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Wednesday 24th June - Tuesday 14th July 2026

End of an era.

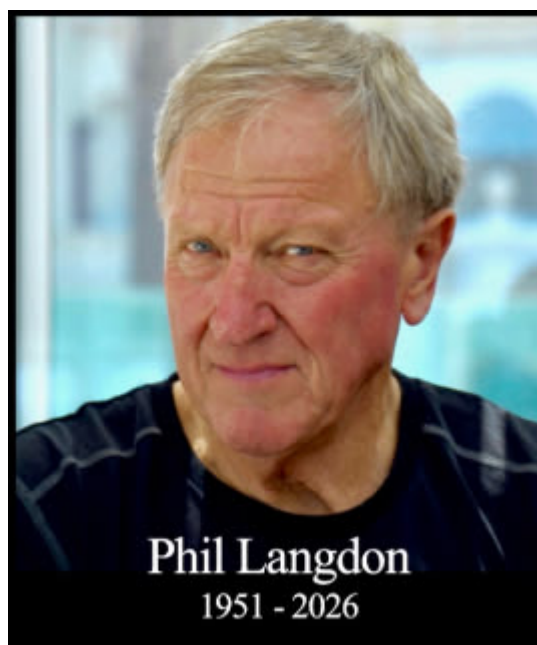
Phil Langdon's blue eyes were captivating —to a photographer anyway— so when he'd fix you in his gaze, it was hard to look away.

When he asked for you to take on something, it was hard to say no.

He had a laconic way about it —when asking if I'd fill a vacancy on the Committee— "You don't have to come **every** meeting ... just when you can. That'd be great."

And you thought about that, as you drove 200 kms to the meeting, because you didn't want to let him down.

I implore you to scroll down to the article about the podcast, and have a listen. You'll understand where he came from, family history, his work ethic, his dry sense of humour, and his links with the Club and its people. But more than what you'll hear —he was a decent man.



A few weeks ago, his mind was sharp, but he knew his body was on the way out, so he arranged a lunch to thank the volunteers in the boathouse who had restored his beautiful clinker boat, presenting each with a thoughtful gift.

I had an inkling he wasn't well, because he said that my Hawthorn boys looked great, and that the Easter Monday game between Hawks and Geelong was one of the best he'd ever seen. For such a strong Richmond man, it just wasn't right!

As ever, the banter continued, disguising the great works behind the scenes. Minutes earlier he'd just arranged to give his fishing rods to the Juniors for Presentation Night. Always thinking of others.

Well, he's gone now, at peace after such a long battle. And way too young, if you ask me.

He's left a legacy that, I doubt, will be beaten. Just look around the place.

Our thoughts are with Robyn and the family who have shared him with us for so long. Thank you for putting up with us.

We'll send him off next Tuesday, in his beloved Richmond, then come back here and celebrate his wonderful life.

Make sure you come.

The Funeral

Tues 30th June at 11 a.m.
St Stephens Church,
360 Church Street, Richmond.

Afterwards at APYAC from 1:30 p.m.

Tobin Brothers

See details by clicking [HERE](#).

Life goes on.

Happy Thursdays, one spin, one thousand. **Bob Snell** won last week!

Monthly Club meeting next Wednesday; all are welcome —fantastic food— Kingfish whisperer **Jason Taylor** will be telling his secrets, and may even mention the tagged fish that swam 91 kms a day for seven days (*spear me in the back and I might go even harder!*).

Midwinter Masquerade on the 29th August. Do you dare to attend? Go on, you can finally dust off those masks you bought in Venice.

The bistro specials will change in another two weeks; grab the crumbed flathead fillets while they're going. And the desserts? The three I have tried have been sublime.

How **President Lee, Annabelle**, and the team turned on *Presentation Night* is a mystery. The best one ever. So many smiles. So many prizes for **Rob Raffa**.

Last week to use your Club Levy before leftovers go into consolidated revenue.

The annual Subscription fees, in a world of rising costs, have not changed in years.

The Club Levy is going up to \$150 next year. At last we can now use our fobs to pay for meals. Added incentive to get down to your Club.

It's a long time since the old clinker boats had sails; diesel engines in the 40s and 50s made them obsolete, but our Club has yachting in its name, and it must also be in our blood. When America's Cup yacht *Kookaburra* flashed past the end of the pier two Saturdays ago, we all watched transfixed. I put her picture in **John Spragg's** article on Angling —*better than a dead fish*.

