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Wednesday 10th June - Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Not again!

A fast-moving, complex, low-pressure weather system moved across Victoria last week, resulting in a strong southerly wind combining with what the Bureau of Meteorology called 'a pulse of elevated sea levels', resulting in 'an abnormally high evening tide observed around Melbourne and the surrounding bayside coastline'. It nearly flooded restaurants in Southgate.

Our Clubhouse suffered the full brunt of the sea — just like we did on 25th June last year; despite the best efforts of the boathouse volunteer team, who had prepared for the event using flood barricades, tarps, and sandbags.

As it did last year, the sand piled up and made a ramp for the waves, which raced up —at head height— and defeated the lock on the eastern door.

A cubic metre of fresh water weighs a tonne, sea water a fraction more; and each storm wave arrives at 15-40 k.p.h. So, at high tide (1.04 metres), it didn't take long to breach the door, filling the boathouse to about 38 cms.

Luckily, for us, the rain only came in showers, 18 mm in 24 hours. Not much. In Sydney, they copped seven times that (126 mm), on the 18th January. It added to the drama, but only a little.

You can't defeat nature, and after discovering every boat in the lower pens afloat, Boathouse Captain, **Chantal**, took a kayak for a ride!

The urgent attention by volunteers **Alex** and **Chantal** saved the night, and the cleanup over subsequent days was another feat of endurance by at least thirteen volunteers, **Annabelle** and her staff, plus the kitchen team —who lost their second freezer in a year.

Thank you from all of us. We live and learn. We'll get good at this. We have to.

The Angling Forum is on tonight, mixed in with normal Wednesday dining. All are welcome.

My Girl Friend Sheryl will be playing on Saturday Night. No cover charge, so grab your dining table now, before they are taken. They usually sell out.



Presentation Night is the following Saturday night —APYAC's version of the Logies without the dress-ups— including some special prizes for young people donated by Life Member, ex-President, and Patron of the Club: **Phil Langdon**. Make an effort to attend; you'll enjoy it.

The new menu is out. I am trying the chicken rigatoni and dark chocolate mousse for lunch.

Oh, and in her column, the President would like to bring your attention to *Men's Health Week*. If you have a man in your life, send him to the doctor for a checkup. It could be the best thing you've done for years.

This is edition 124, of Tight Lines.

James Nixon,
Editor.



Midday 4th June, 48 minutes after low tide. The 15 kph northerly of the morning was swinging thru the west. By 3 pm (below) it was a south-sou westerly at 9 kph. And increasing. The first of the cells races up the bay, the max wind was less than 30 kph. Olympic Park received 18 mm. The same system had trashed Perth on Friday 31st May bringing only 19 mm of rain, but the wind reached 65 kph.

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.

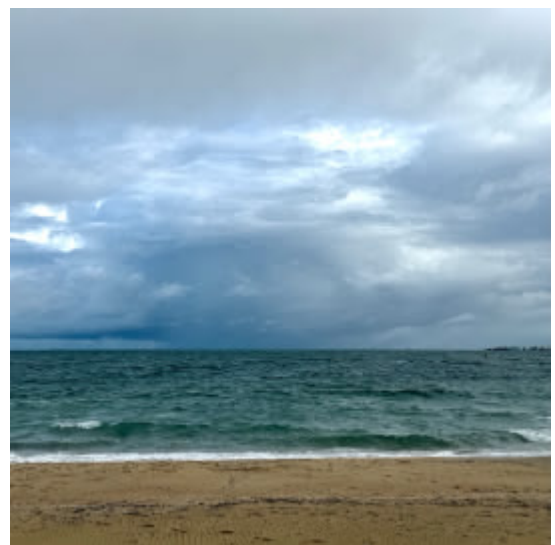
General Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month

The next one is on the 1st July, 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!

[Image: 3 pm 4th June showing the weather approaching Albert Park beach.]

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 12th June. 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 *Michael Blanche*, *Leo Suszko* and *Bill Thompson* 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: **Richard Lewis** won \$600 in the Member's Draw on the 29th May.*



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* had them on their feet.



Angling Forum - Tonight.

