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Wednesday 15th - Tuesday 28th July 2026

Remembering Phil.

Skies of lead, misty rain, not a breath of wind and no waves. It was as if even the sea had stopped to mourn. Our celebration of **Phil Langdon's** life was a memorable occasion.

Ian Sekac was interstate but sent a poignant eulogy which Club Champion **Mick Sass** (pictured) read out; fitting, Phil's wife **Robyn** said later, since they first met him when he was a 14-year-old boy! How the years roll on when you're not looking.

Thank you to **Lee, Annabelle** and the staff for making the day run smoothly.

I think you'd enjoy listening to the half-hour interview with Phil from 2024. It's a podcast, which is not as tricky as you'd think. All you have to do is make yourself a cup of tea, or something stronger, and click the white triangle in the green circle when it comes up, after you [click this link here](#). It's been listened to 92 times already.



Annual Subscriptions.

Invoices were sent out on the 2nd of July. If it's not in your email inbox, look for an email from memberships@apyac.org.au with the subject line: *APYAC Membership Renewal Invoice* in your spam or junk folder.

It's a great idea to make addresses from apyac.org.au and other important senders into 'VIP addresses' if you use Apple, or 'Starred contacts', 'Favourites', 'Priority senders', or 'Marked as important' on other platforms. That way they are easy to find.

The Committee has kept the actual subscription the same price for years now, but has increased the Club Credit / Levy to \$150, which can now be used to pay for meals at the Bistro.

Winter chills.

I keep waiting for the weather to get so cold I have to sneak up north, but the new alpaca jumpers —and APYAC scarves — keep doing the trick. Under the big, fat high-pressure systems, the chilly mornings give way to glorious, sunny afternoons. This time of year, they come along every two weeks.

Get yourself down to the Club, grab a snuggle rug and ask the bar for a 'volcanic hot chocolate with two marshmallows'. Trust me. They know how to make 'em.

We just passed the coldest week of the year (traditionally, the second week of July), so it's all upside from here.

This is edition 126, of Tight Lines.

James Nixon,
Editor.

*[Image: Club Champion and Life Member **Michael Sass.**]*



*Under leaden skies and light drizzle, even the sea stopped to mourn while we gathered to farewell **Phil Langdon.***

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 5th August, 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.

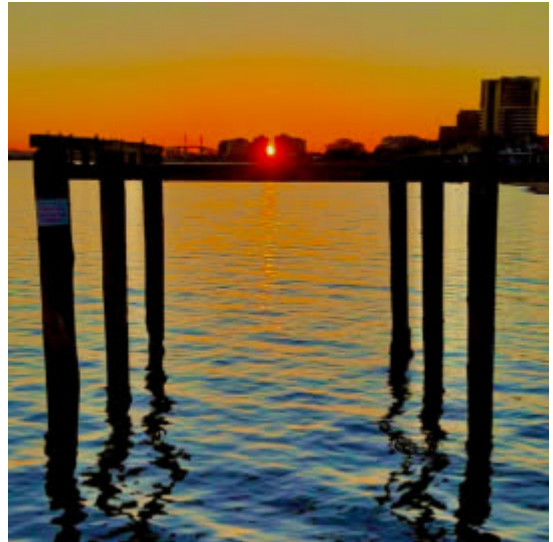
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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.

Be like **Bob Snell** who recently claimed \$1,000! You have to be there to win!

[Image: @SandraRogerson]



Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw prize pool rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp, and is \$1,100 for Friday, the 17th July. 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 *Joe Chiera, Simon Williams, and Stephen Mandie* missed out on \$1,000.

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: **My Girlfriend Sheryl** will be back on the 29th August.]

August General Meeting.

Wednesday 5th August

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: **Who's Keen for Squid?**

Following a request from our own **Chris Derrick**, we're thrilled to announce that **Lachie O'Reilly** from *O'Reely Fishing* will be our guest presenter at the August General Meeting.



If you've spent any time following Lachie, you'll know he's an absolute gun across just about every style of fishing. But with squid season firing up and Chris putting in the request, Lachie will be sharing his wealth of knowledge on everything squid—from choosing the right jigs and reading the conditions to techniques that will help put more calamari in the bag.

And let's be honest ... if you're a fan of the Club's famous Marinara Linguine, you'll appreciate just how rewarding a successful squid session can be!

The best part? Lachie has so much knowledge to share that we can easily invite him back another time to present on a whole range of other fishing techniques.

