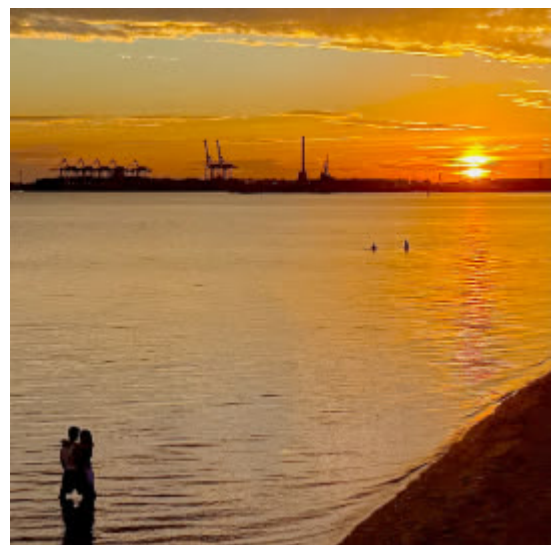
The Committee has recently adopted an updated **Code of Conduct** for our Club. This provides clear, simple guidance to help maintain the friendly, respectful and safe environment we all value.

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: ANZAC DAY]

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.

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).

	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	4	1	5
MAY			
TOTAL			101

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	22	140.7	ROB RAFFA	6	29.2
MARK MERCECA	13	85.6	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
	73			15	

Angling.

Results for the Snapper Comp held 18th and 19th April.

[Open.](#)

Mark Mercieca longest snapper 62cm,
Mick Sass longest bag of snapper.

In House.

Rob Raffa

Unfortunately the charter was cancelled.

General

Autumn the weather has been good for boaters and anglers, wind has been less than it has been and temperatures up. So far, the past couple weeks has been ideal for angling. Keep an eye of forecasts, it's better to err on safety than practising your swimming style. The Bay water temperatures are amazingly still dropping, 17 C top end of the bay, 17.2 C Mid Bay, 16.9 C in the Ocean).

Really nothing has changed much since last report, snapper off the bite, whiting and flathead biting, predominant wind direction has changed and water clearer the southern end of the bay large squid taking jigs. Sharks are around, and Kingfish at the heads and small kings reported amongst schools of salmon.

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	R. RAFFA / R. POPE	77
	OPEN	M. SASS / P.HUTCHINSON	84
FLATHEAD	IN	R. RAFFA	51
	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



When you get bait from the Club can you please stop writing in hieroglyphics as my ancient Egyptian is not good when reconciling docket; and be sure you have enough credit on your fob when taking bait or you will get a call from the office. Anyone who took bait and there were no docket please call the office to get it booked to your fob.

Snapper

Up till now Snapper have been extremely quiet, it has been a hit and miss season so far and it seems the late run also patchy. Some days bag outs, next day not a bait taken. Evening fishing seems to be most productive. Pinkies up to 47 cm (most 20 to 35 cms) in almost plague proportions are being caught in the Williamstown / Altona, Kirks Point and Long Reef. Actually, pinkies are in large numbers on most reef areas and around piers in Williamstown and Port

Melbourne and reef areas around Ricketts Point and Black Rock.

Remember to fish outside shipping channel exclusion zones or it becomes very expensive fishing. 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.

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 still large numbers of sharks in the Bay, school sharks, 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 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 lately plentiful and very large, 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. Very large squid being caught, a favourite spot of mine is Blairgowrie Marina Pier on an in-coming tide.

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. There have been reports of Kingfish mixed in with the large Salmon schools. 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.

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 Competition* starting 12.01 a.m. this Saturday, 2nd of May, and finishing at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday 3rd of May. Barbecue at 2 p.m. for all anglers.

Flathead Frenzy will be run Saturday 16th of May starting at 12.01 a.m. and close off at 2 p.m. on Sunday 17th of May.

Presentation Night is 20th of June.

Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water and one fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as cutting lawns or household chores. — Chuck Clarke

John Spragg

[Images: Rob Raffa, Chris Derrick.]

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.

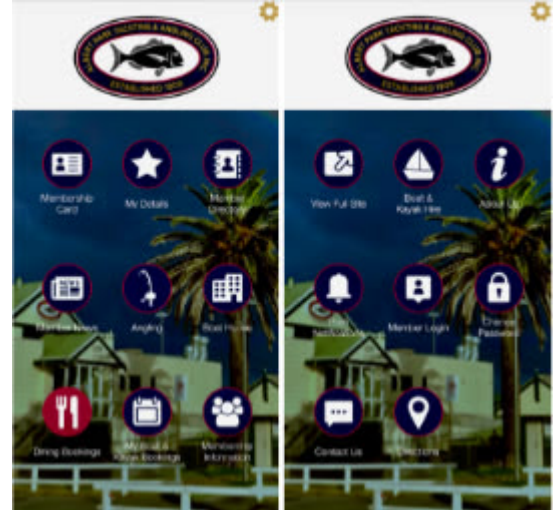
Check out the APYAC APP on both app stores, here's the links:

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.

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.

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.**

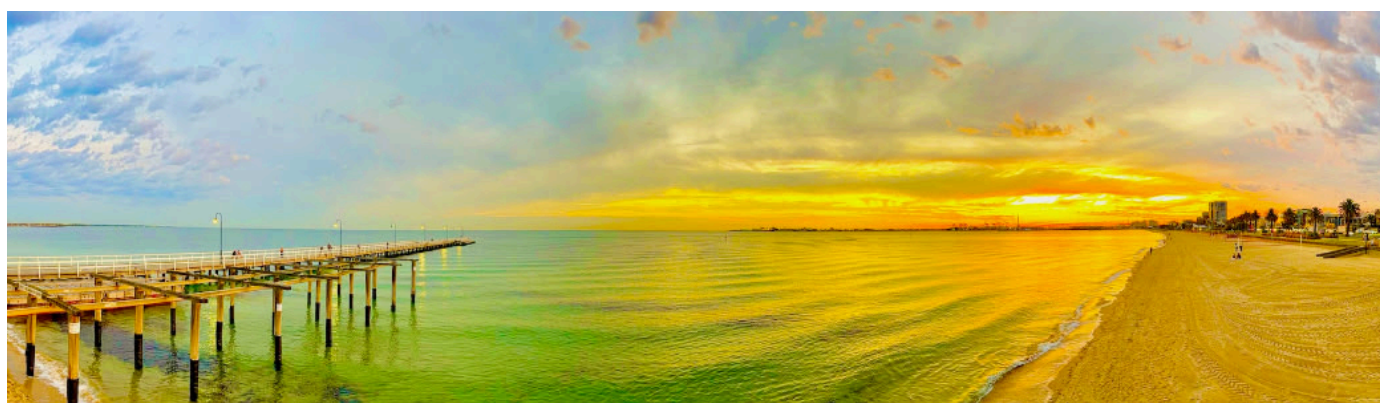
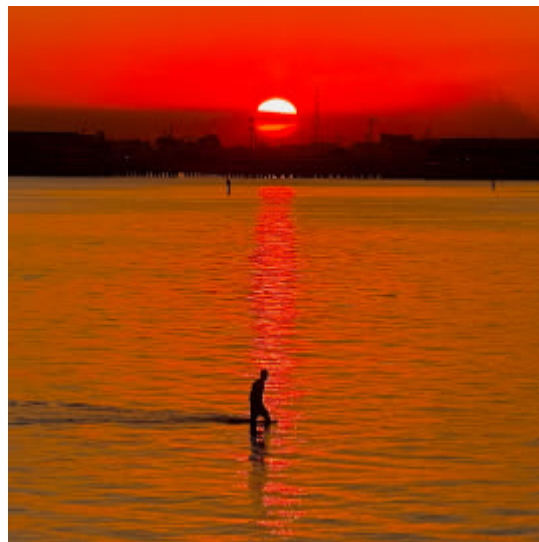
JUNE

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

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

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

[Image: Thursday 23rd April was the perfect evening for an Autumn swim.]