Wednesday 10th June

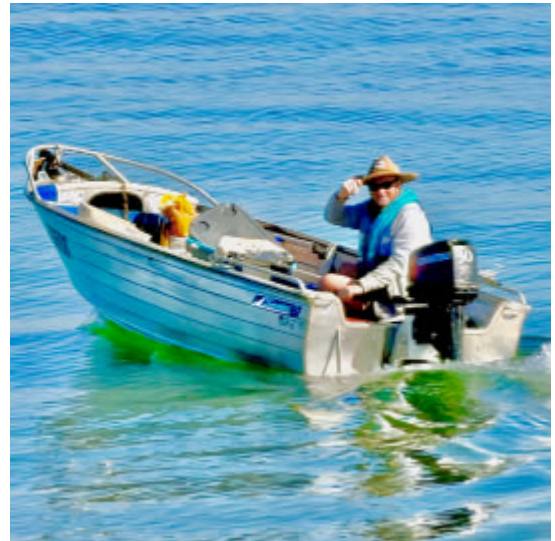
7 p.m.

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 Dining service, including Wednesday Parma Night deal, will continue in the Langdon Room and on the decks.

Image: *Rob Raffa*, off to catch the world's most expensive Toady.



My Girlfriend Sheryl.

Saturday 13th June

7.30 - 9.30 p.m.

The ultimate tribute to the iconic voices and timeless songs of Sheryl Crow, Alanis Morissette, Stevie Nicks, Shania Twain, Linda Ronstadt and others.

Free Entry. Book now before the tables fill up!

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. HAPPY HOUR
Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

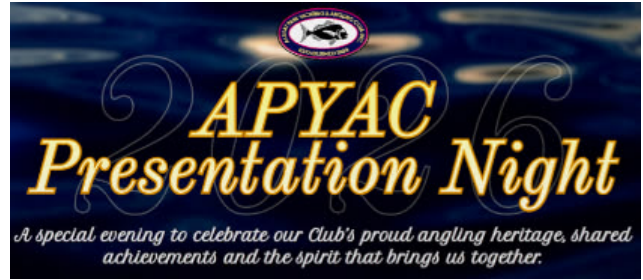
Full Dinner menu available.
Book your table **by clicking here.**



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.

July General Meeting.

Wednesday 1st July
7 p.m.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Happy Hours, selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

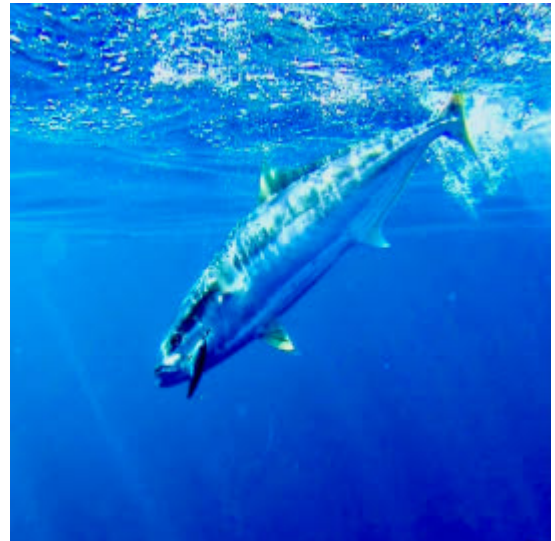
Starters and light meals until 6:30 p.m.

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: **Jason Taylor** talking Kingfish.



*'Project Kingfish' is uncovering the secret lives of Australia's biggest yellowtail kingfish. Using satellite and acoustic tags, researchers are tracking epic migrations, spawning movements and habitat use across eastern Australia. Discover how kingfish travel thousands of kilometres, what scientists are learning, and how anglers are helping solve the mystery.**

Lock it in - Wednesday 1st July. Bring a mate and join the conversation.

All Club members welcome.

[Image: Kingfish ©ScottGray]

*ChatGPT was used to summarise an 800 word explanation of the work of 'Project Kingfish'.

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Freshly Shucked Kilpatrick Oysters - Classic Kilpatrick sauce, grilled to perfection \$6 each.

