

Tangled Lines

Newsletter



May 2025

May General Meeting

will held at:

Held At: Devil Bend Golf Club

When: Wed 28th Junel

7.30 for 8pm start

Where: 48 Loders Rd, Moorooduc

*** Special Guest Speaker
– Better Boating Victoria**

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Check out our Socials and website online

Presidents report

The Joy of Giving



I recently returned from an incredible trip to Western Australia with family, partners, and close friends. It was one of those “all systems go” holidays where everyone had a few bucket list dreams to tick off. We hired a 7.3m plate alloy boat – a real beast, powered by twin 175s – and set off with GPS marks, fishing gear, and snorkelling equipment, ready for whatever adventures lay ahead.

By day three, the list was nearly complete: fishing, diving the Ningaloo Reef, and even swimming alongside the majestic whale sharks. But while ticking off these once-in-a-lifetime experiences was unforgettable, what truly stood out was the joy of sharing these moments with others.

I found myself on a high, watching friends and family reel in species they’d never caught before, or overcoming their nerves to dive into deep waters with gentle ocean giants. There’s something deeply rewarding about guiding someone through a new experience and seeing the excitement light up their face.

It reminded me of the power of giving — of sharing not just the ocean, but knowledge, encouragement, and time. That’s what makes our club so special. Snapper Point Angling Club isn’t just about fishing — it’s about connection. For many, it’s an extended family.

So here’s my encouragement to you: take another club member out on your next trip. Show them a new technique, help them land a species they’ve never caught, or just share the day. The experience of giving — of making someone else’s day memorable — is more rewarding than you might expect.

Tight lines,

Russ Sheppard

President, Snapper Point Angling Club

Guest Speakers at May and June Meetings

28th May Meeting:

Please keep the next meeting date clear and attend the general meeting on Wednesday, May 28th. We have Graeme Mills from the VFA project manager for Better Boating Victoria to present to the club on all relevant boating issues, including the upgrade of the Mornington ramp.

25th June Meeting:

Also Wednesday 25th June, we have local Fisheries Officer Rod Barber attending our meeting to speak on local enforcement, including proposed changes in the current economic climate. Both of these presentations should be very interesting and informative. Please make an effort to attend and support the night.

Socials and Website

Socially Speaking

We want to make more people aware of our great club. Attract new members and keep our current members better informed. Were busy updating our website, our Instagram and Facebook pages and Tangled Lines, our newsletter.

The more you interact—the better it is. So, feel free to contribute or send in content and we will include it where possible.

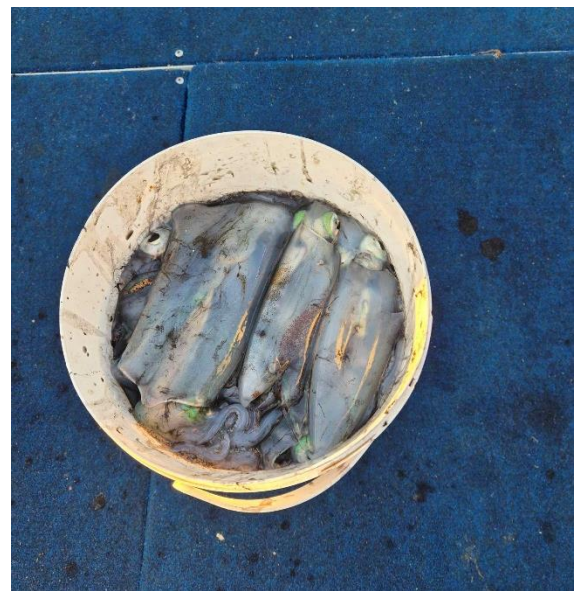
Learn more and see what's biting and where. Check us out by clicking on the logos or via:



Website: www.spac.org.au
Instagram Page: [@snapperpointangling](https://www.instagram.com/snapperpointangling)
Facebook: [Snapper Point Angling Club](https://www.facebook.com/SnapperPointAnglingClub)

(Click on the icons to visit our socials)

Some May Fishing Photos



Robert B had a good morning on the Squid in WPB earlier this month. Nice weather and good catch. Well done Robert B.