On a personal note, I'm still in shock that I've been awarded the *APYAC Golden Hook*. Having been on the Committee when awards have been considered, I know that they don't give them out like Smarties.

The Hook is not an annual thing, and is awarded to people like **Phil Langdon** and **Warren Davey** —(Warren won two of them!). I am in elite company, and ever so proud. Thank you.

This is edition 125, of Tight Lines.

James Nixon,
Editor.

[Images of Presentation Night: Many thanks ©Chantal Jacq and ©Yossi Merimi.]



Anthony & Heidi Osborne



Henry Rudd & presenter Tristan Sass

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!

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.

\$1000 Thursday Members Draw Winner, 18th June: **Bob Snell!**

Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp, and is \$800 for Friday, the 26th 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 *Niyazi Sertilogu*, *Glen Moriarty*, and *Simon Cox* missed out on \$700.

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: Two weeks ago **My Girlfriend Sheryl** had them on their feet.*



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.

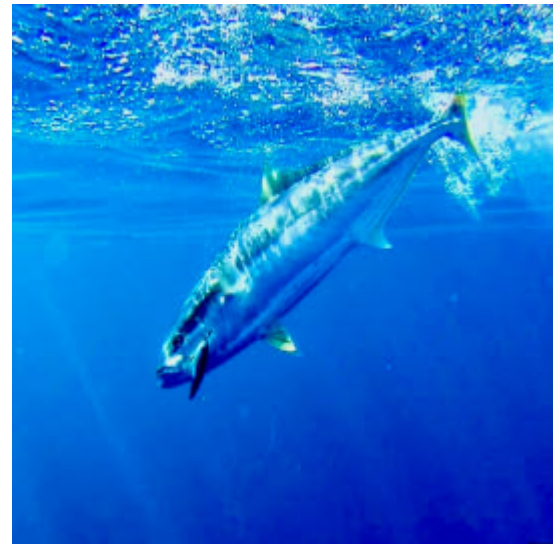
8:15 p.m. Guest Speaker: **Jason Taylor** talking Kingfish.

'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' .



Midwinter Masquerade.

Saturday 29th August
From 7 p.m.

Do you dare to attend?

A night, where you can be whoever you want to be ...

- Music, magic and mystery awaits you!
- Lavish decorations and costume attire.
- Roaming canapés, free drink on arrival.
- Prizes, mesmerising performers.
- Live music from **My Girlfriend Sheryl**, and of course,
- *Masquerade masks are required!*

\$65 per person.



Book now by clicking here.



Each junior received a rod from **Phil Langdon**.

Multiple winner **Rob Raffa** & presenter **John Spragg**.

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.

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.

anglers kitchen	
LUNCH & DINNER BISTRO MENU	
GRAZE	SALADS
NATURAL OYSTERS Festivals 6 Half dozen 12 Full dozen 18	CAESAR 18 Balsic, cretons, bacon, egg, parmesan, anchovies, dressing 22.00
CHARRED CORN BIRD 16 Chili, peppers, lime, sea salt, avocado	ROASTED PUMPKIN 25 Ancient grains, asparagus, dried cranberries, toasted seeds, lemon yogurt and maple-lemon dressing 28.00
VEGETARIAN SPRING ROLLS 17 Isoburg, chili & lime oil	MULTI-FOOD SALAD 25 Honey glazed carrots, chickpeas, roasted broccoli, quinoa, kale, seeds, tahini dressing 28.00
PORK DUMPLINGS 23 Light soy and ginger sauce, seaweed salad	CRISPY CALAMARI 25 Rocket, pickled onion, balsamic, lemon mayo, Ninja Crispy 28.00
FRIED BARRAMUNDI WINGS 28 Toasted nut & sesame seeds, lemon 32.00	ADD-ONS King prawn (ea) 6 Grilled chicken 6 Crispy calamari 10
GRAZING BOARD 33 Cured meats, Italian cheeses, pickled vegetables, olives, gr. flat focaccia 38.00	



Chris Derrick.



Michael Sass & Olga Harradine.

Wine of the Month.

