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Wednesday 27th May - Tuesday 9th June 2026

What are we missing?

Right now it's 34 degrees in London, feels about 40. They have nine million people but only twenty-three air-conditioners, none of which are in public transport, theatres, hotels, or restaurants. In 2003, in Bristol (38°C), I was told by the hotel receptionist that my air conditioning was *'In the cupboard!'*

It was a fan.

Staying at home this month, I discovered an Australian-made Alpaca sweater and whistled in amazement at the price (*"It's just a f#\$%^ jumper!"*) but then realised that it's cheaper than the airport taxes for a trip to Heathrow.* And so thin, so smooth, and soooo warm.

So think about getting yourself a new jumper, an APYAC scarf, one of Neale's beanies, and go for a walk on our pristine beach. Then come and sit on the deck and have a hot chocolate. We're open all winter. Plus, we have heaters and blankets.

Housing project.

For over 14 years, we've been doing things under the water. We're getting quite good at it, we've even won awards, and people are noticing.

We're rebuilding reefs that were destroyed by scallop dredging — Victoria's biggest housing project— making homes for indigenous Angasi Oysters, seaweeds, millions of fish, and ... 'critters' (**Bob Pearce's** word for a diverse ecosystem that defies description).

Bob started the reef restoration project with **Anthony Forster** from the *Victorian Fisheries Authority*, and soon after, they attracted *The Nature Conservancy* to the cause.

Ozfish Unlimited's **Andy Foudoulis** and others came on board and are doing great work.

It's now time for all the players to sit at the same table under one alliance, stick our heads up out of the water, and let the world know what we're doing.

Cleaning the water, restoring habitat, and making billions of homes for fish and those 'critters'.



The Port Phillip Habitat Restoration Alliance has been formed, and we're after support.

We are going to produce a video which tells the story, so we can raise funds to produce more modular, repeatable reefs like our 'Kayakers Reef', only 800 metres off our pier, which, only 18 months ago, was an invisible desert.

If you can help and want to get involved, get in touch.

This is edition 123, of Tight Lines.

James Nixon,
Editor.

**37% of the out-and-back airport taxes to LHR via SIN.*



Katrina Muir - Boating Industry Association of Victoria, **James Nixon** - APYAC, **Bob Peace** - APYAC, **Lee Spyrou** - APYAC, **Ben Cleveland** - Cardium Marine, **Anthony McGrath** - VRFish, **Andy Foudoulis** - OZFish Unlimited, **Michael O'Neill** - The Nature Conservancy Australia, **Scott Breschkin** - The Nature Conservancy Australia, **Anthony Forster** - Victorian Fisheries Authority.
[Peter Holdsworth - APYAC (absent)]

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 3rd June, 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 \$600 for Friday, the 29th May. 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 week *Charles Szakiel, Claire Jordan, Gilbert Best* missed out on \$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.

*Image: **Louis Hastie** won \$2,000 in the Member's Draw on the 15th May --the night before jetting off on a holiday!*



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: **Johnny Fab's** Yacht Rock show was a blast!



The Regular Boys.

Saturday 30th May
7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

Playing your favourite hits from the 70's, 80's & 90's!
 Free entry -- Book now.

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.**



June General Meeting.

Wednesday 3rd June
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. Guest Speaker – **Chris Padovani** (VFA)

We're incredibly privileged to welcome Chris Padovani as our June Guest Speaker - this is one not to miss.



Chris is Senior Manager of Boating at the *Victorian Fisheries Authority*, leading *Better Boating Victoria*, the team responsible for reinvesting boating licence and registration fees back into infrastructure and services across the state.

A familiar face at APYAC, Chris has previously presented on reef projects and VFA initiatives. He knows our Club and delivers practical, insightful updates.

On the night, Chris will cover where boating revenue goes, investment into marine safety and compliance, current and future boat ramp upgrades, and what's ahead for boating in Victoria.