Whether you're new to squid fishing or looking to fine-tune your approach, this promises to be a fantastic night full of practical tips, plenty of laughs and great fishing stories.

Bring your questions, bring a mate, and we'll see you there!

Check out his Facebook page [by clicking this link](#).

Lock it in - Wednesday 5th August.

All Club members welcome.

d'Arenberg Degustation.

Tuesday 18th August

7 p.m.

An evening with Chester Osborn.

When it comes to award-winning Australian wineries, there aren't many more decorated than d'Arenberg, helmed by **Chester Osborn**.

The fourth generation of Osborns to work in the family business, Chester grew up here and knew from a young age that he was destined for a life in wine.

Enjoy an extravagant and eccentric night of fine dining, matched with award-winning wines and entertaining storytelling from the host, Chester Osborn.

The evening includes a seven-course degustation with matched d'Arenberg wines with every course.

\$140 per person.

Book now by clicking here.



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.



Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Oyster Mornay – Creamy mornay sauce, parmesan and herb crumb \$6 each

Sticky Gochujang Wings – Sesame, shallots, coriander, kewpie & lime sauce \$18

Roasted Tomato Soup – Basil oil, crème fraiche, garlic cheese crouton \$21

Butter Chicken Curry – Steamed basmati rice, cucumber raita, toasted almonds, coriander \$34

Pepper Steak & Cheese Pie – Braised steak, creamy mash, red wine sauce, herb salad \$36

anglers kitchen		
LUNCH & DINNER BISTRO MENU		
GRAZE		
NATURAL OYSTERS	6	
Half dozen	12	
Full dozen	38	
CHARRED CORN RIBS	16	
Chili, peppers, lime, sea salt, peanut		
VEGETARIAN SPRING ROLLS	17	
Lotus, chili & lime oil		
PORK DUMPLINGS	23	
Light soy and ginger sauce, seaweed salad		
FRIED BARRAMUNDI WINGS	28	
Trained chili & sesame seeds, lemon wedge		
GRAZING BOARD	33	
Cured meats, Italian cheeses, pickled vegetables, olives, grilled focaccia		
SALADS		
CAESAR	18	
Baby cos, cretines, salmon, egg, parmesan, anchovies, dressing		
ROASTED PUMPKIN	25	
Arctic grain, beetroot, dried cranberries, toasted seeds, lemon yogurt and maple-lemon dressing		
SUPERFOOD SALAD	25	
Honey glazed carrots, chickpeas, roasted broccoli, quinoa, kale, seeds, lemon dressing		
CRISPY CALAMARI	27	
Rocket, pickled onion, balsamic, lemon mayo, Napa chrysanthemum		
ADD-ONS		
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.

JULY WINE OF THE MONTH

Leeuwin Estate Prelude Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon

Aromas of blackberry, cherry stone, and blackcurrant lead this classic Margaret River Cabernet, backed by cocoa, black pastille, and dried bay leaf. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and integrated oak, the palate shows black fruits with hints of cranberry and cherry. Balanced and elegant, it's enjoyable now or with mid-term cellaring.

\$49 per bottle

With Sunday 10% off for holiday bookings supplied

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President's message.

Where your fishing licence dollars go, and why it matters.

This week I had the privilege of attending the 61st meeting of the Victorian Fisheries Authority *Recreational Fishing Licence Trust Advisory Committee* in Queenscliff. Looking around the room, it really hit home just how much work happens behind the scenes to make sure every dollar from our recreational fishing licences is invested back into fishing and fishers.

One thing I wanted to share with our members is some great news that often gets lost amongst the rumours. Despite whispers that licence sales are declining, the reality is far more positive. Victorians are still backing recreational fishing in strong numbers, with licence sales remaining consistent. That's fantastic news because those licence dollars continue to fund projects that benefit every one of us who enjoys time on the water.

The agenda was packed with outstanding presentations covering everything from fisheries management and marine monitoring through to the latest research on Yellowtail Kingfish tracking, reef restoration and community engagement.

One presentation that certainly caught everyone's attention was from the Fisheries Officers, who demonstrated just how much enforcement has evolved. Gone are the days of simply waiting at boat ramps. Today's officers are using modern technology, intelligence gathering and some very clever tactics to target those doing the wrong thing.

One example that made the whole room smile was the increased use of jet skis. Illegal fishers are often expecting to see a patrol boat approaching. Instead, when a couple of jet skis arrive, they're sometimes quick to tell them to "*Piss off.*" —only to discover two Fisheries Officers are sitting on them! Safe to say, it doesn't end well for anyone illegally catching, selling, or trading their catch. If you're thinking about making a few dollars from recreational fishing, don't. The chances of getting caught have never been higher.