May Photos from Members



Above: Ash and Karly did some Heli-Fishing up North. Looks like they had some luck. Ripping Barra Karly.

Below: Crackers is reducing the number of glasses of wine he drinks a day ☺
Below: This is how Brendan photographs his fish catches. I might try it myself.



When going fishing, take an Action Figure with you.... it will make your catch look amazing!!!



Minutes from March General Meeting

Minutes of GENERAL MEETING DATE 30/ 04/ 2025

Held at Devilbend Golf Club.

Chairman: Russell Sheppard

Visitors: Mark Ross

Apologies: Robert Chin, Wayne Preston, Anthony Reynolds, Tony Kent, Rob Bleumink, Greg Nixon, Adam Watson

Minutes of previous meeting 26/03/2025 in last Newsletter

Moved: Kathy Scott. Seconded: Chris Lewicki. Vote carried

Correspondence

Items In: 2

1. VR Fish Newsletter
2. Oz Fish newsletter

Items Out: 0

Moved: Ash Allen. Seconded: Karly Carson. Vote carried

Secretaries Report by Nil

Treasurers Report by Jan Bleumink

Financial Report for March was tabled (recorded with Committee minutes).

Moved Kathy Scott: Seconded: Col Pardy. Vote carried

Presidents Report by Russell Sheppard

With the cooler months upon us, it's time to turn our attention to one of the most exciting events on our angling calendar – the Portland Bluefin Tuna Excursion, running Friday May 23rd to Monday May 26th.

Once again, I'll be coordinating this year's trip, and I couldn't be more excited. Portland has always held a special place in my heart – not just for the chance to tangle with tuna, but for the incredible variety of fishing opportunities on offer. From monster Whiting and powerful Kingfish to elusive Mulloway, Squid, Flathead, and Gummy Shark – there's always something biting in Portland waters. Last time we ventured out, we struck gold just past Lawrence Rock, only a few kilometres from the harbour. The hot lure of the trip? A 100mm bright pink skirt, courtesy of some top-notch advice from John Dalla Rosa – it was irresistible to the tuna.

This year, I've booked a cabin at the Portland Tourist Park, and I'd love to get as many members down there as possible. The cabins sleep up to 5, and with 4 people in one, it works out to \$38.75 per night per person – great value for a weekend of top-tier fishing and great company. There are currently 8 cabins available, but they'll fill quickly, so I recommend booking ASAP. Just let them know you're with the club so they can group us together. The park's number is (03) 5523 2297. If you don't have a spot on a club boat, Steve from Bag Out Charters is a great alternative – he's happy to take SPAC members out and knows these waters like the back of his hand. Give him a ring on 0427 373 397 and let him know your part of the club.

Minutes from March General Meeting

Minutes of GENERAL MEETING DATE 30/ 04/ 2025 – Continued.

For those chasing tuna, whether barrels or schoolies, Portland's got it all. A spread of skirts and teaser bars at 6 knots is the go for the big fish, while lighter spin setups and deep divers like Rapala X-Raps or Nomad Madmacs will help you get into the school-sized fish. Keep an eye out for breaking water or diving birds – that's your sign to cast and hold on!

And let's not forget the by catch. Kingfish are always a welcome surprise, offering explosive fights and excellent eating. Mulloways are a patient angler's dream – big, powerful, and always rewarding. Gummy Sharks, too, are great fun and often found around the same grounds.

I encourage every member, regardless of experience, to consider joining us. Whether you're a seasoned Tuna chaser or want to learn the ropes, this trip offers something for everyone – and the camaraderie off the water is just as good as the fishing on it.

Please let me know if you're planning to come, and feel free to reach out with any questions – my number is 0418 320 314. Let's get a strong turnout and make some great memories on this year's Portland adventure.

