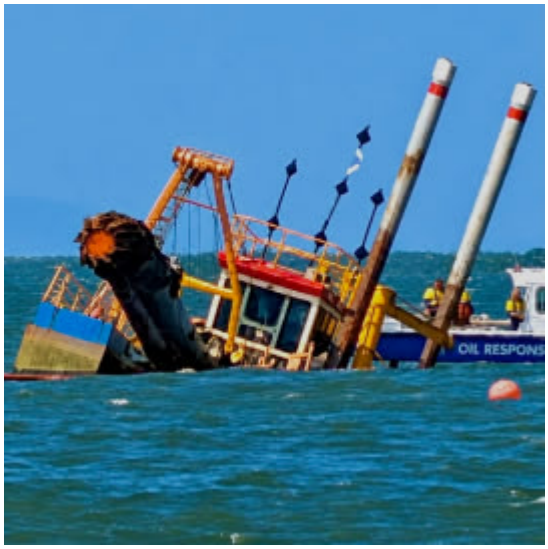
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Wednesday 11th November - Tuesday 24th November 2026

Getting smashed.



One cubic metre of seawater weighs 1,025 kilograms —the exact same weight as a 1970 Holden Torana XU-1.

All Saturday afternoon we watched the waves smashing against the yellow dredge, floating 750 metres off the Sandbar Cafe. Surely each of the bigger waves was a cubic metre in volume, smashing in at, it would have to be, say, 20 kph.

The dredge would ride smoothly for a few minutes and then get completely clobbered by a few waves for maybe half a minute. We wondered aloud, as we played cards in the Langdon Room, how much punishment it could take.

At the same time, the wind was roaring, measured at St Kilda RMYS right on 6 p.m. at 48 kph, less than a kilometre away.

The answer came the next day, after 8 mm of overnight rain and nearly 24 hours of relentless wind, with the highest gust on Sunday, 35 kph, at 1:24 p.m. The dredge was about to go under.

Bj Johnson noticed it and shot a video on his phone, his colourful language documenting his amazement. The port authorities moved in fast to deploy booms to minimise oil spills, and the EPA closed the beach. The ‘renourishment’ of Middle Park Beach has stalled.

For a while we thought we’d be getting a new yellow shellfish reef, for free.

The high-pressure system moved in, divers checked it out on Monday, and at 5 p.m. last night it looked like the recovery mission would be a success. Read all about it below.

You can also read about how we scored a substantial grant for what **Bob Pearce** calls the biggest housing project in the State, building new homes for ‘critters’ five metres down, about 850 metres off our pier.

And how we are resuming fishing charters for Club volunteers.

Oh, and invitations will be going out to about 300 people on the waitlist, so if you see people wandering around looking lost, welcome them to the Club and show them the ropes.

The big news is that **Peter Cupples** will close the Club before Christmas with a Sunday session (I hope he does *‘Summer Breeze’*), and our New Year’s Eve Party will feature the **Johnny Fab Band**, known for their Yacht Rock (which is what young people call OUR MUSIC). Grab your tickets now.

Again, **Annabelle** and her staff did the Cup Carnival better than the mob at Flemington. The food conjured-up by **Chris, Sebastian**, and the other **Chris** was as good as anything in the marquees, and our fashions on the field stole the show. Thanks to **Olga** and **Denis** for running six simultaneous Cup sweeps, and to our wonderful guests who kept off the tables this year!

This Saturday night, **Antony, Chris** and **Seth** will perform live and free (for you) as *The Regular Boys*. Watch Antony’s drumming; he’s played with some of the best in the business. Just book a table and come on down.

This is edition **134** of Tight Lines.

James Nixon,

Editor.

Image: ©BJ Johnson's image, taken from a phone video, with AI enhancement by KO.



5 p.m. Tuesday, and recovery of the sand dredge is in full swing.

Parma Wednesdays.

4 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays

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 runs four Parma options, each served with chips and salad, all for just $24.
With every Parma sold, weÃ¢Â€Â 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.

Club Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

The next **General Meeting** is on Wednesday 2nd December.
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 7:30 p.m.
Enjoy the Club-sponsored supper after the meeting.
All welcome!

Image: Members enjoying the Club-sponsored supper after the November General Meeting.