So perhaps next time you're out on Port Phillip and see a Fisheries jet ski, don't automatically assume they're just another jet ski buzzing around. They might actually be protecting the very fishery we all enjoy.

No need to ring 13FISH to report something you've seen; fill out the **Reporting illegal fishing - 13FISH** webpage online, **by using this link.**

I'm also pleased to say that APYAC members continue to set a fantastic example. Gone are the old days when compliance issues were occasionally associated with our Club. These days, most of us are simply happy to catch enough for a fresh meal with family and friends.

The meeting also reminded me of something much closer to home. We've all seen people filling bags with mussels from the tidal zone around our Club's gantry. Unfortunately, that's not permitted, and I think it's time we organise an official information sign to educate visitors before it becomes a bigger issue. Sometimes a little education goes a long way.

And finally —no surprise to anyone who's read my recent articles— the absolute highlight for me was once again reef restoration. **Brent Womersley** delivered an outstanding presentation showcasing the incredible success of the recreational fishing and shellfish reefs now thriving around the bays of Port Phillip. Every presentation proudly displayed the APYAC logo, with our own conservation legend **Bob Pearce** receiving well-deserved recognition for the role our Club has played in driving these projects forward. It was another reminder that APYAC continues to punch well above its weight when it comes to conservation and leaving a better fishery for future generations.

For locations of reefs new to you, **click this link.**

As always, I left feeling incredibly grateful to represent our Club. Every meeting is filled with passionate, knowledgeable and humble people who genuinely care about recreational fishing. It's a privilege to have a seat at the table and to bring these updates back to our members.

Because at the end of the day, your fishing licence isn't just permission to fish ... it's an investment in the future of fishing itself.

Cheers and see you at the Club,



Lee.
Lee Spyrou,
President.

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 were issued on the 2nd of July.

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.

Grab a coffee, and listen by **clicking the link HERE**.



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**.

Angling.

General.

A group of us headed to Tasmania, near Launceston, last Sunday, chasing large whiting in the Tamar River. I hope I can give a good report on the trip next Tight Lines.

Winter weather has been mixed for boaters and anglers, with some great still and foggy days with no wind, and then at times, gale-force winds. Keep an eye on forecasts; it's better to err on the side of safety than to practise your swimming style.

The bay water temperatures are still dropping, 12.2 C at the top end of the bay, 12.4 C mid bay. Outside the Heads, in the ocean, it's warmer than in the bay, 14.1 C. Rug up if going fishing. Late run snapper seems to have gone, whiting, squid and flathead biting, wind predominantly still from the north to north-west with strong west to south-westerlies, a large high over Victoria kept winds low, but very cold temps last week.

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



Snapper.

There are still resident snapper in the bay, but they are hard to find. Early morning and sundown fishing seem 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, Kirks Point and Long Reef. Actually, pinkies can be found 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.

Best baits everywhere are silver whiting, pilchards, squid, garfish, Australian salmon fillets and couta. When you catch fish, please think about returning the ones you and your family do not need for food. Catch, take a pic, and then return them a.s.a.p. in good condition.

Flatties.

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 a 4/0 or 5/0 hook. Cut pilchards, squid or fillets of any fish are great bait; they will also take soft plastic lures. Drift over sandy areas from Black Rock to Port Melbourne. Once you catch a few, go back over the area as Flathead do tend to school up in waves on the bottom. Out the back of the club, 100 metres out further from the pier end can be productive.



Gummies and other Sharks.

Good reports of sharks in the bay, school sharks, seven-gill sharks and gummies. 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. The water is now clear in areas where whiting normally hang out. There are good reports from the very Southern end of the bay, where the water has been mostly clear. Kirks Point, Wedge Spit and St Leonards areas are producing some nice whiting. Fish grassy areas 2-5 metres deep and keep moving if you are not catching them. Best

baits, Pipis, mussels and squid strips.

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

Australian Salmon.

Salmon are in huge numbers. Keep an eye out for birds working, as there are schools of Australian Salmon up the Club end of the bay. Many good salmon have been caught around the red stick near Altona, schools have been reported out from Williamstown footy ground, and near Kerferd Road Pier and near the Williamstown Cardinal Marker. Salmon up to 65cm are being caught. If you catch a salmon on bait, it is worth trying a lure for a dozen or so casts or a quick troll, as they are a school fish.