Tight lines and see you on the water,
Russ Sheppard (President)

Angling Report by Nil

- Fish of the month, Tuna
- Portland Excursion Tuna Sat 24th and Sun 25th

Weighmasters Report by Nil

Newsletter/Public Relations Report by Nil

Social Group Report by Nil

Juniors Report by Nil

Vice Presidents Report by Nil

Fishing Reports

- Crackers report from Charter boat out of Portland many signs of Tuna but none caught
- Russell recently had an interesting story about putting his boat in at Shoreham. Also managed to catch nice whiting and some Flatties
- Karly caught a 68cm Barra near Darwin.
- John Bleumink Mallacoota over Easter, many Kingies offshore and some good flatties.
- Carl fished up near Pambula, wide variety caught
- Mark Vincent in Bali recently told of an adventure fishing off a local dugout and surviving

General Business

- 2025/6 Syllabus ratified by vote (All in favour)

Attendance Draw: Carl Evans. In attendance Congrats. \$25!!!

Next Meeting \$25

Raffle:

1st	Mark Ross (Meat Tray)	2nd	Russell Sheppard
3rd	David Muscat	4th	

What's on in June 2025

Winter fishing ahead. Here's what's on in June:

- Fish of the Month: Trout
- Freshwater 2. Sat 7th to Mon 9th Bullen Merri. Co-ordinator John Bleumink 0418 524 135
- Surf 2. Sat 28th & Sun 29th
- Kings Birthday Mon 9th
- Wed 25th-Gen Meeting - 7.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

Pre-Meeting Dinner

Fancy a pre-meeting dinner with some of the other fishos' from the club? You are welcome to join other members for a meal before the general meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend, and we would love to see a few more members and friends coming along. This month Wednesday, 28th May we are meeting for dinner at: **The Baxter Tavern**. 117 Baxter-Tooradin Rd, Baxter.

Dinner at **6pm** then off to the monthly meeting.

Hope to see you there.

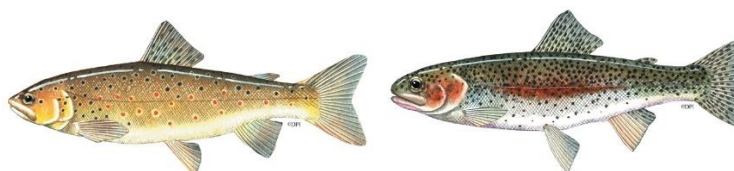
More information on the venue: <https://www.baxtertavern.com.au/>

Link to Google Maps for directions: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Ct3nRigmumFvujFR6>

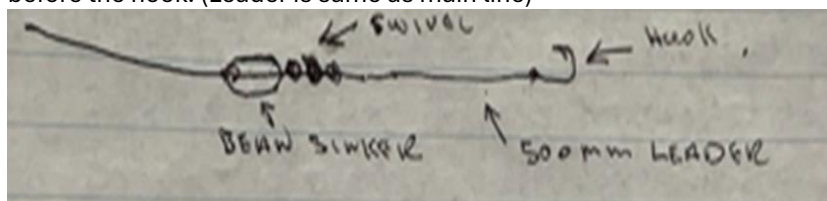


Dr John's fishing tips

Catching Trout



Fishing Gear: Tackle, the gear that you use fishing for bream will work fine for trout fishing as well. *A soft rod 2-4kg x 2.4m long. A small spinning reel capable of holding more than 100 metres of 3-4kg brown coloured line (Maxima brand). Add to that a bean sinker a bit bigger than a pea and a small sharp hook (I use #4 suicide hook). Rig it up as a running sinker above a small swivel and 500mm of leader before the hook. (Leader is same as main line)



Best baits and Lures: Bait: Mudeyes, worms crickets grasshoppers and maggots all work well. Lures: Hard bodied bladed and soft plastic all work fine, if the water is clear use silver bladed lures, if it's coloured gold coloured works better. This time of year when trout are moving upstream to spawn the hard bodied spotted dog lure (imitation brown trout) works well.