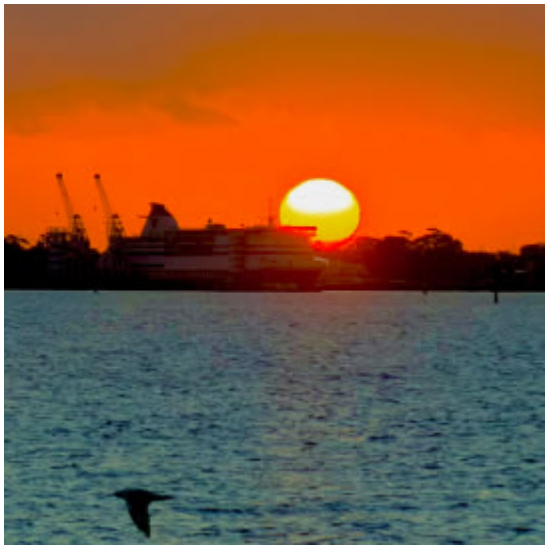
Happy Hour Thursdays.

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.
You have to be there to win!

Image: Cup Day's MC with Club Manager, Annabelle Sealy. ©TullyBunce

Friday night at the Club.



The Members' Draw prize pool rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp and is $900 for Friday, the 13th November. To win, the member must be present and financial. When their name comes up, they must claim the prize within one minute. If unclaimed, the jackpot increases by $100 each week until won. Last Friday night: *Flossie Sturzaker, Diane Rowley*, and *Mary Polous* missed out on $800.

Weekly Raffle

Tickets are sold in the hour before 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 at the door and selling raffle tickets.
If you wish to stay for a meal, please book a table by **clicking the link here.**
Reminder: When making a reservation for dining, it is expected that you order within 30 mins of your booking time, and all meals must be ordered before 8:30 p.m. Thank you.

Image: Last Friday's sunset.

Saturday night dining.*



On normal Saturdays:
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. HAPPY HOUR**
Selected Wines & Beers at $4 a glass!
Full Dinner menu available.
This Saturday night, **The Regular Boys** will be playing; see below.
Book your table **by clicking here.**
Please note that you will be directed to the website and will need to log in to 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 Cup Day cruise ship leaving port. Someone needs to change that light globe on the pier.

Regular Boys are back!



THIS Saturday 14th November

7.30 p.m.

Live on Stage at APYAC

FREE ENTRY
BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW BEFORE THEY ALL FILL UP!
Normal Saturday night dining.
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 that you will be directed to the website and will need to log in to your portal or use the App.

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday,12th December.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Captain Santa and his Elf are making a special visit to our Club!
Our Favorite clown, **Andy** from *AndyÃ¢Â€Â s Antics*, is back with fun and laughter for the kids!
Details:
Ã¢Â€Â¢ Price: $25 per child (under 12s)
Ã¢Â€Â¢ Includes: Entertainment and lunch. Fish & chips, icy pole, and soft drinks.

Ã¢Â€Â¢ Book your tickets by **clicking this link.**

Special Gift Reminder:
Parents, please bring a wrapped, labelled gift (valued at $10-20) for each child. Captain Santa will personally hand out the gifts!
Lunch Option.
If you'd like to stay and enjoy lunch after the party, remember to book a table in advance!



Peter Cupples



Sunday 20th December.

4 - 6 p.m.

The last day before we close for Christmas!
Join us this Sunday as the incredible **Peter Cupples** takes the stage for a special performance that you won't want to miss!
Kitchen open with FULL MENU until 6 p.m.
Bar open until 6:30 p.m.
Venue closes at 7 p.m.
Tickets: $15!
Gather your friends and enjoy a spectacular afternoon filled with great music, good vibes, and delightful refreshments.
Grab your spot **by clicking this link.**

New Year's Eve.



31st December.

$99 per person

(Adults Only)
7.30 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Join us for a spectacular evening with JOHNNY FAB playing live all night long, delicious roaming canapés until 11 p.m., and a night of celebration and dancing as we welcome the New Year!

So bring your friends, your fun loving attitude and your dance shoes as we say farewell to 2026 in style!

Grab your tickets **by clicking this link.**

Angler's Kitchen Specials.