Any smallish silvery 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, 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, or even bread dough works! They are being caught off most piers as well.

Mulloway.

It is a prime time to fish for Mulloway, the best times are as evening approaches, till well into the night. Live bait yakkas or mullet is best; large strips of fresh squid also work. They are being caught from the warmies right up the river to Burnley.

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

"God does not deduct from a person's allotted time on earth the hours spent fishing" ... Babylonian Proverb

John Spragg

[Images: David Gowans says: "Matt completely out-fished me off the coast of Malaysia with this beautiful grouper."

The Warmies. Under high pressure systems in winter, no wind, little sun ... they have to fire up the gas power plant to warm Melbourne. When the steam is streaming out of the smoke stack, warm water is being pumped into the Yarra, which the fish love. Try to grab a spot on the bank and give it a try!]

APYAC Calendar 2026.

Tuesday 18th August – d'Arenberg Degustation.

Saturday 29th August – Midwinter Masquerade: **My Girlfriend Sheryl.**

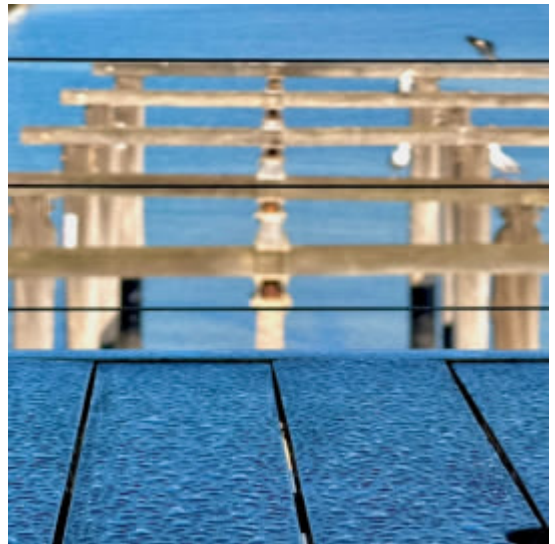
More events coming soon!

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

[Image: Hard to believe how much moisture is left behind on the decks after a foggy start.]



Fishing & Boating Season Calendar 2026.

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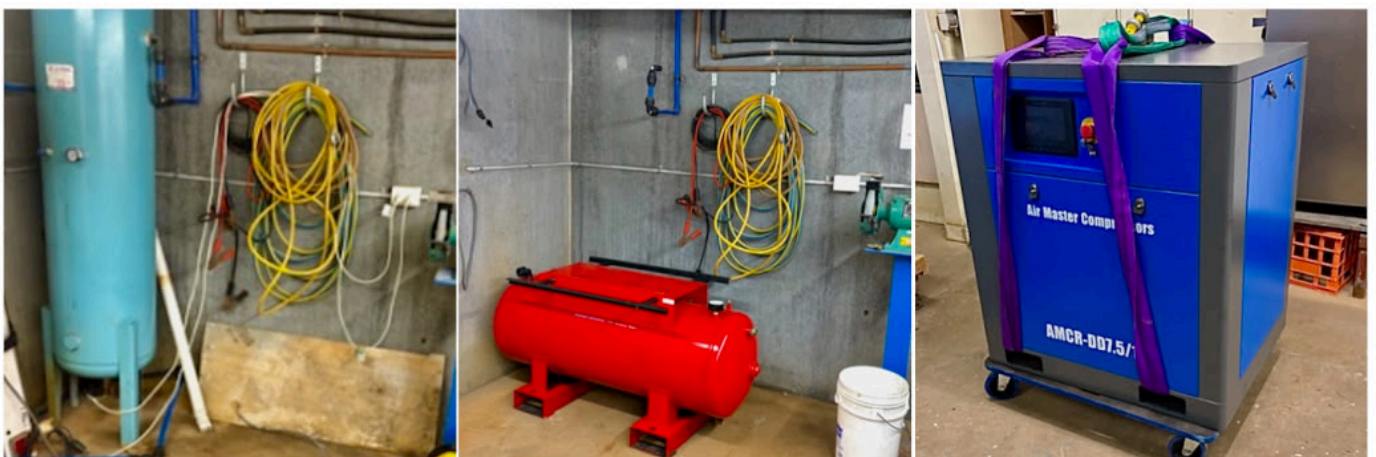
Wednesday 5th August – **General Meeting 7 p.m.**

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd September – **General Meeting 7 p.m.**

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

[Image: Hard to believe how long a race takes without wind.]