Boathouse Volunteers.

Thank you to all the Volunteers who attend on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Always a great roll up. Work continues on the clinker boat restorations and the routine tasks.

PA35 has been gutted, and the inside of the hull is having all the years of sealants removed —ready for a clean— prior to any repair work, sealing and painting.

Clinker boat **EA385** had the new Nanni diesel engine installed. It will need controls and electricals to be completed. The top side will need some minor work before revarnishing.

Clinker boat **PA005** has had the final engine test and is ready for a sea trial. Only awaiting a new fan belt.

The East aisle carpentry work has been completed, and the new crane design steel work will be finalised in the next two weeks.

It is proposed that all the timber work in the East aisle be freshened up with a coat of paint. The colour will be Station Pier White. The Boat House Volunteers have several accomplished painters who will be up to the job. The posts will have the bits and pieces of carpet removed and a standard fitting protective material will be added where required.

Rations





The volunteers were treated to a Greek Easter basket of goodies from Nick whose generosity was rewarded with a 3/4kg snapper that he caught on the Tuesday from a hire boat.

Tony's 'special' infused 4-month-old fruit cake was smash hit, and ANZAC biscuits were also supplied.

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!

Tip-stars of the Round

- Bulldog Boy 5416 (**David Lack**) was the standout tip-star this week with a score of 8 and he played a Joker and had the lowest margin for the round. Well done. Eight was a common score for most tip-stars.
- Sixteen Jokers were played - far too many to name individually here. It was a really good week to click that Joker button. Most tipped 8 correctly doubling their score to 16. Based on prior years that is a very good score.
- The top 6 tip-stars are separated by one correct tip. SWM01 (**Scott Meyers**) is still leading, but only just. Hazybaz (**Barry Hayes**) is now up to second spot. No doubt you'll see Barry around the club a lot this week. He is followed

by RooBoy1824 (**Trevor Cornish**) with 3 other tip-stars on the same score, but separated only by margin.

Memorable Moments

- Pendles scores his fourth ANZAC Medal. 16 years after his first one. [click here for the summary](#)
- Far too many shellackings this week where margins of 9 goals or more were common. There are two halves on the ladder - the haves and the have nots.
- Not one tip-star was brave enough to pick Port against the Cats at home in Adelaide.
- Scarcely believable commentary from the independent tribunal Appeals Board in the Collard case. [click here for the summary](#)

ANZAC Day questions...and the answers

1. In St Vincent's Gardens in Albert Park there is a water fountain dedicated to *Charles Moore*, the first VFL player to die in active service in 1901 during the Second Boer War. The Full Forward played for which VFL team?
(a) South Melbourne (b) University (c) St Kilda (d) Essendon **ANSWER: (d) Essendon**
2. How many premierships did *Keith 'Bluey' Truscott* play in? (a) none (b) one (c) two (d) three **ANSWER: (C) two**
3. Approximately how many VFL players are recorded as having died in World War I? (a) Fewer than 20 (b) Around 30-40 (c) Around 60-70 (d) Over 100 **ANSWER: (c) 60-70**
4. True or False: The VFL competition continued throughout World War I without interruption. **ANSWER: False. Only 4 clubs competed in 1916.**
5. VFL goal umpire, *Alexander Salton* died in France. In which war did he serve? (a) WW1 (b) WW2 (c) Vietnam **ANSWER: (a) WW1**

Smokie tipping performance

The Giants played North at Engie Stadium in NSW in the Sunday twilight match. North were a red hot chance in this match. And of course they were level pegging at half time and at the 2 minute mark of the last quarter. In the end GWS won with a helpful non-call from the ARC. Smokie tips are now 2 from 8.

Good Tipping!

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

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]



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**

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 29th April - Tuesday 12th May 2026

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