Mediterranean Dips Selection - *Taramasalata, traditional tzatziki, marinated olives, grilled focaccia \$16.*

Thai Pumpkin Soup - *Creamy pumpkin soup infused with Thai spices, coconut and fresh herbs \$22.*

Beef & Onion Pie - *Slow-cooked beef in a rich gravy, buttery mashed potato, charred broccolini, crispy onions \$28.*

Crumbed Flathead Fillets - *Crispy flathead, smashed peas, house tartare sauce and grilled lemon \$42.*

anglers kitchen		LUNCH & DINNER BISTRO MENU	
GRAZE		SALADS	
NATURAL OYSTERS Hollandaise Half dozen Full dozen	6 12 38	CAESAR Baby rom, cretons, bacon, egg, parmesan, anchovies, dressing cash	18
CHARRED CORN BUNS Cilantro, peppers, lime, sea-salt, avocado	16	ROASTED PUMPKIN Ancient grains, zucchini, dried cranberries, roasted seeds, lemon yogurt and maple-lemon dressing cash	25
VEGETARIAN SPRING ROLLS Lobster, crab & shrimp	17	SUPERFOOD SALAD Honey glazed carrots, chickpeas, roasted broccoli, quinoa, kale, seeds, tahini dressing cash	25
PIZZA DUMPLINGS Light soy and ginger sauce, seaweed salad	23	CRISPY CALAMARI Rocket, pickled onion, balsamic, lemon mayo, Wasabi crunchy sauce	23
FRIED BARRAMUNDI WINGS Toasted nut & sesame seeds, lemon, wasabi	28	ADD-ONS	
GRAZING BOARD Cured meats, Italian cheeses, pickled vegetables, olives, grilled focaccia cash	33	King prawn (ea)	6
		Grilled chicken	6
		Crispy calamari	10

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.



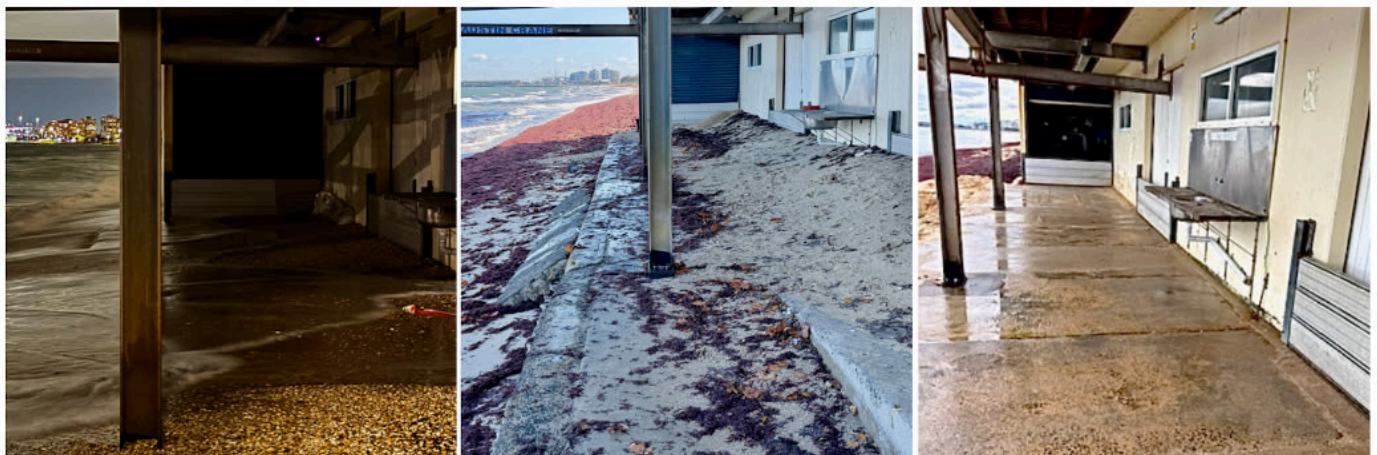
Wine of the Month.

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.



The king tide event on Thursday 4th June resulted in significant flooding of the boathouse and the loss of the caterer's freezer.

President's message.

A Safe Harbour.

As I sat on the water over the King's Birthday long weekend, I found myself reflecting on something that is often overlooked, yet sits at the very heart of our Club.