Dips - *Chef's selection of two dips served with pita bread $12*

Pulled Pork Taco - *Black beans, pico de gallo, jalapeño, lime crema, coriander $11 per taco*

NZ Salmon Fishcakes - *Tartare, fresh herbs, capers, pickled cucumber, lemon $28*

Sweet Glazed Lamb Ribs - *Couscous, onion, blood orange, beetroot, labneh, mixed nuts $42*

Lemon Sorbet - *Berry compote, candied pistachio $12*


anglers kitchen
LUNCH & DINNER BISTRO MENU
GRAZE
SALADS

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 and thus cannot book for Club functions or Anglers Restaurant Bookings until your membership is approved. Thanks for understanding.



*Image: Both Melbourne Cup and Oaks Days were a great success, thanks to the volunteers, **Olga** & **Denis** on the Cup Day sweeps, and **Annabelle** and her dedicated staff. The venue transformed from Cup Day to General Meeting, to Oaks Day and back to normal Club operations over four successive days.*

Wine of the Month.

HEROES Dry Riesling 2025

GRAPE: Riesling
LOCATION: Otway Hinterland, Australia
EYE: Bright green gold
NOSE: Lemon, lime, honeysuckle, jasmine
TASTE: Lemon, lime, minerality
MATURING: Wild fermentation in stainless steel
'Made from an unirrigated vineyard planted in the Otway Hinterland in 1999. A light, very bright green gold. A fragrant and delicate bouquet of Meyer lemon, jasmine, orange blossom and lime zest. Textural and beautifully balanced on the palate, with a fine thread of acidity in harmony with the fruit. Should age gracefully over the next decade.'
- Philip Rich, Halliday Wine Companion, 02 December 2025

$55 per bottle



President's message.



Plenty to celebrate!

What a year we're having at APYAC! Every time I think we might have a quiet moment, something else comes along to remind me just how remarkable our Club and its members really are.

Looking back over the past few months, we've enjoyed wonderful social events, great fishing stories, enthusiastic members, dedicated volunteers and plenty happening behind the scenes. From our boathouse to our clubhouse, it's the people who make APYAC such a special place.

And speaking of special, what a fantastic General Meeting we enjoyed in November!

Ben Cleveland from *Cardium Marine* delivered an outstanding presentation, '*From Albert Park to the World Stage – Kayakers Reef Making Waves!'* His enthusiasm and knowledge brought the project to life, reminding us just how far our little reef has come and the incredible difference we're making right on our doorstep.

But the evening held another rather exciting surprise!

I'm absolutely delighted to announce that APYAC has been successful in securing a $217,360 Recreational Fishing Licence grant for our *Oyster Architects* project, taking the restoration of Kayakers Reef to another level!

What an extraordinary achievement! A huge congratulations and heartfelt thank you to **Bob Pearce**, whose passion, persistence and dedication have been instrumental in making this happen, along with our many wonderful partners who have supported this journey.

Who would have thought that our Club, established back in 1909, would be making waves in marine conservation more than a century later? We're not just catching fish - we're helping create a healthier future for them!



Fishing Charters Are Back!

And there's more good news! Following feedback from our wonderful volunteers, the Committee has decided to reintroduce our Club-sponsored fishing charters.

These subsidised charters will be offered at a 50% reduced rates to members who have already contributed their time volunteering for the Club. Should places remain available, they will then be opened to other members at the full charter price. The Angling Sub-Committee will now coordinate the program, ensuring it runs smoothly and fairly.

A very special thank you to **Olga Harradine**, who originally championed our members' charters. Olga's passion for making fishing more accessible and inclusive has been an incredible success, bringing people together and creating opportunities for members to get out on the water. What a wonderful legacy to build upon!

It's another great example of what can happen when members share their ideas, get involved and help make things happen.

Whether it's restoring reefs, maintaining our boats, organising activities, welcoming new members or simply lending a hand, every contribution helps make APYAC what it is today.

To our committee, staff, volunteers and members, thank you. Your enthusiasm, generosity and willingness to get involved continue to inspire me.

There's still plenty of 2026 ahead of us, and if the past few months are anything to go by, I suspect we're not finished making waves just yet!

Tight lines, everyone, and see you at the Club.