When to Fish: Best fishing times are – early morning or late afternoon. Fish at sun up and one hour before sundown. If it's sunny, look for shaded spots – that's where they'll be.

How to Fish: Always try to fish your way upstream on a river. Trout always face upstream into the current, this way you are sneaking up behind them. If the water is clear stay low and well back from the water, trout are easily spooked and once that happens it's game over for that fishing hole. If the water is dirty you don't have to be that careful, try to fish the tail end of a pool first, because if u catch a fish there you double your chances of catching another in the top end of the pool that hasn't been disturbed.

When bait fishing look for structure (rocks trees etc) that are just out of the main current flow trout like to lie in these eddies and when food comes past they just roll out and grab it and just roll back again, the biggest fish will have the best spots, cast your bait into one of these and try to fish with some slack in your line (about a half metre bow) watch the slack line if u see the line slowly moving out in little jerks pick up the rod point it towards the water to allow more slack and strike and you should have yourself a trout. Trout are extremely smart fish if you fish with a tight line and they feel resistance as soon as they pick up your bait chances are that they will drop it like a hot Potato. I love fishing for trout because they are all ways are a challenge to catch. Good fishing and good luck.

Trout and Salmon Fishing Regulations (Vic) <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-guide/trout-and-salmon-regulations>

Min. Legal Size and Bag limit (Victoria): 27cm.
Bag limit is 20 fish -

SPAC Weigh-In Size 30cm for Competition weigh-ins (for SPAC Comp weigh-ins)

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Photos from the Pres' Exemmouth trip



SPAC Committee of Management

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BBQ roster

These choices were made by random draw at committee level.

If you are named for a BBQ and are unable to fulfil your duty it is up to you to find someone else to take your place. Instructions for BBQ duty are available on the SPAC Website.

Month	Date	Duty	Month	Date	Duty
June 2024	N.A.		Dec 2024	15th	Glenn Raven
July 2024	N.A.		Jan 2025	12th	George Holious
August 2024	N.A.		Feb 2025	16th	Johan Botolo
September 2024	Sun 29th	John Barbic	March 2025	2nd	Graham Ridsdale
October 2024	27th	Daniel Rand	April 2025	6th	Stuart Ellem
November 2024	17th 1st Dec	John Briggs Frank Christiano	May 2025	TBC	TBC

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Syllabus 2024/25

July 2024

Fish of the Month Salmon

Surf 1. Sat 6th & Sun 7th

Freshwater 1. Sat 27th & Sun 28th

Wed 31st - General Meeting - 7.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

August 2024

Fish of the Month Snook

Open Comp 1. Sat 3rd & Sun 4th

Wed 28th - General Meeting/AGM - 7.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

September 2024

Fish of the Month Estuary Perch

Estuary 1. 3 Rivers Excursion Sat 7th & Sun 8th

Co-ordinator Anthony Reynolds (Ragzie) 0422 835 113

Whiting 1. Sat 28th & Sun 29th

Father's Day Sun 1st

AFL Grand Final Sat 28th

Wed 25th-Genl Meeting - 7.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

October 2024

Fish of the Month Bream

Estuary 2. Bemm River Excursion Sat 5th & Sun 6th

Co-ordinator Tony Kent 0488 021 222

Snapper 1. Sat 26th & Sun 27th

Wed 30th-Genl Meeting - 7.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

November 2024

Fish of the Month Snapper

Snapper 2. Sat 16th & Sun 17th

Snapper 3. Sat 30th & Sun 1st Dec

Melbourne Cup Tue 5th

Wed 27th-Gen Meeting - 6.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

December 2024

Fish of the Month Garfish

Adult Christmas party Sat 7th

Snapper 4. Sat 14th & Sun 15th

NO General Meeting

January 2025

Fish of the Month Flathead

Whiting 2. Sat 11th & Sun 12th McLoughlin's

Excursion & Open Comp 2. Sat 25th & Sun 26th

Australia Day Jan 27th

Wednesday 29th Family General Meeting - 6.30pm start - Devil Bend Golf Club (All welcome)