Boathouse volunteers.

Thank you to all the volunteers who attended recently. **Chris H** must have really cracked the whip in my absence, as so much was accomplished in three days.

June's flood waters finally took their toll on the air compressor motor bearings, and these seized, meaning boats could not use the gantry hoists.

The flood-damaged air compressor was removed from the workshop, and the workshop was cleared to make way for the new compressor and air tank, which should be installed later today.

An access hatch to the hot water system over the toilet has been replaced with a cover panel.



To reinforce the storm protection on the east aisle door system, the storm barriers have been increased by another three planks (thanks, **Alex**). These extra planks will only be added when there is threatening weather and will be stored in the first upper berth with the trailer.

The *Savage Dolphin JR263*, owned by the late volunteer member **Bev Francis**, has been sold to **Rob Raffa** and is currently being fitted out in preparation for the next angling season.

His previous boat is under offer from another member who will undoubtedly hope that the fishing continues to be equally as good as the previous owner's success. Rob is being helped by **Rob Lenne** to set the boat up.

Thank you to **Mike D** and **Bruce** for keeping the varnishing of *PA35* going over the previous week and weekend.

As a result of their work, it was turned back over and is now ready for interior painting and fit-out of the engine and ancillary components. The deck and gunwales will be re-varnished, and the boat prepared for a sea trial.

EA385 has had the engine box assembled and is ready for final fitment. The hull intake strainer and exhaust water cooling connections are to be finally attached.

It has been a sad week with the funeral and a well-attended wake for our **Past President, Life Member and Patron of our Club, Phil Langdon**. He will live on in our memories and always be with us with his Clinker Boat PA25.

Rations.

The volunteers were warmed up with party pies for Smoko on both Wednesdays —just the treat for the cold conditions. I am sure there were cakes on the table for both Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Ian Sekac



Savage Fisherman* for sale.

Sale price \$4,000.

Fresh two-pack paint for the hull and deck. Full-length heavy stainless steel keel band & prop guard. New lifting eyes, bow ring. Rewired, new fuel and exhaust hoses. All in great working order.

Owned / Work carried out by a Shipwright. Stern tube & shaft removed and overhauled. Comes with spray dodger, oars, anchor, lifejackets. Cradle, sundry extras. Registered EQ675.

Contact the Boathouse Captain if interested.

[*That's the model of the boat, not a description of its owner - Ed]



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.

Six tip-stars shared the honours this week, each picking all matches correctly. David G75 (**David Gowans**), Cakes80 (**Ian Sekac**), KatG (**Kat Gowans**), Janno (**Jan Norton**), **Chris Derrick** and Libby (**Libby Bull**) all managed that. Congratulations on a great week of tipping!

Three Jokers were played. Kevin (**Kevin Raven**), Vincent (**Vincent Chan**) and That Fasso (**Sam Fasso**) all scored well, with Kevin scoring a solid 16 for his efforts.

Two changes to the top 15 on the Leaderboard with **Simon Martin** overtaking **Barry Hayes** into 6th spot and **Chris Derrick** overtaking **George Kassiotis** into 15th spot.

Memorable Moments.

- Fremantle somehow won after an abysmal first half.
- In atrocious conditions, the Hawks ended Carlton's dream.
- The Suns really are overrated (by me).
- Who knows what GWS are capable of —are finals a possibility? It is mathematically possible.
- Melbourne remains undefeated at the MCG this year —could be handy form in September.

Trivia questions and the answers.

- In the same season, how many sides have ever had a seven-match losing streak and then a seven-match winning streak? (a) none (b) one (c) two (d) three. **ANSWER: (a) none.**
- Last week, Noah Mraz had six contested marks on debut for Hawthorn. Is that the most contested marks ever on debut? (a) Yes (b) no **ANSWER: (a) yes, equal with Podsiadly.**
- Last week, Sydney's Brody Grundy had 60 hit-outs in the match. Who holds the record for the most hitouts in a single match with 80? (a) Grundy (b) Goldstein (c) Sandilands (d) Naitanui. **ANSWER: (b) Goldstein.**
- Brisbane last week kicked the first six goals in the match against Geelong in Geelong. In the last 25 years, that has happened in one other match. Which side has managed to do that? (a) Collingwood 2010 (b) St Kilda 2009 (c) West Coast 2006 (d) Brisbane 2002. **ANSWER: (d) Brisbane.**
- Last week, St Kilda won its 1000th match. Congrats to the team and long-term supporters. How many years has it been since they lost their 1000th match? (a) 31 years (b) 36 years (c) 41 years. **ANSWER: (d) 41 years.**

Smokie tipping performance.