Men's Health Week runs from 15–21 June and shines a spotlight on the importance of connection, support, and seeking help when life becomes overwhelming. It also reminded me just how important clubs like APYAC have been for generations of Australians.

Since 1909, APYAC has been far more than a boating and fishing club. It has been a safe harbour.

For over a century, countless men have walked through our doors carrying burdens that were never spoken about. Many of our forefathers left these shores to serve their country during times of war. Some returned physically wounded, many returned carrying scars that couldn't be seen, and some never returned at all.

Yet APYAC was always here.

A place where no explanation was required. A place where judgement was absent. A place where mateship, a fishing rod, a boat, and time on the water could provide a sense of peace when the world felt overwhelming.

The gentle rocking of a boat, the anticipation of a bite, the laughter between friends, and the stories of *'the one that got away'* have probably done more for mental health than we will ever fully understand.

Over the weekend, I found myself thinking about my own father, whose Dad was taken to war at just 23 years of age. Captured by the Japanese, he was held as a prisoner of war, attempted escape on three occasions, was subjected to unimaginable cruelty, and ultimately lost his life via execution at their hands.

My father was only three years old when his Dad was taken from him.

Life was not easy. Financial hardship meant he was sent to live with other family members, yet he never allowed those circumstances to define him. He became one of the most loving, caring and generous people I've ever known.

Fishing became his sanctuary.

It was where he could laugh, be silly, tell outrageous stories, brag about fish that may or may not have been quite that big, and spend time with mates from all walks of life. Whether fishing with lifelong friends or taking less fortunate mates from Bali on a charter adventure, Dad had a remarkable ability to bring people together.

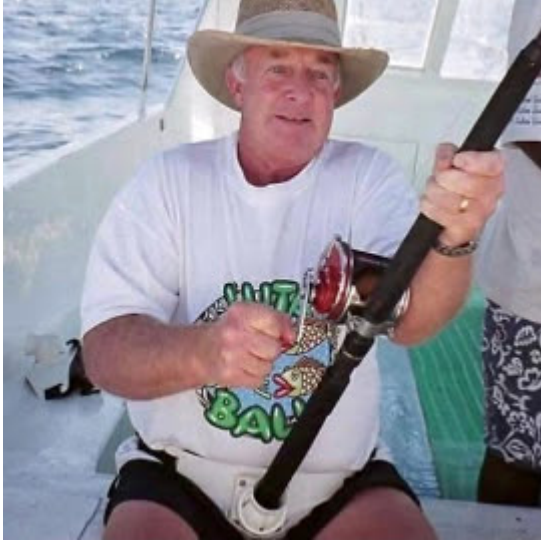
He embodied the very best qualities of manhood - strength without ego, kindness without expectation, and encouragement without limits.

Most importantly, he made me believe that anything was possible.

Last Sunday would have been his birthday.

After a slow morning on the water, I decided to move to one of our favourite fishing spots behind the old Cop Shop at San Remo, a place we had fished together for decades. I sent him a simple message, wishing him a happy birthday and letting him know where I was.





Fifteen seconds later my line screamed off.

Moments later I landed my biggest whiting of the season. For a brief moment, it felt as though Dad had heard me and that somehow, we were still fishing together. It warmed my heart.

And it reminded me why APYAC is such a special place.

I see that same spirit every day within our Club.

I see it in our Boathouse volunteers, from our youngest members right through to our oldest volunteer, who at 92 years of age still contributes to the Club he loves.

I saw it again after last week's storms. The sea showed its power, flooding the Boathouse, blowing doors open and depositing sand throughout the facility. It would have been easy to feel defeated.

Instead, the call went out, and our volunteers answered.

They rolled up their sleeves, worked side by side, and restored the Boathouse with the same determination that has defined APYAC for generations. Today, most members would have no idea of the damage that occurred. That's what happens when people care deeply about something bigger than themselves.

I see it in **Bob Pearce**, whose incredible passion for reef restoration reminds us that purpose is powerful medicine, bringing people together to care for our environment.

I see it in our Editor, **James Nixon**, whose passion for APYAC shines through every edition of *Tight Lines*, helping keep our community informed, connected, and proud of our Club.