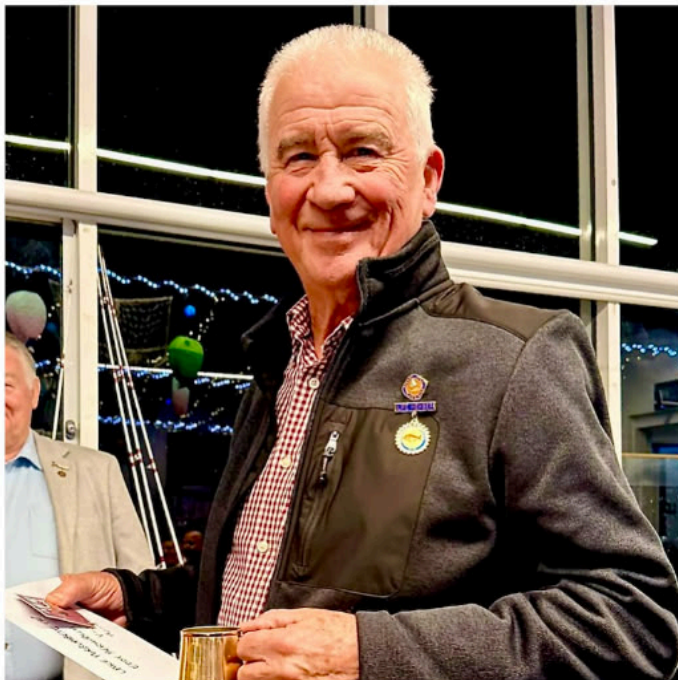
Marnong Estate Chardonnay Sunbury



"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.



Eddie Burnobich



Michael Sass & Lee Spyrou

President's message.

Presentation Night 2026: Pride, Warmth and Plenty of Smiles

If there were one word to describe APYAC's 2026 Presentation Night, it would be heart.

Actually, according to ex-Treasurer **Peter Taylor**, there were several words that kept being repeated throughout the evening – pride, warmth, unity, community, camaraderie, friendly and inclusive.

Hearing those words spoken time and time again by members and guests was perhaps the greatest compliment our Club could receive and a wonderful reminder of what APYAC has always stood for. Since 1909, it's been about much more than fishing – it's been about people.

And what a night it was.

One of the highlights of the evening was seeing our very own Editor, **James Nixon**, completely blindsided when his name was announced as the recipient of the prestigious *Warren Davy Golden Hook Award*. Established by the late **Johnny Jordan**, the award is named in honour of **Warren Davy**, the only member ever to receive the Golden Hook twice.

There are few people more deserving than James, whose countless editions of *Tight Lines* have kept us informed, entertained and connected for so many years. The look of genuine surprise on his face, followed by a standing ovation and thunderous applause, was something special to witness.

Later in the evening, as the last award was announced, there wasn't a dry eye in the house when **Alex Spyrou** was presented as APYAC's newest *Life Member*. Completely overwhelmed and brought to tears, Alex received an equally heartfelt reception, with the room erupting in cheers and congratulations. It was a beautiful acknowledgement of many years of selfless service and dedication to the Club he loves.

Earlier in the night, **Pat Hutchinson** delivered a touching tribute to his great mate, Life Member and former **President Phil Langdon**. Pat's words painted a picture of a man whose contribution to APYAC was extraordinary and whose friendship touched so many. The respect shown during the minute's silence was humbling and demonstrated just how deeply Phil was loved by our members.

Speaking of love, the younger members certainly felt it. Thanks to the incredible generosity of Phil Langdon and his family, each junior received a donated fishing rod, while the Club provided fully spooled reels. Add to that showbags bursting with goodies generously supplied by the *Victorian Fisheries Authority*, and the excitement and smiles on the faces of our future anglers were simply priceless. Great work Angling Committee!

Another highlight was watching former junior member and emerging future leader **Tristan Sass** present the Club's junior awards. Tristan brought warmth, humour and genuine care to the role, ensuring every young recipient felt special and appreciated. It was wonderful to see someone who grew up within the Club now giving back to the next generation, and his ability to connect with the kids made the presentations even more memorable. The pride and excitement on the faces of our juniors said it all, and Tristan did a magnificent job representing the bright future of APYAC.

A favourite moment for me on the night was seeing the ever-enthusiastic **Olga Harradine** take out the *Ladies Angler Champion* award. While she may have narrowly edged out our President (AKA me), nobody could have been happier to see her name called. For more than two decades, Olga has quietly and tirelessly encouraged countless members—many with little or no fishing experience—to get out on the water through the many charters and fishing adventures she's organised.