This is a great opportunity to hear directly from a key decision-maker and ask the questions that matter.

Lock it in - Wednesday 3rd June. Bring a mate and join the conversation.

All Club members welcome.

[Image: May's Club-sponsored supper was Indian food!]

Angling Forum.

Wednesday 10th June

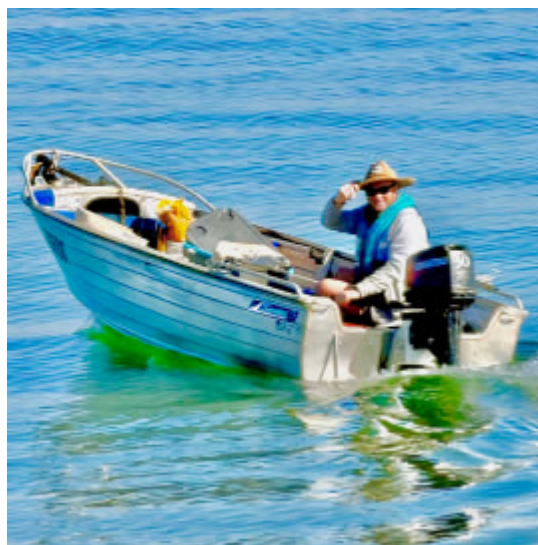
7 p.m.

Join us at the *Anglers Forum* to discuss next season's competition rules. We've booked the main room. Please come early if you are planning to grab a meal beforehand.

All anglers welcome.

Note: The normal Wednesday Happy Hour and Dinning service, including Wednesday Parma Night deal, will continue in the Langdon Room and on the decks.

Image: Rob Raffa, off to catch an expensive Toady.



Presentation night

Saturday 20th June

7 p.m.

A special evening to celebrate our Club's proud angling heritage, shared achievements, and the spirit that brings us together.

Join us for a fun-filled night featuring a delicious carvery banquet, live music, and awards!

It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with members old and new, recognise outstanding contributions, and simply enjoy a great night amongst friends.

ADULT - \$65 per ticket

CHILD - \$25 per ticket

With only limited seating available, early bookings are encouraged.



Book now by clicking here.



Cardium Marine's **Ben Cleveland's** recent dive on **Kayakers Reef** shows the development in only **ONE** year. Oysters, marine life, and critters abound.

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Entrée / Small Plates

House – Made Dips *Smoked eggplant, beetroot hummus, grilled flatbread, marinated olives, dukkah* \$16

Crispy whitebait *Chilli & lime seasoning, sea salt* \$18

Mains

Braised beef cheek Pappardelle *Slow braised beef cheek ragu, pappardelle, parmesan, herbs* \$28

Chicken & Mushroom pie *Creamy mash potato, smashed peas, rich gravy* \$34

Crispy Skin Snapper *Thai-style coconut curry, jasmine rice, pickled cucumber, coriander* \$38

Dessert

Dark Chocolate Delice *Sweet myrtle cream, honeycomb crunch* \$15

Check out the **new main menu** [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.

Marnong Estate Chardonnay
Sunbury



"The nose is bright citrus, lime pith and lemon curd. Classic cool climate chardonnay notes.

Palate of fresh cut apple, pear and pineapple fruit with a toasty and smoky finish."

\$45 per bottle.



President's message.

Docklands Waterfront Farmers Market.

Last weekend, APYAC was once again proudly front and centre in the Victorian recreational fishing community. **John Spragg** and I were invited to represent both our Club and *VRFish* alongside the *Victorian Fisheries Authority* at the *Docklands Waterfront Farmers Market*.

What an incredible day it was!

Set against the beautiful Docklands waterfront, the market was buzzing with families, seafood lovers, curious first-time fishers and passionate old-school fishos alike. One of the most rewarding parts of the day was seeing so many kids getting involved through the VFA's free fishing clinics, arts and crafts activities and educational games —all while the ever-popular *'Pinky the Snapper'* kept the smiles coming!