I see it in our wonderful catering team at Ascot, whose enthusiasm and hospitality help turn every gathering into something memorable.

Most of all, I see it in the friendships that are formed here every day.

Because the true magic of APYAC isn't the building, the boats or even the fishing --it's the people.

It's knowing that no matter what life throws at you, there is always someone here willing to share a laugh, a story, a fishing trip, a meal or simply a listening ear.

During Men's Health Week, I encourage everyone to check in on their mates. Pick up the phone. Invite someone fishing. Ask the question. Have the conversation.

And if you haven't had a health check in a while, take advantage of opportunities such as the free *Shane Warne Legacy Health Checks* being offered throughout the community. These simple screenings can assess blood pressure, heart health and cardiovascular risk factors - things many men often put off.

Men's Health Week is about breaking down the idea that we must face every challenge alone.

At APYAC, we've been doing that since 1909. For more than 117 years, this Club has provided friendship, purpose, belonging and a safe place to drop anchor when life gets tough.

Long may that continue.

Tight Lines, and see you at the Club,

Lee

Lee Spyrou,
President.

*[Men's Health Week ... 101 reasons to see your GP. [Click this link.](#)
The Shane Warne Legacy Health Checks [click this link.](#)]*

Club Levy - Use it or lose it.

For Treasurer **Chris**, it's his happiest time of the year. He is waiting to pounce —keen to move unused bar credits into consolidated revenue.

In accordance with APYAC Rules, all Club credits are cut off at midnight on 30th June; the deadly date falling —this year— on a Tuesday when the Club is closed.

Chris forfeits every cent of unused levy. This forfeit does *not* apply to voluntary top-ups made into your Club account.

Credit may be used towards drinks, boat hire, merchandise, and more.

Don't wait until the last minute to use your funds. Drop in, grab a KitKat, and spend your unused levy now.

Barry Hayes,
Vice President.

Volunteers needed.

Friday Night Helpers Needed!

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

We need help with:

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

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

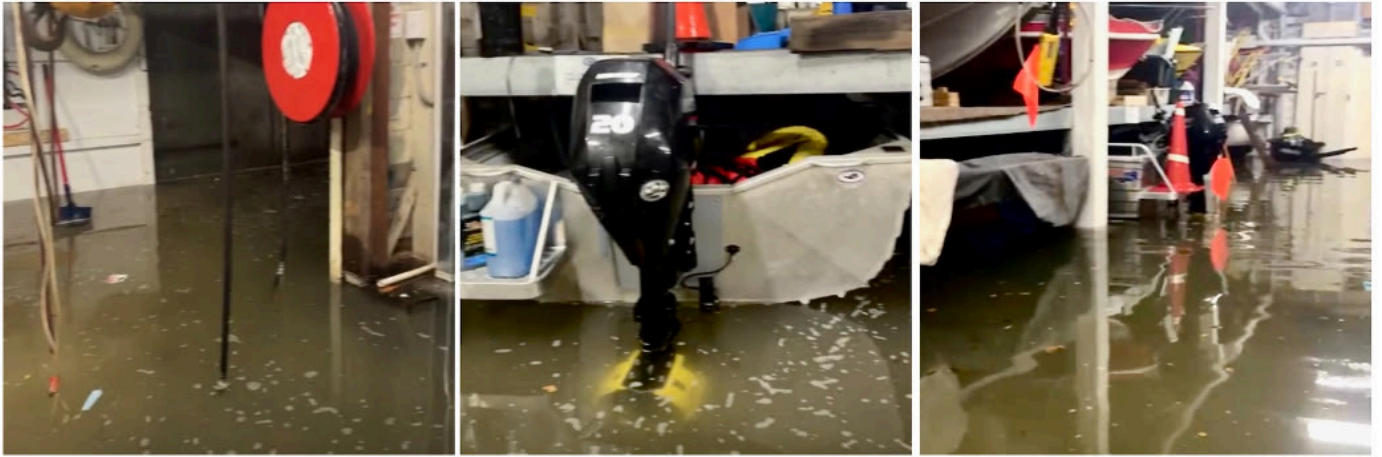
Gain a deeper sense of belonging and support the club you love!