Lee.

Lee Spyrou
President

Angling.



Pot of Gold Comp less than a month away: 4th- 6th December; get out on the Bay and find your marks and areas so you are ready for it.

The dredge just east of the club sank, so keep an eye out for salvage operations.

Spring weather has arrived; some calm days, but it is also a time of strong winds and mixed weather and hot or cold at times. Keep an eye on forecasts; it’s better to err on the side of safety than to practise your swimming style. The good news for Port Phillip Bay anglers is the bay water temperatures actually dropped and but still warmer than outside the Heads, 17C at the top end of the Bay , Mid-Bay 16.9C. In the ocean, it's cooler than in the bay, 15.5C. Bay water

temperatures dropped almost one degree with the rain spells and cold snaps.

It is official: the run of new snapper breeding in the Bay has started, the Bay water temperature is above 17C, and there has been a good flush of fresh water, plenty of pinkies around; whiting, squid and flathead biting. Wind predominantly still from the north to north-west with strong west to south-westerlies and the odd strong easterly thrown in,

When you get bait from the Club, can you please stop writing in hieroglyphics, as my ancient Egyptian is not good when reconciling dockets; and be sure you have enough credit on your fob when taking bait, or you will get a call from the office. Members are also taking bait and not circling how they pay for it. If you pay cash and put it in the box on the wall, circle cash; likewise, pay on your fob. If no circle, it will be booked to your fob. Our crystal ball is murky.

It is starting to happen on the water; since last edition, there are fish out there if you try.

Snapper.

The new run of large Snapper very hit and miss, large schools showing up on sounders. Early morning and sundown fishing seem to be most productive, although the fish do not always follow rules. When the new run of snapper arrives, they generally head to shallower water. Reports of fish taken from St. Kilda to Black Rock.

Good fish caught straight out from Hampton. BlackRock to Rickets Point on the 5- 8 m depth line producing fish. Williamstown out from the footy ground has yielded fish. Anglers have been doing very well down at Kirks Point. Fish have also been caught on Altona Reef, T14, T20 and P2.

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.

There are good-sized numbers of gummy sharks in 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. There have been reports of many 7-gill sharks in the bay up to 3 metres. Use very large chunks of bait, 10-12 size hooks and wire trace to stop them biting you off. The best baits seem to be silver whiting, Australian salmon fillets, pilchards, garfish and squid. Late evening or night is the best time.

Whiting.

While many anglers only have snapper on their mind, whiting fishing should be good, the water clear, but the Club marks are not delivering. There are good reports from the very Southern end of the bay, where the water has been mostly clear. Kirks Point, Wedge Spit, Portarlington, Mornington to Portsea 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. We have not had many good whiting reports since last edition.

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. Now is the time large squid enter the bay to breed and are hungry. Try Avalon, Werribee, Point Cook, Campbell's Cove, Point Lonsdale, Sorrento and Blairgowrie. The red stick directly out from Altona Yacht Club, and the boat ramp has had anglers bagging out on squid. Look for clear water and grassy patches. Try 3.5-size jigs; if no luck, try 2.5 jigs. Large squid are being caught; a favourite spot of mine is Blairgowrie Marina Pier on an incoming tide. The water will need to clear after the wind and rain we have had. Phillip Island has also been fishing well for large Squid.

Australian Salmon.

Salmon are in huge numbers but have been hit and miss the last few weeks. 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 to near the Clocktower in water as shallow as one metre. Directly out from St Kilda Marina has seen Salmon in almost plague proportions. 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.

There have been big schools near the Club and in close, so ideal for kayak anglers.

Point Londsdale Pier has been productive for land-based anglers willing to travel.

Any smallish silvery or pilchard-looking lure trolled or cast into the area the birds are diving in should produce fish. Take your boat around the schools, not through them; try to work out which way the schools are headed and circle around them, either casting into the school or trolling. 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 right around the Bay by land-based anglers. An area a few hundred metres from the main beach at Williamstown opposite the rotunda, for boaters, has been productive.

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 Sip, Slop Slap and take plenty of drinking water as it can get hot this time of year. We are only 50 days from the longest day!

Some men would rather be photographed with the fish they catch than with their wives. —Gwen Cooper and Evelyn Haas (both women).