For John and me, it was a real honour to be included in such a fantastic community event. APYAC continues to earn a respected seat at the table within Victorian recreational fishing circles, and opportunities like this remind us just how important clubs like ours are in helping grow the future of fishing.

John and I always make a terrific team at these events —bouncing off each other with plenty of laughs, stories, passion and fishing knowledge. Whether we were chatting to experienced anglers, encouraging newcomers to give fishing a try, or



sharing the incredible work that VFA, VRFish and APYAC do in conservation and community engagement, there was never a dull moment.

What stood out most was the diversity of people coming through the stand - all ages, backgrounds and experience levels united by a simple love of fishing, the water and the outdoors. That's exactly what recreational fishing is all about.

A huge thank you to VRFish and the VFA for including APYAC in such a wonderful initiative. If this is a sign of what's to come with future Docklands seafood and fishing festivals, the future of recreational fishing in Victoria is looking very bright indeed!

Tight Lines, and see you at the Club,

Lee

Lee Spyrou,
President.

Volunteers needed.

Friday Night Helpers Needed!

We are still seeking friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to assist on Friday nights.

We need help with:

- **Raffle Ticket Selling:** 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Door Wardens** 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet and connect with fellow members, contribute to the club's vibrant Friday night atmosphere, and enjoy being part of our welcoming community.

Gain a deeper sense of belonging and support the club you love!

No experience is necessary --just bring your smile and willingness to help.

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.

The Roland Nicholls Scoreboard.

OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
MICK SASS	28	174.1	ROB RAFFA	9	49.4
MARK MERCIECA	19	122.3	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
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Angling.

Results of the Flathead Frenzy Competition:

Longest Flathead open **Mick Sass** 45cm
Most Flathead swabbed **Yossi Merimi**.

General

Autumn weather has been both good and terrible for boaters and anglers, wind has been less than it has been and temperatures have been up ... then strong wind warnings. This week looks wet with light winds. Keep an eye of forecasts, it's better to err on safety than practising your swimming style.

The Bay water temperatures are still dropping, 15.1 C top end of the bay, 15.3 C Mid Bay, 16.1 C in the Ocean. Outside the heads warmer than the Bay. Rug-up if going fishing.



A giant recognition shout-out to **Bob Pearce** and APYAC for the work getting *Kayaker's Reef* installed. **Ben Cleveland** -- who helped Bob and his team secure approvals to install the reef and is helping us negotiate the approval process for the gantry replacement-- had a sensational time diving on the man-made reef last week. He used a special camera that delivers a 360 degree image. The growth of oysters and sea life is astounding. Plenty of snapper, flathead, crustaceans and Red Mullet visiting the reef.

Members **Chris Derrick** and **Alex Cartel** both caught Goatfish (Red Mullet) possibly attracted to the area by the reef. A big tick for the restoration of the health of our Bay.

Late run snapper are around, whiting and flathead are biting, the predominant wind direction has changed, and the water is clearer at our end of the Bay. Large schools of salmon and large squid are here.



Bait

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. Anyone who took bait and when there were no docketts please call the office to get it booked to your fob.

Snapper

There seems to finally be a late run of snapper in the Bay. Early morning and sundown fishing seems to be most productive, although the fish do not always follow rules. 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 and snapper are in good numbers on most reef areas and around piers in Williamstown, St Kilda and Port Melbourne and reef areas around Ricketts Point and Black Rock. Snapper seem to be in fairly shallow water 3-6 metres



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 rug up and give it 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 it 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 is not important, make sure you return all undersize fish to the Bay.

A big thanks to all anglers who swabbed fish for the LaTrobe study during the Flathead Competition; and also to those who provided live fish for *Deakin University's* team who were collecting 25 test samples from each fish, checking their health — including contaminants, plastics, heavy metals, and pesticides.



It is Flathead time, (although they bite all year) the 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 hook. 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.