In her acceptance speech, Olga once again spoke passionately about APYAC, telling the room that in over twenty years of membership she'd never experienced such an incredible club. Her excitement and gratitude shone through, and it was impossible not to smile along with her. We're so grateful for Olga's years of dedication, friendship and encouragement, and everyone was delighted to see her receive such a thoroughly deserved award. Once again, it highlighted the inclusive spirit that makes APYAC so special.



Behind the scenes, **Annabelle** once again raised the bar. Her organisation, attention to detail, beautiful decorations and leadership of our wonderful staff continue to take APYAC functions to another level. She somehow makes the impossible look effortless, and we're incredibly fortunate to have her steering the ship.

And then there was the food!

Ascot Catering absolutely knocked it out of the park. The meal was sensational and had everyone talking –and returning for seconds! You always know the tucker's brilliant when the kids are racing to the buffet and then stocking up on the takeaway tubs.

Adding the perfect soundtrack to the evening was Ian Banks, whose beautiful background music once again created that warm and welcoming atmosphere we've all come to love.

Perhaps the photos tell the story best. Everywhere you looked, there were smiles, laughter, hugs, old friends reconnecting and new friendships being formed. It was a night that celebrated achievement, honoured those we've lost, recognised service and, most importantly, celebrated the spirit of APYAC.

If ever anyone asks what our Club is all about, just show them the photos from Presentation Night 2026.

The smiles and the fun say it all.

Tight Lines and see you at the Club!

Lee.

Lee Spyrou,
President.

[Image: Alex Spyrou, Olga Harradine & James Nixon.]



Alex Spyrou & presenter Ian Sekac

James Nixon & presenter President Lee Spyrou

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.



Presenter John Spragg with Michael Sass & Richard Muscat.

Member subscription & charges.

The Committee, at its recent meeting, approved the following Member Subscriptions and charges for the forthcoming Club Year:

Annual Member Subscriptions – No change.

Boat Storage - \$250

Kayak Storage - \$125

Boathouse Lockers - \$25

Club Credit / Levy - \$150 for Full Members and Associate Members.

Please note, the Club Credit / Levy can now be used to pay for meals at the Bistro.
Member Subscription Invoices will be issued in early July.



Michael Sass, John Spragg, & Pat Hutchinson



Tony Panayotou, Cameron McPherson & Mark Mercieca

Members Handbook updated.

The Members Handbook has been updated, particularly sections 4 (*Club Credit*), 15 (*Anti-Discrimination*) and 16 (*Workplace Health and Safety Policy*). Members are encouraged to review the updated handbook via the link below. A copy is also displayed on our website, and on the Club Notice Board.

Barry Hayes,
Vice President.

For the **APYAC Members Handbook** click this link [HERE](#).



Make it a happy place.

Remembering Phil Langdon.

When **Phillip Langdon** sat down with **James Nixon** in July 2024 to record one of the *Albert Park Yachting & Angling Club's* oral histories, nobody knew it would become one of the most important conversations ever captured by the Club.

Phil wasn't just a former President. He was part of the fabric of the place. The son of a former Club President, a lifelong Richmond local, businessman, fisherman, horse breeder, and proud family man, he devoted nearly 25 years of service to ensuring the Club survived and prospered.

In this candid and often humorous interview, Phil shares stories of catching his first fish as a six-year-old, growing up under the influence of a larger-than-life father, building a successful packaging business, missing the opportunity to meet Muhammad Ali, and somehow ending up with far too many racehorses.

But at its heart, this is the story of a man who helped save a club.

Phil recounts the difficult years, the Committee battles, the redevelopment projects, the fundraising efforts, and the determination required to transform a weathered bayside clubhouse into one of Melbourne's most successful member organisations.

Asked what guided him through fourteen years as President, his answer was simple:

"I had three aims: to make it a happy place to come for the members and their guests, to have a substantial membership, and to have a nice bank balance."

It's a conversation filled with laughter, honesty, wisdom and deep affection for the Club and its people.

Most importantly, it captures the enduring legacy of a man who understood that great organisations are built not from buildings or balance sheets, but from people who care enough to leave them better than they found them.

Listen to Phil's story. His voice may be gone, but his example remains. Every member who enjoys this Club today is, in some small way, enjoying the legacy he helped build.

Make time. Grab a coffee, and listen **by clicking the link [HERE](#)**.