John Spragg.

*Images: **Will Osborne**, 31cm & 35cm, 6.30 a.m. on pilchards and **Alex Spyrou**.*

MAX CONINGSBY CUP WEEKEND COMP					
DAVID VITKIN	IN-HOUSE	SNAPPER	PORT MELBOUR	PLASTICS	45
MICK SASS	OPEN	SNAPPER	PORTARLINGTON	SALMON	47
RICHARD MUSCAT	OPEN	SNAPPER	WILLIAMSTOWN	SALMON	75
RICHARD MUSCAT	OPEN	SNAPPER	BLACK ROCK	SALMON	69
ROB RAFFA	IN-HOUSE	SNAPPER	ST KILDA	PILCHARD	47
ROB RAFFA	IN-HOUSE	SNAPPER	ST KILDA	PILCHARD	50
STEVEN FITZGERALD	IN-HOUSE	SNAPPER	ST KILDA	PILCHARD	61
WILL OSBORNE (JNR)	IN-HOUSE	SNAPPER	ST KILDA	PILCHARD	31
WILL OSBORNE (JNR)	IN-HOUSE	SNAPPER	ST KILDA	PILCHARD	35

	1ST PRIZE $200	2ND PRIZE $150
Longest Snapper Open	RICHARD MUSCAT 75	MICK SASS 47
Longest Snapper In-House	STEVEN FITZGERALD 61	DAVE VITKIN 45
Longest Bag Angler	ROB RAFFA 97 combined	
Kids Awards $50	WILL OSBORNE	2 FISH - 66CM COMBINED

OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
MICK SASS	11	57.7	ROB RAFFA	3	16.5
RICHARD MUSCAT	4	27.4	STEVEN FITZGERALD	2	11.7
MARK MERCIECA	3	16.2	DAVE VITKIN	1	4.5
MARY-JANE MERCIECA	3	16.1			
JOHN SPRAGG	1	4.7	**JUNIORS**		
			WILL OSBORNE	2	6.6
	22			**8**	

Boathouse Volunteers

We welcomed Bill Luke to the Boat House. Bill is a sign writer and portrait artist of note. Bill painted the new name on the transom of the future Club Hire Clinker EA385.

Thanks to the generosity of Chantal, for the work that he performed, Bill didn't go home without something to sip. The new name will be revealed at a later date once we have ceremoniously removed traces of the old name and renamed EA385.

One task that was performed this week was to glue a piece of marine carpet to the lid of the Chef's freezer. The lid was showing signs of abrasion damage and corrosion. Has to be worth a bowl of chips.

The following week was shortened due to the Melbourne Cup, but it didn't stop 11 volunteers last Wednesday.

Many tasks were completed; among them, more corrosion protection treatment was added to the steel mesh fencing at the front of the Club House.

The three hire boats that had been used had varying issues reported, from a sounder that did not work due to corroded wires, a fishing net that needed repair due to corroded fasteners and a steering adjustment that was needed on one boat.

All issues were resolved. Just another day's work for the skills these volunteers have.

LONGEST FISH			LENGTH
SNAPPER	IN	ROB RAFFA	68
	OPEN	MARK MERCIECA	75
FLATHEAD	IN	RICHARD CAIN	47
	OPEN	ALEX SPYROU	50
SHARK	IN		
	OPEN		
1ST SNAPPER	IN	ROB RAFFA	**68**
	OPEN	**JOHN SPRAGG**	**47**
LAST SNAPPER	IN		
	OPEN		
WHITING	IN		
	OPEN		
WHITING BAG	IN		
	OPEN		
PIKE	IN	DAVID VITKIN	65
	OPEN	MICK SASS	77
LEATHER JACKET	IN		
	OPEN	GLENN DAVIES	45
SALMON	IN		
	OPEN	JACK MERCIECA	54
CALAMARI	IN		
	OPEN	RICHARD MUSCAT	26
PIKE	IN		
	OPEN		
BREAM	IN	ROB RAFFA	38
	OPEN		
FLATHEAD - JNR	IN	MATTHEW GOWANS	44
	OPEN		



Hire Kayaks.

The three kayaks had the upgraded safety gear added to them. New sealed bailing buckets that contain a 50-foot throw rope with an orange float, a torch, a whistle, a signal mirror and a compass. Also included was a daylight orange flare.