There are still a number 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 sized 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. The 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, Wedge Spit 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.



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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. The red stick directly out from Altona Yacht Club and boat ramp has had anglers bagging out on squid. Look for clear water. Very large squid are being caught, a favourite spot of mine is Blairgowrie Marina Pier on an incoming tide.

Australian Salmon

Salmon are in huge numbers. Keep an eye out for birds working on the 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 Williamstown 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 into should produce

fish. Salmon makes great Snapper bait and, if bled and cleaned immediately, and cooked that day, provides reasonable eating.

Garfish

Garfish are still very 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!

Presentation Night is 20th of June.

"Be patient and calm —for no one can catch fish in anger" --Herbert Hoover.

John Spragg

*Images: **Mick Sass** and **Yossi Merimi**, **Bob Pearce** virtually dives Kayakers Reef, Goatfish (Red Mullet), Deakin University's Live Flathead Study team, and **Richard Muscat's** Tuna.*

APYAC Calendar 2026.

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: Shadow came back for a visit in May.]



Fishing & Boating Season Calendar 2026.

JUNE

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

Wednesday 10th June – **Angling Forum 7 p.m.**

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

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

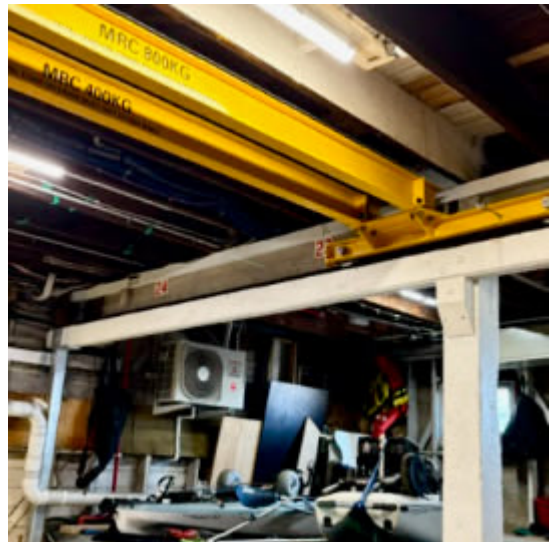
LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	R. RAFFA	79
	OPEN	M. SASS / P. HUTCHINSON	84
FLATHEAD	IN	R. RAFFA	51
	OPEN	M. MERCEICA	49
SHARK	IN	S. COUSINS	88
	OPEN	J. MERCEICA	120
1ST SNAPPER	IN	ROB RAFFA	43
	OPEN	MICK SASS	64
LAST SNAPPER	IN	ROB RAFFA	79
	OPEN	MARK MERCEICA	46
WHITING	IN	ROBERT RAFFA	38
	OPEN	MICHAEL BRIFFA	45
WHITING BAG	IN		
	OPEN	R. MUSCAT / S. BARWOOD	9.69
PIKE	IN	DAVE VITKIN	75
	OPEN	CHRIS DERRICK	55
	IN		
	OPEN		
SALMON	IN	ROB RAFFA	55
	OPEN	MARK MERCEICA	50
PIKE	JUNIOR	WILL OSBORNE	46

Boathouse Volunteers.

The East Aisle Crane works were completed in under two days. The new crane system is now rated at 800 kg (down from 1,000 kg) due to the structure having timber beams rather than steel.

Thank you to the boat owners who observed the no traffic request the two days works were carried out.

Secondly, we must thank our wonderful volunteers **Mick Sass** and **Alex Spyrou** for coming in on the Tuesday afternoon shift and replacing the two gas hot water heaters that supply the Boat House Kitchen, Shower, and Bar sink.





Clinker boat PA005 has had the final engine test and is ready for a sea trial.

Clinker boat PA35 has been turned over and work on removing the blue paint and old sealing compounds has begun. Keel repairs and gap filling will commence next.