- Written by ChatGPT.

Back story.

I wanted to write a note suggesting you have a listen to the podcast interview I did with **Phil Langdon**. Initially, I thought I would repeat **Grant Aldous'** article from the June 2024 edition, but after reading the transcript of the 32-minute, 6,500-word interview, I thought I would do something different. I listened to the interview again and wrote down the three things Phil made as his goals as President. *This note was turning into an article.*

To see what would happen, I asked ChatGPT to read the full transcript and write the perfect 'hook' article to get people to listen to the podcast. It took 30 seconds. The result is, I think, breathtaking. *I now think I better take AI seriously. - Editor*



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.

We hope everyone enjoyed presentation night. Congratulations to all recipients of awards. **Rob Raffa** is the In-House Champion, **Mick Sass** Open Champion, and **Olga Harradine** Female Champion. A big thanks to everyone who turned up for the fun night and those who helped make it such a great night.

Winter weather has been terrible for boaters and anglers; wind has been cold and at times at 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: 13.8 °C at the top end of the bay, 13.9 °C mid-bay, 15.0 C in the Ocean. Outside the heads is warmer than the Bay. Rug up if going fishing.



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 in every edition of Tight Lines.

We are still proceeding with helping Latrobe University with their flathead study. Grab your kits in the Langdon Room, and downstairs near the sign-out book. Swabs are to be returned to the esky in the boat house near the sign-out desk. Again: swab as many flathead as you can. Size 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.

When in doubt —fish! ... (seen on a bumper sticker)

John Spragg

*[Images: Everyone stops when she goes by. The magnificent **Kookaburra** —the first of three 12-metre yachts built to defend the America's Cup in 1987— passes Kerferd Road Pier on Saturday 13th June. Designed by **Iain Murray** and **John Swarbick**, she was the first of three Kookaburras built by **Kevin Parry's** Taskforce 87 syndicate.*

*Kookaburra III was chosen as the final defender after defeating three other challengers. The San Diego Yacht Club's Stars & Stripes won four races to zero, making **Dennis Conner** the first skipper to lose, then win back the Auld Mug.*

***John Spragg**, in disguise, colour-coordinated, obviously with his own stylist and photographer, in New Zealand. He caught eight!]*



Two days after the huge storm it seemed that all the weed in the bay had settled outside the Club.

APYAC Calendar 2026.

Saturday 29th August – Midwinter Masquerade: **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](mailto:president@apyac.org.au) or [apyac.volunteers @ gmail.com](mailto:apyac.volunteers@gmail.com)

[Image: Shadow came back for a visit in May.]



Fishing & Boating Season Calendar 2026.

JULY

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

AUGUST

Wednesday 5th August – **General Meeting 7 p.m.**

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd September – **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. 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.

Thank you to all the volunteers who attended. This week we celebrated *Men's Health Week*.

Some serious —and not so serious— banter was held on both days, but the important part of each day was that there was an awareness made of Men's Health issues and an acknowledgement that what we are doing as volunteers is good for us.

Volunteering gets us out socially; we are talking to one another, laughing and enjoying each other's company. A wonderful camaraderie exists within the boathouse gang.

Restoration work continued on two of the Clinker Boats, PA35 which had the Botany Blue enamel painted on the hull, which is below the waterline and is now being prepared to have the varnish finish applied to the rest of the hull.

EA385 had the engine controls fitted, the engine box cut out, and painted ready for assembly.

A new Club member, **Gavan**, was inducted into the boathouse and boat hire on Wednesday and is also keen to do some volunteering.



The previous week was massive in the boathouse.

The flooding that occurred on Thursday the 4th of June called for exceptional assistance to try and contain the flooding, and then clean up the mess that resulted.

Our gratitude must go to our Boathouse Captain **Chantal Jacq**, **Alex Spyrou**, **Barry Smith** and **Chris Herbert**; all volunteers who put in extraordinary efforts over the days during the flood, then afterwards with the massive task of sand removal.

We must also thank all the other boathouse volunteers who contributed to the clean-up. Well done. The boathouse has now been cleaned, boats and dollies washed, and lockers cleaned out.

The air compressor survived the flooding, requiring only two contacts and three fuses to be replaced. The motor's bearings may have been affected, which may lead to a reduction in service life.