As the kayaks come with depth sounders, maintaining the batteries is now included in the routine tasks.

PA18. The boat has been stripped of paint and sanded, and now the task of repairing defects in the hull, which have now been revealed, will commence. We are waiting on the supplier of the glues and sealants to have replacement stock before we can proceed with restoration work.

(See the photo below of a split plank)

EA385: The engine stop cable was installed, and the boat is now ready for a sea trial.

Rations.

Wednesday's Smoko was another gourmet spread, this time of thinly sliced eye fillet steak sandwiches from our master chef Stu, as well as BBQed sausages. Can I add that Stu also supplied homemade dehydrated orange slices dipped in chocolate. The challenge is out there, volunteers.

The following week, the Volunteers were treated to a mix of cold to warm party pies and sausage rolls due to the inability of the temporary chef to manage an oven. No matter, they all went.

Ian Sekac

APYAC Calendar 2026.



NOVEMBER

Saturday 14th November. **Regular Boys** 8 p.m. Free Entry.
Saturday 21st November. **Closed from 4 p.m.** (Private Function).

DECEMBER
Wednesday 2nd December - **General Meeting** (*regular dining closed*) 7 p.m.
Saturday 12th December. **Kids Christmas Party**
Sunday 20th December. **Peter Cupples**
Thursday 31st December. **APYAC New Year's Eve Event**

More events coming soon!
Note: Saturday Bands usually play from 7-9 p.m. or later during summertime.
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: PA18 having its tummy treated.

Fishing & Boating Season Calendar 2026-7.



OCTOBER / NOVEMBER
Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 pm Sunday 22nd November.

DECEMBER
Pot Of Gold Competition - 4.00 p.m. Friday 4th December - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 6th December.
Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 pm Sunday 6th December.
(13th December / Backup POG Weekend dates)

JANUARY NO COMPETITIONS
Clinker Boat Races - Australia Day, Tuesday 26th January.

FEBRUARY
Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition. - 4.00 p.m. Friday 5th February - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 7th February.
Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 7th February.

MARCH
Purrumbete Long Weekend - Friday 5th March - Monday 8th March.
Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 14th March.
Herring Island BBQ - Sunday 28th March, time TBC.*

APRIL
Flathead Frenzy Weekend - 4.00 p.m. Friday 2nd April - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 4th April.
Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 4th April.

MAY
End of Season Sunday Sausage Sizzle - 2.00 p.m. Sunday 30th May.

JUNE
Presentation Night - Saturday 19th June.

Note: Beaconsfield / Beach Road Closures may impact some events.
** Actual start time to be confirmed.*

Image: Out-of-date advertising being removed from the gantry.

Boat for sale.



Quintrex Dart 400. 2022 Model.

The boat has the same specifications as the very popular Hire Boats. The boat has a regularly serviced Mercury 20HP 4 Stroke Engine with Electric Start and Electric Trim/Tilt function.

Extras include a 7" Lowrance Elite Sounder, Safety gear, Propeller guard, Carpeted floor, Battery Isolator, Canopy, Navigation Lights, load-rated lifting gear and a Transom Step.

This boat is located in a lower berth, the first berth within the Centre aisle, and is ready to go to a person who is keen on fishing.

The boat has had very little use, is in excellent condition and can be yours for $15,000 ONO.



Images: ©bj johnson's great image during the initial emergency on Sunday, yesterday's full rescue setup and a close-up of the heavy-lift crane in action. (AI image enhancement by KO)

Middle Park Dredge.

Statement from the City Of Port Phillip.

"A coordinated response is underway after the dredger Kirra, which was supporting Council's Middle Park Beach renourishment project, became partially submerged while at anchor offshore overnight.

The vessel was unmanned, and no one was injured. A small quantity of diesel has been released and is being actively contained, with containment and recovery operations continuing (pictured).

As a precaution, South Melbourne Beach between South Melbourne Surf Life Saving Club and Kerferd Road Pier is closed. Please do not swim or enter the water within the closed area until further notice.

Environment Protection Authority Victoria has issued water quality advice for Middle Park Beach and South Melbourne Beach. People and pets should avoid contact with the water if they notice an oily sheen, discoloured water or chemical odours.