It will need the flooring replaced and the volunteers are using the old flooring as templates to cut out marine plyboard which in due course will be carpeted.

Maling Pera! (wrong money!)

A reminder note that the drinks refrigerator *HONOUR* cash mug does not take coins from the Philippines. The fridge has just been restocked again for Club members' use.

Four Boathouse volunteers have put their hand up to become 'Terex operators.' After a time of initial familiarisation with the loader, they will then be assessed by a qualified instructor to join the group who are able to remove sand build ups from the apron.

Rations.

Sausages left over from the Angling group BBQ and cakes were a treat for smokos on both mornings.

The previous week cakes were supplied for Tuesday courtesy of Nick and Wednesday smokos cakes courtesy of the Club.

Ian Sekac



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.

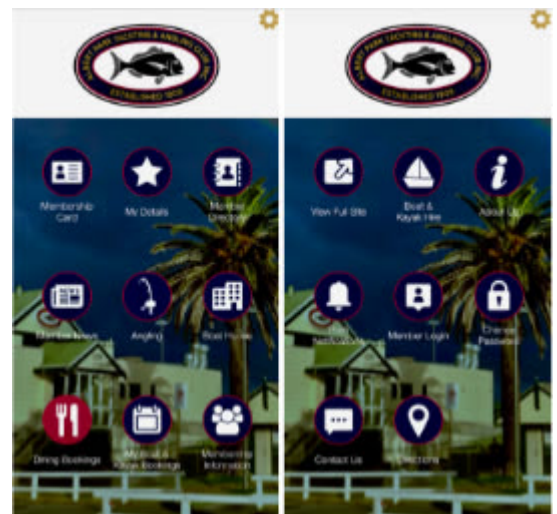
Check out the APYAC APP on both app stores, here are the links:

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

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 microplastics as the little plastic containers decay.

Successful challenge.

We challenged members to pick up any little plastic fish they found, to prevent them from 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!

I might be swanning around Volterra in Tuscany but the footy goes on.

Tip-Stars of the week

- Our tip-star of the week is **Alex** and **Andre Cartel** who somehow correctly picked North, GWS and the Bulldogs for a total of 7 correct. No one else managed more than 6. Really good tipping.
- No Jokers were played this week.
- The Leaderboard is the same for the top 3 but there are 9 tip-stars with two correct tips at the top of the board.

Memorable Moments

So many massive results this week:

- What would Brad Scott be thinking !**
- What would Hardwick be thinking !!
- What would Vossy be thinking !!!
- What would Fages be thinking !!!!

Trivia answers

1. Scott Pendlebury has travelled 260,000 km to play all his matches. Which Western Australian player travelled 970,000 km over his career? (a) Peter Sumich (b) Dale Kickett (c) David Mundy (d) Tendai Mzungu **ANSWER: (c) David Mundy**
2. Last week, a Richmond debutant kicked 2 goals with his first two kicks. He joins an exclusive club. How many players in VFL/AFL history have kicked 2 goals with their first two kicks (a) 10 (b) 20 (c) 30 (d) 40 **ANSWER: (d) 40**

3. What percentage of matches between 2010 and last week include an indigenous player? (a) 99.3%. (B) 99.4%. (c) 99.7% **ANSWER: (c) 99.7%**

4. Which of the following are true? (a) Josh Fraser is the first former number 1 draft pick to be appointed as a senior coach (b) Josh Fraser is the first coach to wear a hoodie in the coaches box (c) Josh Fraser is the first coach to have played to Gold Coast (d) all of the above **ANSWER: (d) all of the above**

Smokie tipping performance

I thought Carlton had a chance to go back-to-back and indeed they did. Smokie tips are on fire. 3 out of the last 4 correct. [Does that take you to 40%? - Ed]

Good Tipping!

Mike

Mike Kotsanis.

[** Was Brad Scott aware that he would be fired on Tuesday? - Ed]

Vale - Neale Daniher AO.