Nature is a wonderful thing. While we experienced the worst of a catastrophic weather event, there was some good that came out of it: Sandridge Beach was littered with the remains of hundreds of Northern Pacific Sea-Stars, a major environmental pest.

Rations.

As a special treat for *Men's Health Week*—and with a thank you to the generosity of our President—the Wednesday volunteer group of 14 was treated to steak in hamburger rolls for Smoko, beautifully cooked by our Treasurer **Chris**.

Last week: Thank you to **Pat Mount** for the generous contribution of a cake and muffins for Tuesday's smoko.

Wednesday was a treat day with party pies and sausage rolls.

- Ian Sekac

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.

Footy Tipping.

Well what a week of football!

Tip-Stars of the week

Our tip-star of the week is our star chef, **Chris Lockhart**, who bravely played a Joker and tipped all matches correctly. Very impressive.

A special mention to two tip-stars. Congratulations to **James Nixon**, who has had a big week. He tipped all matches correctly, scoring a bonus point for his troubles. On the same weekend, at the *Club's Presentation Night* on Saturday, he received a well-deserved *Golden Hook Award* recognising his outstanding service in supporting the Club. Well done, James.

Also worthy of special mention is **Bob Snell**. At the Club bar on Thursday night, he was sharing his disappointment with me in his personal tipping performance after scoring only one correct tip in Round 12. Of course, an hour later, his name came up in the Members Draw, and he happily forgot his tipping woes as he received the \$1000 prize! Spend it wisely, Bob. That is roughly 33 years of footy tipping entry fees.

The Leaderboard has barely moved with SWM01 (**Scott Meyers**) continuing to maintain the smallest possible lead at the top. Five correct tips separate out the top 10.

Memorable Moments

- Carlton win their fifth in a row, and in a couple of weeks it will be seven in a row. They will be in the top 10, and Josh Fraser will be confirmed as coach. What an amazing turnaround from six weeks ago.

- AFL umpires use the mercy rule to end the final quarter for the Pies v Port match after 22.52 minutes. That is the shortest quarter since the year 2000 (excluding Covid matches). *No goals were scored in the last quarter ...*

- North improved their win loss record to seven wins and seven losses. The last time they had that number of wins after 14 matches was in 2016.

- Gold Coast have some issues. Internal ructions seem to be rumoured. Whether or not the rumours are true, any team with five losses in a row will not be a happy group of campers.

Trivia answers

- Liam Ryan has kicked 5 or more goals twice in his last two matches. Jack Gunston and Ben King have also kicked 5 or more in 2 matches in a row this year. Which team has the longest time since a player kicked back-to-back 5+ goals in two matches in a row? (a) Fremantle (b) West Coast (c) Carlton (d) Essendon **ANSWER: (a) Fremantle**

- At the end of Round 14, which one of the following players has not kicked a goal in every match so far this season? (a) Corey Durdin (b) Mitch Georgiades (c) Ben King (d) Aaron Naughton (e) Jake Waterman (f) Nick Watson (g) Paul Curtis **ANSWER: (g) Paul Curtis**

- Which forward has had the most shots on goal, on average, per match so far this season? (a) Jeremy Cameron (b) Logan Morris (c) Jack Gunston (d) Jake Waterman **ANSWER: (c) Jack Gunston**

- Which player has kicked the most behinds this season? (a) Jake Waterman (b) Mitch Georgiades (c) Logan Morris (d) Jeremy Cameron **ANSWER: (a) Jake Waterman**

Smokie tipping performance

I thought Carlton were a good chance to beat GWS. Of course, they were winning their fifth in a row. Almost all tip-stars tipped GWS. Seems no one is yet ready to trust the Blues. My smokie tipping results are now four from the last eight.

Good Tipping!

Mike
Michael Kotsanis.

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.

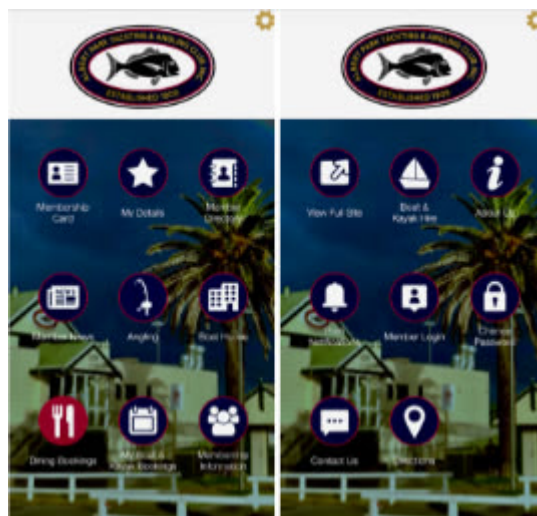
Check out the APYAC APP on both app stores, here are the links:

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

Talking Trout conference

Heads to Melbourne
Saturday 1 August.