Parks Victoria is coordinating the multi-agency response, with Council and other agencies supporting.

This is an evolving situation. We will update our webpage as further verified information becomes available. Check the latest updates ***by clicking here."***

Notice To Mariners.



The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

08 November 2026
Australia – Victoria
No. 511(T)-2026
Local Port of Port Phillip
Middle Park
Middle Park Beach – Sunken Vessel
Date: Immediate
Details: Mariners are advised that a vessel has sunk in the vicinity of Middle Park at the approximate location: 37°51.442'S, 144°57.063'E (WGS84).

"A pollution response has been activated, and booms are in place. Conditions will continue to be monitored.

The vessel will be salvaged as soon as practicable.

Mariners are advised that floating and submerged hazards to navigation may be present and to navigate with caution within the vicinity of the sunken vessel.

If you require any further information, please contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963."

Dave Moore
Chief Maritime Ranger – West Port Phillip
Maritime and Waterways Operations.

Club fishing charters.

Thanks to the Committee, who, at their last meeting, agreed to reinstate our Club charter fishing trips.

A group of members have really appreciated these organised trips in the past. Their comments included that these outings were well organised, enjoyable, convivial, provided good sun-smart protection, and they even caught some fish!

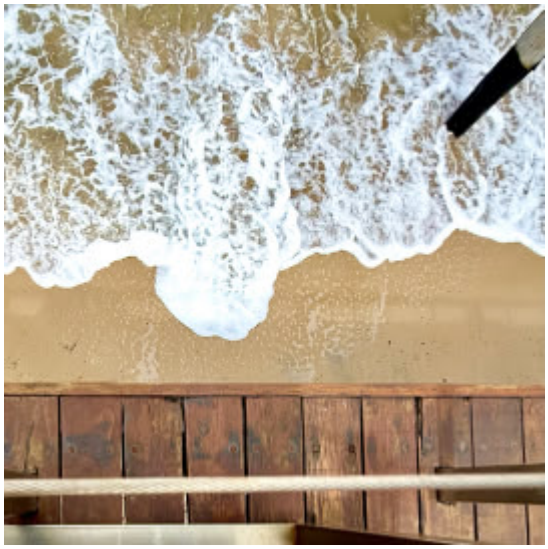
The Angling Committee will be organising all charters in the future, with thanks to **Olga Harradine**, who pioneered and previously ran them for us.

Seats on the charters will only be offered to volunteers, so now is a great time to register your interest in helping out at the Club.



Campbell Sinclair

Images: A Club charter arrives back home on the 14th December 2025.



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.

Images: The best seat in Melbourne, a table on the deck of 'The Fisho's Club'.

New Board Members

VRFish has welcomed three new Board members following its recent Annual General Meeting, with **Stephanie McDonald, Steven Wates** and **Mathew Nash** joining the organisation.

Chairman **Rob Loats** said the new members would bring fresh perspectives, valuable governance and business experience, strong advocacy skills and a shared passion for recreational fishing. **Scott Jefferis** and **John Spragg** were also re-elected to the Board.

The 2026 election attracted a record number of votes and high-calibre nominees from across Victoria, demonstrating the strong engagement of the recreational fishing community.

VRFish also thanked retiring Board member **Steven Relf** for 16 years of service, including 10 years as Deputy Chair and Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee. He received a VRFish Lifetime Achievement Award in 2025.

Lydia Cahill and **Cody McLeod** were also thanked as their Board terms concluded.

The new and re-elected members join **Rob Loats, Rita Caulfield, Jingjing Nan** and **Lee Spyrou** on the VRFish Board. VRFish's gender equity Board policy has also been maintained.

View more about the VRFish Board by clicking this link.

Tarago Reservoir: What do Fishers want?

Recreational fishers are only weeks away from casting a line at Tarago Reservoir for the first time since it closed to public recreation in the 1970s.

Widely tipped to become one of Victoria's premier trout fisheries, Tarago has a strong, self-sustaining population of large brown trout, confirmed through recent electrofishing by the Victorian Fisheries Authority and Arthur Rylah Institute.