[Mike's article about football came through before news of Neale Daniher's passing. - Ed]

It's fitting that we remember Neale's wisdom and optimistic view of life:

"Life is part chance, part circumstance, part choice. You don't get to choose everything that happens to you, but you always get to choose who you become in response."

And never forget his call to action, eventually raising over \$115,000,000 in funding and awareness in his fight against 'The Beast' —Motor Neurone Disease:

"When all is said and done, more is said than done."

You can donate to this year's Fight MND campaign by [clicking here](#).



History.

If you have any old club pictures or documents, we'd love to get copies. Contact: apyac.volunteers@gmail.com

Bill Ryan.

Image: Thanks to the *State Library of Victoria*



Boat Hire Coordination.

The Club has three boats and three kayaks for hire. See the website by [clicking here](#) for hiring details.

For an Induction course, please reach out to **Chantal Jacq**, our Boathouse Captain, email: [captain @ apyac.org.au](mailto: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 only with the booking process.

	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	12	3	15
TOTAL	80	36	116

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. A copy is displayed on our website, and on the Club Notice Board.

Barry Hayes,
Vice President.

[Click here for the APYAC Code of Conduct](#)

Image: Our Little Cormorant is loving life without the fish hook in his neck.



Bonus trout boost fishing prospects.

25th May 2026.

Around 200,000 extra rainbow trout are being released into Victorian waterways, providing a boost to new and experienced fishers seeking to snag a tasty catch this spring.

From Horsham to Gippsland, 19 lakes across the state are being stocked with more trout, including Rocky Valley Reservoir at Falls Creek, Lake Wendouree in Ballarat, Blue Rock Lake near Willow Grove, and Lake Fyans near the Grampians.



Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) CEO **Travis Dowling** said the rainbow trout being released are advanced yearlings weighing approximately 50 grams. The trout will be ready to catch once released and will be thumpers come spring.

“These bonus stockings provide a variety of fishing opportunities, from wilderness experiences for seasoned anglers to family-friendly adventures for beginners and novices. So, Victorians of all skill levels can look forward to an even better chance of success before year’s end,” he said.

“We will stock an extra 35,000 trout at Blue Rock Lake on top of the 80,000 trout it will receive this year. Similarly, we will stock Tullaroop Reservoir with 10,000 more trout in addition to its 2026 allocation of 42,000.”

Backed by the Victorian Government’s \$96 million Go Fishing and Boating plan and fishing licence fees, Victoria stocks more fish than all other states and territories combined.

These rainbow trout are just some of the 30 million fish the VFA has released into the state’s waters over the past three years, as part of the Victorian Government’s record-breaking stocking program.

The VFA partnered with the Australian Trout Foundation, VRFish, *Victorian Fly Fishers’ Association*, *Ballarat Fly Fishers*, and *Sale Fly Fishers* to identify a range of ideal locations to stock the trout.

President of the *Australian Trout Foundation* **Paul Stolz**, said these bonus trout releases complement the VFA’s extensive stocking plan for still-waters in 2026 and would be welcomed by anglers hoping for a good catch.

The stocking at Rocky Valley and Pretty Valley reservoirs will also aid competitors at the *2027 Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championship* at Falls Creek in November next year.

The full list of trout stocking locations can be found in the table.

More information about permitted equipment and licensing can also be found in the *Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide*, available free from most bait and tackle shops, online at vfa.vic.gov.au/fishingguide or via the free ‘Vic Fishing’ app on your smartphone.

Check the VFA Press Release by clicking [HERE](#).

Waterway	Numbers
Mount Beauty Pondage	5,000
Lake William Hovell	20,000
Lake Buffalo	20,000
Banimboola Pondage	20,000
Blue Rock Lake	35,000
Lake Glenmaggie	20,000
Moorabool Reservoir	8,000
Tullaroop Reservoir	10,000
Lake Fyans	8,000
Lake Wendouree	5,000
Bellfield Reservoir	10,000
Pykes Creek Reservoir	5,000
Lake Kerferd	3,000
Crusoe Reservoir	2,000
Allans Flat Dredge Hole	2,000
Tronoh Dredge Hole	1,000
Upper Sandy Creek Dam	1,000
Rocky Valley Reservoir	20,000
Pretty Valley Reservoir	5,000
Total	200,000

Carp virus trial.