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

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.



Boathouse flood recovery update

Following the extraordinary weather event last Thursday, the boathouse suffered considerable flooding, with water levels exceeding those experienced during last year's catastrophic flood event.

While the damage and disruption have been significant, the Club has once again benefited from the incredible support of its volunteers. A special thank you goes to everyone who turned up on Thursday evening, Friday, and throughout the weekend to assist with the clean-up effort. Your willingness to give up your time and work through challenging conditions has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you again to all members and volunteers who have helped the club recover from this latest weather event.

Chantal Jacq
Boathouse Captain.



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
	85			18	

Angling.

General.

Winter weather has been terrible for boaters and anglers; the wind has been cold and at times gale-force. Keep an eye on forecasts; it's better to err on safety than practising your swimming style. The Bay water temperatures are still dropping: 14 °C at the top end of the bay, 15 °C mid-bay, 15 °C in the ocean. Hard to believe it's warmer outside the Heads than in the bay. Rug up if going fishing.

A big thank you to all volunteers who helped remove the evidence of flooding from the boathouse; from what I hear it was horrendous.

I am, against my better judgement, camping on the banks of Loombah Reservoir —Benalla's water supply— while removing as many trout for relocation as we can with a fish trap and by fly line.

135mm of heavy rain in the first few days, and all of our three tents leaked. Three not very happy campers. Mind you, we had plenty of suitable hydration fluids, and once we put tarps over the tents, the leaks stopped, and spirits improved.

We are disappointed with the fish trap and so far only found seven trout in it to 4lbs. Fishing was not much better, with only two trout landed, ready to be relocated. We are here till Tuesday and then hand over to the next victims. This is a VFA initiative to relocate the trout and stock with Macquarie Perch.

The late-run snapper seem to have gone. Whiting, squid and flathead are still biting. Wind predominantly from the north to north-west with strong west to south-westerlies. The water has not been good at our end of the bay.



When you get bait from the Club, can you please stop writing in hieroglyphics as my ancient Egyptian is not good when reconciling docket! 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 when there were no docket, please call the office to get it booked to your fob.

Snapper.

There are still resident snapper in the bay but hard to find. Early morning and sundown fishing appear to be most productive, although the fish do not always follow rules. Pinkies up to 47 cm (most 20 to 35 cms) have slowed, but are being caught in the Williamstown / Altona area, Kirk's Point and Long Reef. Actually, pinkies can be found but are harder to catch now on most reef areas and around piers in Williamstown, St Kilda 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 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, think about returning the ones you 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 is not important. Make sure you return all undersize fish to the bay.

It is flathead time (although they bite all year); the next couple of months are exceptional. Try for them in 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 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 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.

Sharks have gone quiet 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-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; Kirk's Point, Wedge Spit and St Leonards are producing some nice whiting. Fish grassy areas 2-5 metres deep and keep moving if you are not catching them. Best baits: Pipsis, mussels and squid-strips.

Squid.

Whiting areas are also squid areas, and they are 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 in-coming tide.

Australian Salmon.

Salmon are 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 are caught around the red stick near Altona, schools have been reported out from Williamstown footy ground, 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 in should produce fish. Salmon makes great bait for snapper, 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.