The Victorian Government announced plans for recreational access in 2022 under its *Go Fishing and Boating Victoria* plan. A new facility on the reservoir's western shoreline, off North Jindivick Road, now includes a boat ramp, car park and amenities.

Tarago Reservoir, managed by Melbourne Water, is a drinking water storage supplying Melbourne's south-east, the Mornington Peninsula and Westernport region. Water treatment upgrades, approvals and management plans have been required to protect water quality while allowing boating and fishing.

A survey of 789 Victorian recreational fishers by VRFish has revealed strong support for a carefully managed Tarago Reservoir fishery. Almost 60% favoured a proposed two-fish bag limit, minimum 35cm size and single hooks only, while 73% supported managing it exclusively as a brown trout fishery. Other key issues raised included catch and release, fishing methods, land-based access and enforcement.

VRFish has provided the results to the Victorian Fisheries Authority for consideration.

See what anglers had to say and explore the full survey results by clicking here.

Funding casts a wide net for better fishing.

29 October 2026

The Victorian Government is backing recreational fishing so it can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Today, it was announced that nearly $1 million was invested through the *Recreational Fishing Grants Program*.

The program will deliver grants to six projects to improve facilities, angler access and fish habitats.

The *Victorian Fisheries Authority* (VFA) received nearly $274,000 to produce and distribute a range of education tools, including the Recreational Fishing Guide and crayfish measures.

The *Goulburn Valley Association of Angling Clubs* received a $220,000 grant to deliver up to 150 tonnes of additional complex woody habitat to improve the fish stock of golden perch and wild redfin at the Waranga Basin.

The ***Albert Park Yachting and Angling Club*** received a $217,360 grant to install an additional 200 pre-seeded oyster triangle structures as part of its shellfish restoration project at Kayaker's Reef in Hobsons Bay.

Originally created in 2024, Kayaker's Reef has boosted habitat, improved water quality and biodiversity while providing recreational fishers with a hotspot for snapper, calamari, and whiting.

The Red Tag Fly Fishers received a $105,000 grant to progress development plans to build the Australian Fly-Fishing Centre at Fairlea Reserve, Fairfield.

The West Wimmera Shire Council received a $25,866 grant to install a 75-metre-long galvanised steel handrail at the Lake Wallace jetty – improving angler access and safety.

The Recreational Fishing Grants Program has funded more than 600 projects worth over $21 million.

Check out further details **by clicking here.**

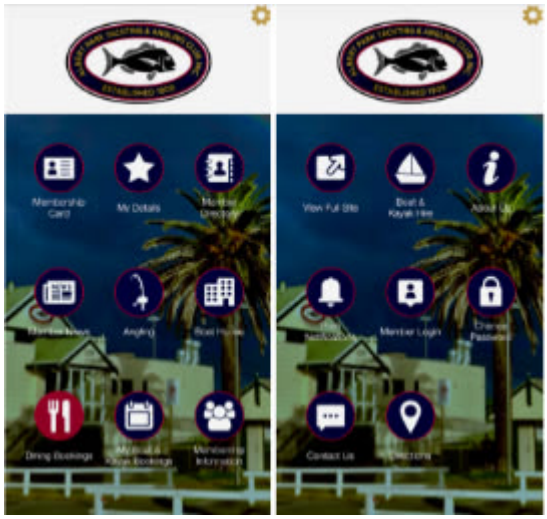
The App's back!

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

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.**

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.**
Admin is assisting only with the booking process.

Image: The faster you help fill the bucket, the faster we can have a competition!

Merchandise.



Get yours now. Use your house levy:

Jackets $85
Vests $75
Hoodies $65
Golf Umbrella $60. *(You really need one.)*
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! *(Scare the grandchildren with LIVE snail mail!)*

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 the I.T. 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**

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 at 10:30 a.m. so you can plan your weekend during your lunch break.

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 most email addresses, not because we don't want to hear from you, but because 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**

Any ideas? **Just click this link here** and put TIGHT LINES IDEAS in the subject line.

The Tight Lines Editor is **James Nixon**.

Club Opening Hours.

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

Wednesday.

Open at 4 p.m.
Happy Hour 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Normal menu, specials: Parma Night!
Book tables to help prove demand.
Club 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 Hour 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 until 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 11th November - Tuesday 24th November 2026

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