A favourite among freshwater fishers, the *Talking Trout* conference is set to return in August.



This year's Talking Trout conference will be held in Ringwood and provides a great opportunity for recfishers to learn more about the latest in research, fisheries management, habitat improvements, and trout trends.

Australia's National Fly Fishing Champion **Tom Jarman** (*pictured*) will present the keynote address on "showcasing a season on Victoria's trout waters".

Other presentations will include:

Paul Stolz, Australian Trout Foundation

Lauren Johnson, Arthur Rylah Institute

Jo Dobson, Aussie Angler

James Norney, Mountain Fly guide

Andrew Briggs, VFA Senior Project Manager

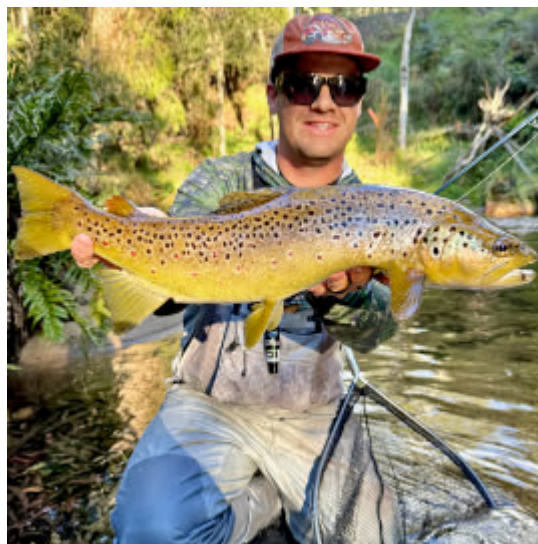
Mark Adams, Fisheries Manager

There will also be panel discussions which will allow the audience to ask questions.

VRFish will also be attending the Talking Trout conference. If you see their stand, stop by and say hello!

The conference will be held at the *George Wood Performing Arts Centre* in Ringwood between 8.55 am and 4.15 pm on Saturday 1 August. Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided.

Register and find out more by [clicking here](#).



Recreational Fishing Update

June 2026 issue out now.

Grab Your copy of the latest VFA *Recreational Fishing Update* in which the Fisheries Management Team produces a summary of the key projects by [clicking this link HERE](#).



OzFish launches new Mornington Peninsula shellfish reef project.

OzFish's Port Phillip Bay Chapter officially launched its newest shellfish reef project at Mornington in May. The 400 sqm reef is designed to boost habitat and attract popular recreational species including King George whiting, snapper, silver trevally and bream.

The first of 400 robust oyster baskets (ROBs) has already been deployed, filled with recycled oyster shells sourced from local restaurants and seafood businesses. As shellfish larvae colonise the shells, a living reef will form, creating valuable breeding, feeding and shelter habitat for fish. The project will also improve water quality, with oysters capable of filtering up to 200 litres of water daily.

Trout river closed season.

The King's Birthday weekend marked the start of Victoria's annual trout and salmonid closed season, giving wild trout the opportunity to breed. The closure applies to most rivers and streams and includes a total ban on hook-and-line fishing in sections of the Goulburn, Mitta Mitta, Tanjil and Kiewa rivers, regardless of target species. Anglers can still enjoy year-round trout fishing in the Merri, Hopkins and Moyne rivers, Mt Emu Creek, many lakes and impoundments, and selected sea-run trout rivers. The 2026 closed season runs from 9 June to 4 September, with the new season opening on Saturday 5 September.

Murray cray season is here.

The start of June marked the season opening of one of the most anticipated fishing seasons on the freshwater fishing calendar – Murray spiny freshwater crayfish season.



This very limited open season only lasts for the 3 months of winter – from 1 June to 31 August.

Portsea Pier to close for maintenance works in July.