February 2025

Fish of the Month Whiting

Junior Day 1. Sunday 2nd

Whiting 3. Sat 15th & Sun 16th

Waratah Bay Excursion Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd

Co-ordinator Wayne Preston Ph. 0409 435 505

Wed 26th-Gen Meeting-7.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

March 2025

Fish of the month Gummy

Whiting 4. Sat 1st & Sun 2nd

Sat 8th to 10th - Labour Day excursion - McLoughlin's Beach

Tuna Excursion Sat 29th & 30th Local Waters

Co-ordinator Tony Kent 0488 021 222

Wed 26th - Gen Meeting - 7.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

April 2025

Fish of the Month Whiting

Whiting 5. Sat 5th & Sun 6th

Junior Day 2. Sunday 13th

Easter Good Fri 18th

Friday 25th Anzac Day

Wed 30th - Gen Meeting - 7.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

May 2025

Fish of the Month Tuna

Portland Excursion Tuna from Sat 24th to Sun 25th weather dependant.

Co-ordinator Russ Sheppard 0418 320 314

Sunday 11th - Mother's Day

Wed 28th-Gen Meeting - 7.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

June 2025

Fish of the Month Trout

Freshwater 2. Sat 7th to Mon 9th Bullen Merri

Co-ordinator John Bleumink 0418 524 135

Surf 2. Sat 28th & Sun 29th

Kings Birthday Mon 9th

Wed 25th-Gen Meeting - 7.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

Club merchandise—Prices & order form



Snapper Point Angling Club.
Victorian Incorporated Association Registration No. A0002759P
Community Organisation Declaration No. 57748
ABN 57 422 155 189
Contact: admin@spac.org.au

Club Merch Order Sheet									
Long sleeve Fishing Tee							\$40.00		
XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL			
Polo Shirt							\$49.00		
	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	
Hoodie							\$64.00		
	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	
Vest (Black)							\$42.00		
	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	
Vest (Blue)							\$42.00		
	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	
Floating Key Chain							\$2.00		
Colour	Yellow	Blue	Red						
Shimano Brag Mat (approved for SPAC Club events)							\$25.00		
Name:		Telephone:		No. of Items	Total \$	Paid			
						Card	Cash	Electronic	

Bank Transfer: Snapper Point Angling Club, Bendigo Bank: BSB: 633-000 A/C Number: 2094 787 00

Orders should be placed with Rien Bleumink - Email: rien@safeshot.com.au: Phone: 0419 775 030

Club supporters

The meat tray raffle is on again this month and is an important fundraiser for the club.

So, bring along a little cash and support the raffle.

We would like to thank Australian Butchers Store, Somerville Central Shopping Centre

49 Eramosa Road West, Somerville. 03 5977 7107

Pop in and say g'day or visit their website: [Somerville Butcher Shop](#)



Weigh-In BBQ Instructions for Volunteers

Thanks for helping out with the SPAC Weigh-In. Volunteers are important for our club. Here are the instructions for helping out on the day:

1. Before the day:

- Contact Ray Watson to collect from him BBQ requirements, meat, condiments, utensils, amp; esky. This can be done on the day or in the preceding week as arranged with Ray. Contact details: Mob: 0413 470 233. Address: 5 Antony Drive. Mornington
- Shopping for BBQ: Purchase 2 loafs of bread, and Coleslaw (800g pack Woolworths).
- Keeping your receipts for reimbursement. Claim these expenses from Jan Bluemink.

2. On the day:

- Arrive at Moorooduc Recreation Reserve to prepare BBQ at 1.30pm in time for weigh at 2pm.
- Cook the BBQ
- Clean up after the BBQ
- Return equipment to Ray Watson or Russell Shepard
- Take photos of the weigh-in and the fish and send these to Robert Chin: Mob. 0477 314 595