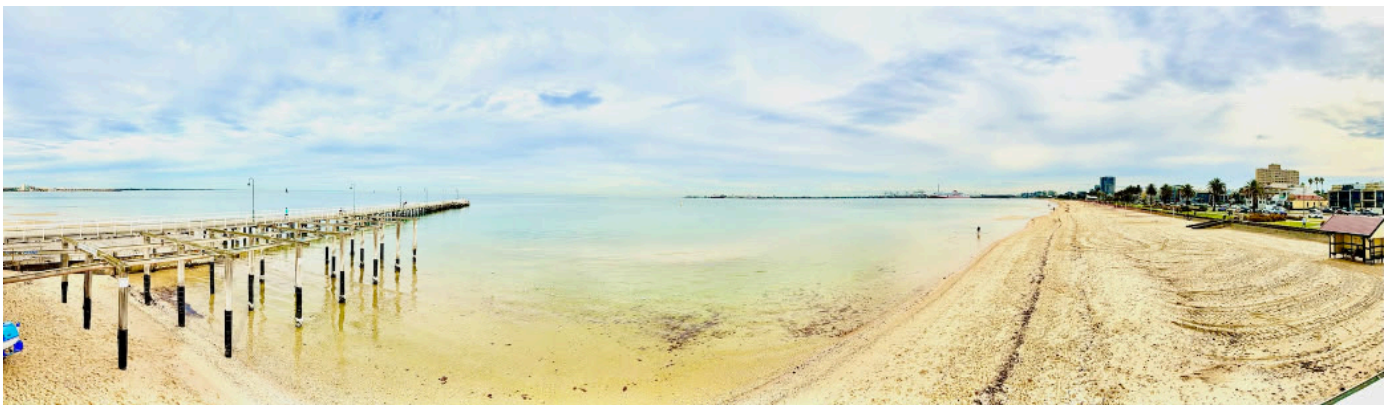
Check weather forecasts, keep an eye on the actual weather, do not take risks, give it a go, and take care; make sure you keep warm.

Presentation Night is 20th of June and not to be missed.

It is impossible to grow weary of a sport that is never the same on any two days — Theodore Gordon.

John Spragg

[Image: In between the storms we have been blessed with high pressure systems with millpond seas -- but rarely on weekends!]



APYAC Calendar 2026.

Saturday 13th June – **Band: My Girlfriend Sheryl.**

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 10th June – **Angling Forum 7 p.m.**

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

JULY

Wednesday 1st July – **General Meeting 7 p.m.**

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. MERCIECA	49
SHARK	IN	S. COUSINS	88
	OPEN	J. MERCIECA	120
1ST SNAPPER	IN	ROB RAFFA	43
	OPEN	MICK SASS	64
LAST SNAPPER	IN	ROB RAFFA	79
	OPEN	MARK MERCIECA	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 MERCIECA	50
PIKE	JUNIOR	WILL OSBORNE	46

Boathouse Volunteers.

We had a surprise for **John Lord** for his 92nd birthday. He told me that he is a bit sore because his sports friends said that yesterday was the best Badminton they have seen him play.

John still turned up for work today on PA35, which is being stripped back and will have the sealing between planks commenced next week.

We moved kayaks into the east aisle upper berths. This is a safer option than having clinker boats removed from the upper berths.

PA005 had its maiden voyage on Tuesday, showing off her new colours. It is a tribute to **Robert Pope, Mal Manders, Bruce Bourne** and many other volunteers who dedicated their time to the restoration. PA005 is a *Pompei hull* with a reconditioned Simplex engine.



The Trip Record desk has been removed from the centre aisle door and relocated to the east aisle (south end) from whence it came.

EA385 has had the new engine fitted and will have the engine control box and cables assembled before the exhaust hose is installed.

PA35 has had the hull sealed and will be prepared for undercoating the part of the hull below the water line. Carpeting the flooring will be another task.

With the celebration of John's birthday, there was plenty of cake to go around on both the Tuesday and Wednesday smokos.

Thank you to the Volunteers that attended an extra day on Monday, and to all that attended on Tuesday and Wednesday. 13 volunteers braved the cold on Wednesday.



We have been fortunate that the inclement weather this week has been from the north. Our boathouse is mainly protected from the northerly weather. Thanks to **Chris H**, who came down on Sunday to make sure the boathouse was not at risk from water ingress and the east aisle doors being blown in. It was June 25th last year that the east door was blown in, flooding the Boat House.

The volunteers' favourite cake, Madeira (it's cheap), was enjoyed by the volunteers on both days. Next week there will be a surprise tasty morsel for smoko.

[And then we had the King Tide and storm ... Ed.]

The flooding was again caused by the east aisle swing door being pushed in by the enormous force of head-high waves and the rainstorm that flooded the stairwell at the north end of the east aisle.



Thank you to the volunteers who attended last Friday to begin the clean-up in the workshop and around the aisles.

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.