Portsea Pier will close temporarily from July 2026 for major maintenance works following significant storm damage in 2024. While emergency repairs kept the pier safe, Parks Victoria will now replace deteriorated timber piles, beams and crossheads, along with sections of decking on the pier head, to ensure its long-term structural integrity. The closure will include a marine exclusion zone and temporary access changes near the entrance. While the timing will disappoint winter calamari anglers and divers who frequent the lower landing, the works are scheduled during the quietest period of the year. Reopening is expected before summer.



Naturally Vic.

VRFish's Naturally Vic campaign encourages fishers, campers and hikers to enjoy Victoria's outdoors responsibly. The initiative promotes best-practice recreation and aims to ensure public land and waterways are left in the same condition they were found.

Victoria has around 30,000 kilometres of Crown water frontage available for public recreation, including fishing, camping and walking. Some frontages are licensed to adjoining landholders for grazing or riparian management, while others remain unlicensed. Recent amendments to the Land Act 1958 now allow camping on certain licensed Crown river frontages, with designated sites to be assessed and opened by the Victorian Government.

There are different regulations for camping on licensed and unlicensed Crown water frontage. You can find out if you're on a

licensed Crown water frontage by using the [MapShare website](#) and learn the regulations on our [Know the Regulations](#) page.

Check out their Code Of Conduct by [clicking this link](#).



Free boat trailer launching clinics

Make boating easier with free boat trailer launching clinics being held across Victoria. Funded through the *Better Boating Fund*, the sessions help boaters of all experience levels build confidence reversing, launching and retrieving a boat. Expert instructors provide all equipment and hands-on guidance, making the clinics suitable whether you own a boat or not.

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. Please use the below links to register your attendance.

Upcoming classes (all-gender sessions):

- Lake Eppalock – 9 August – [Book Here](#)
- Altona – 22 August – [Book here](#)

Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating network (WIRFAB)

Free marine licence opportunity.

Additional women-only events will be delivered by the *Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating network (WIRFAB)*, with participants provided the opportunity to obtain their marine licence and also participate in a boat handling Q&A session, to learn about the complete boat launching process.

Women-only classes delivered by WIRFAB:

Elwood – 19 July

Marine Licence Test – [Book Here](#)

Boat Handling – [Book Here](#)

Bookings are essential to secure your spot.

How to avoid boating fails.

In this month's *Club Marine Magazine*, **Catherine Lawson** points out that there are only two kinds of boaters: those who've scraped the seabed, and those who will.

"This is true of just about every boating mishap, from dragging anchor to running out of fuel."

Lawson lists 12 boating misadventures that happen every day:

1. Dragging an anchor.
2. Fouling an anchor.
3. Losing an anchor.
4. Running out of fuel.
5. Discovering dead/dying batteries.
6. Running aground.
7. Disasters while approaching the dock.
8. Damaging the engine —dry running.
9. Becoming lost.
10. Driving home without correctly securing the boat.
11. Being caught in bad weather.
12. Forgetting the bung.

The full version of the article* explains all the ways to emerge unscathed from these traps for young players. Subscribe to Australia's leading marine lifestyle magazine by [clicking here](#).

* June-July (Volume 41.3) issue of [Club Marine Magazine](#), published 12th June 2026.



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

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

The Tight Lines Editor is James Nixon.

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 (You need one.)

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 Aunt!)****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.

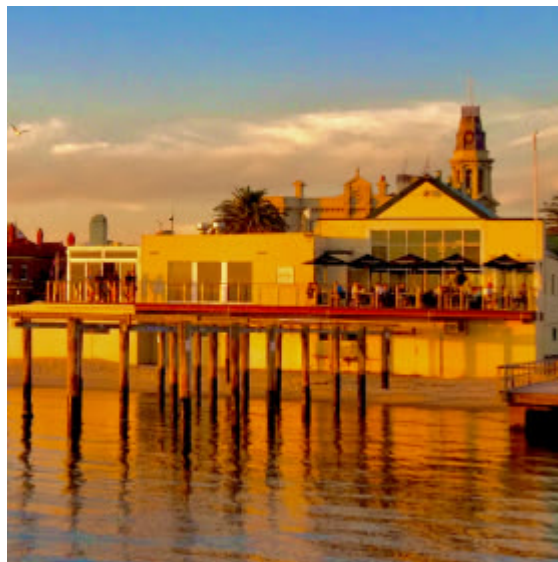
New Committee members, **Stuart Cousins, Barry Hayes and Chris Herbert**.

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 24th June - Tuesday 14th July 2026

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