According to an article by the ABC, Victoria's fisheries authorities are urging the Federal Government to trial the carp herpes virus in the Wimmera to help control exploding carp numbers in Australian rivers.

The virus was originally planned for release in 2018, but environmental concerns and regulatory delays have pushed any decision back to at least 2028.

Carp now make up as much as 80–90 per cent of fish biomass in parts of the Murray-Darling Basin, damaging waterways and native fish habitat.

The *Victorian Fisheries Authority* says the Wimmera's closed catchment system makes it ideal for testing. Recreational fishing groups support stronger carp control measures, with the virus considered one possible tool.



The **ABC's Timu King, Warwick Long, and Justine Longmore** have written a brilliant long form article, well worth reading by clicking [HERE](#).

[Introduction by ChatGPT]

*Image: VR Fish's **Anthony McGrath** (pictured with a Murray cod) says the carp virus is just one possible tool for dealing with the pest. (Supplied: VR Fish)*



Fisheries seize boat.

Two Victorian fishermen have had their boat seized after allegedly hiding excess calamari inside thermos flasks and even a chip packet at the Werribee boat ramp.

The pair initially told Fisheries Officers they had the legal limit of 20 calamari between them — 10 each. But officers allegedly discovered another 17 hidden around the vessel, bringing the total to 37.

According to the Victorian Fisheries Authority, officers found:

- Five calamari hidden in a chip packet inside a jacket
- Eight calamari concealed in one thermos flask
- Four more are hidden in a second flask

Victoria's combined daily recreational limit is 10 squid, calamari, octopus or cuttlefish per person. Fishing for squid is completely banned in Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries.

The men now face multiple fisheries charges. Authorities seized their 4.6-metre boat and all the catch on the spot. Penalties for exceeding catch limits in Victoria can include heavy fines, confiscation of equipment and, in serious cases, imprisonment.

The incident follows several recent illegal fishing cases in Victoria, including one involving alleged over-harvesting of abalone and squid in the same area, and another in which locals reported illegal cockle harvesting at McLoughlins Beach.

[This is a ChatGPT summary of a Yahoo News item by Senior News Reporter **Carly Bass**. Check out the full article by clicking the link [HERE](#).]

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.



APYAC Podcasts.

The latest addition to the podcast library is a speech given by the Secretary at 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.

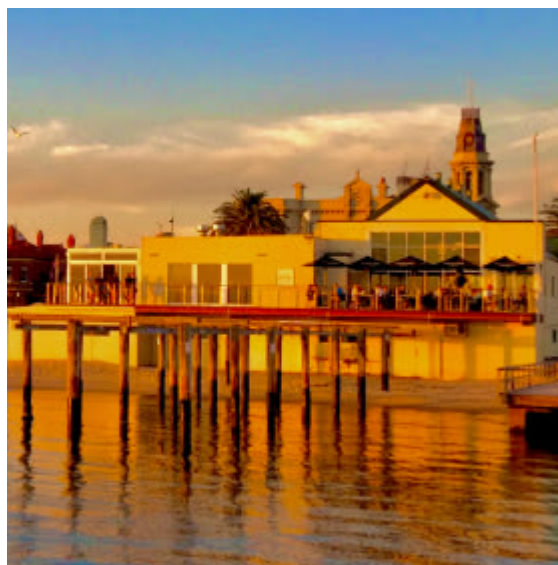
New Committee members, **Stuart Cousins**, **Barry Hayes** and **Chris Herbert**.

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**

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 27th May - Tuesday 9th June 2026

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