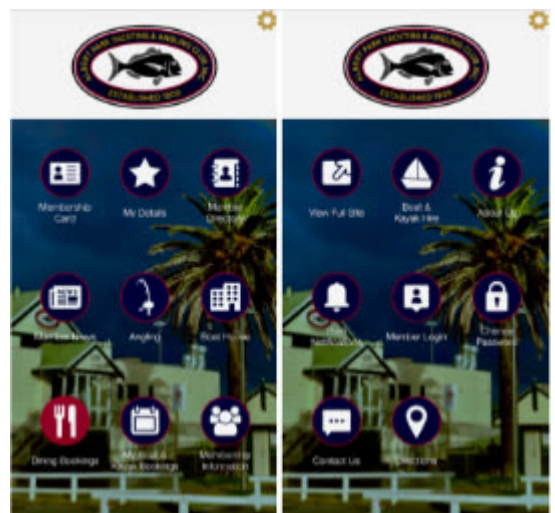
Check out the APYAC APP on both app stores, here are the links:

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

Footy Tipping.

Well what a week of football!

Tip-Stars of the week.

Our tip-star of the week is DMc (**David McLellan**). He incredibly tipped all matches correctly for the week to stand head and shoulders above all other tip-stars. He moves up 16 places to 50th on the Leaderboard as a result of his impressive tipping efforts.

No Jokers were played this week.

The Leaderboard has again seen some movement. SWM01 (**Scott Meyers**) is our new leader, over Rooboy1824 (**Trevor Cornish**) who drops to second with AMAC700 (**Andy McShanag**) in third. The top three all have the same score and are separated by margin only. Other moves in the top ten: DaveR (**Dave Rudolph**) who again tips well and moves up into fourth—a few weeks ago he was in 11th spot. Blossyboots (**Belinda Holt**) and Hairy Hawk (**Nick Herath**) have some thinking to do after a horror week for them, both tipping three and dropping to sixth and eighth respectively.

Memorable Moments.

- Bad kicking is bad football. Just ask the Hawks who kicked 1.11 in the second half against the Dogs.
- What is the going rate to play away from home and lose by 20 goals? Apparently \$1 million if you are North.
- The most in-form team after Fremantle is: Carlton! Now four wins in a row. The Bulldogs have won three in a row and no other team has more than two in a row. Interim coach Fraser is a magician.
- St Kilda almost beat the Swans with a strong first half kicking 11 goals, after the prior week's dismal first half, when they did not kick any goals.
- Collingwood lose their fourth match out of their last five and remain in 11th spot in the ladder. The bye couldn't come at a better time for them to re-jig their strategy.

Trivia answers

- Geelong just have a habit of being top 4. They have a strong home ground advantage, of course. They have played 5 matches this season listed as the away team. How many away matches have they won out of those 5 matches? (a) one (b) two (c) three (d) four (e) five **ANSWER: (a) One. And now one out of 6.**
- How many decades is it since a new coach for Carlton won their first 3 matches? (a) one (b) two (c) three (d) four (e) five **ANSWER: (d) four. David Parkin in 1981 - he won his first 5 in charge**
- Last week St Kilda failed to score a goal in the first half. How many decades since St Kilda last failed to score a goal in the first half? (a) one (b) two (c) three (d) four (e) five **ANSWER: (d) Four. in R14, 1987**

Smokie tipping performance.

Sorry. I thought North were a smokie chance. Must have been the *Paros ouzo* working its charms on me. My smokie tipping results are now 3 from the last 6.

Good Tipping!

Mike.

Mike Kotsanis.

Visiting our great lakes?

Gippsland Lakes algae warnings have been eased after monitoring showed blue-green algae levels have dropped across Lake Wellington, Hollands Landing.

Authorities have removed all current advice to avoid contact with lake water, saying the risk to human health is considered low. However, visitors are urged to exercise caution, avoid discoloured water or surface scum, and seek medical advice if irritation or illness occurs. Drinking lake water remains unsafe.

Seafood restrictions remain in place, including no harvesting of shellfish, prawns or crabs, and careful preparation of fish.

Agencies continue monitoring after a complex multi-species algal bloom since March 2026.

Read more about it **by clicking here**.

--water.vic.gov.au

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.



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.

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

	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

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 favourite teacher!)

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 10th June - Tuesday 23rd June 2026

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