My smokie tip was that Gold Coast would fire up for once and beat Adelaide in Adelaide. They are clearly not the real deal. Hardwick is under pressure, as are my Smokie tips —now six correct from the last 11.

[How many are correct from the last 18 rounds? - Ed]

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>



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You're nicked!

Hidden seafood cache lands Bellarine restaurant in hot water.

A Bellarine Peninsula restaurant is under investigation after *Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA)* officers allegedly discovered a concealed stash of frozen King George whiting during an inspection.

Initially, the restaurant owner produced seafood and paperwork showing legitimate sources. However, officers allegedly found additional whiting fillets hidden in a separate freezer, with no documentation proving where they came from. The owner reportedly admitted the fish had been supplied by a recreational angler.

That is illegal.

While recreational fishers can enjoy their catch, they cannot sell, barter or exchange it. Only licensed commercial fishers are permitted to sell seafood, ensuring it is legally harvested, properly handled and fully traceable.

VFA Director of Community Engagement and Major Crime Ian Parks said proof-of-sale documentation is mandatory for all seafood held by restaurants, fishmongers and retailers. Businesses that fail to produce this paperwork face fines of up to \$24,000, while receiving fish caught by recreational fishers for resale can attract penalties including up to 12 months' imprisonment.

The VFA reminds all recreational anglers that selling their catch undermines sustainable fisheries, disadvantages legitimate commercial operators and can pose food safety risks.

Anyone with information about the illegal sale of recreationally caught fish is encouraged to report it anonymously by calling **13 FISH (13 34 74)**.

[Government press release shortened by ChatGPT]

Polar Plunge.

Last weekend, the Polar Plunge was conducted by the emergency services, raising funds and awareness to support the **Special Olympics**.

Competitors started out front of our Club and made their way to the *South Melbourne Lifesaving Club* before jumping in the sea!

The day raised \$86,911. Nationally the tally is up to \$450,235. Check out their webpage by **clicking this link**.

[Image: Stolen from Channel Nine News]



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]



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):

- 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 – (Possibly booked out, contact the team by clicking [here](#).)

Boat Handling – **[Book Here](#)**

Bookings are essential to secure your spot.

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:

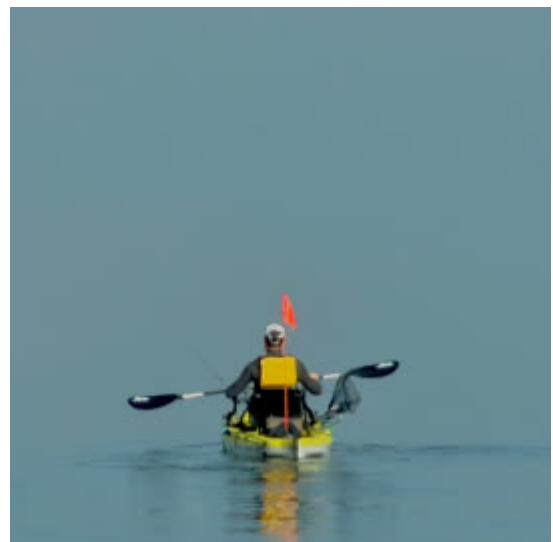
- Complete a boathouse, boat, or kayak induction.
- Hold a marine licence (for boat hire).
- Register as a hirer, and complete a risk waiver.
- Be 18 years or older.

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.

[Image: Joe Decleva heads into the mist.]



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**

[Image: The Noisy Miners have moved into the local area like tobacco terrorist, forcing Sparrows to move to the beach. When the heavy rain arrived the other day, the chair on the deck became a bird bath.]



Club Opening Hours.

TUE - FRI (OFFICE): 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Trial.

Open 4 p.m.

Happy Hours 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Normal menu, specials: Parma Night!

Book tables to help prove demand.

General Meeting Wednesdays are different.

Thursdays, Fridays.

Lunch 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday Happy Hours 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Saturdays

Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Bar snacks to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday Happy Hour 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (except when closed early for functions).

Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

If there are no bookings or demand, the venue will close at 7 p.m.

NOTE: If there is a function, we close at 3:30 p.m. sharp.

Sundays

Lunch 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.

Bar Snacks 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We remain open later on Band Sundays, details during booking.

Wednesday 15th - Tuesday 28th July 2026

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