

# Tangled Lines

## newsletter



## February 2025

### February General Meeting

will held at:

**Held At: Devil Bend Golf Club**

**When: Wed 26th February**

**7.30 for 8pm start**

**Where: 48 Loders Rd, Moorooduc**

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Check out our Socials and website online

## Presidents report

Victoria is a basket case and we are broke! The government and previous governments have said all our fishing licence money will always be ferried back into the industry. Every year the revenue that is collected from the sale of Recreational Fishing Licences (8 Million+) is paid into the Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account, and the funds are then used for projects and activities that improve recreational fishing in Victoria in many ways. Initially this was the case but then some sticky government fingers got in and funding was used to employ extra fisheries officers. Arguably this wasn't so bad as we did benefit by reducing poaching and overfishing. So, has the government sacked the officers we were funding or the ones paid by the state government? I smell something here and the question needs to be asked. "Is the current government raiding the RFL Trust fund to pay off debt elsewhere?"

The Victorian government receives millions of dollars each year from the sale of recreational fishing licenses. These funds are used to improve recreational fishing in Victoria.

Check out last year's report with the link below and I cannot wait to read the next!

Click here: [RFL Trust Account Report 23-24](#)



Tight Lines

*Russ Sheppard*

## 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](http://www.spac.org.au)

**Instagram Page:** [@snapperpointangling](#)

**Facebook:** [Snapper Point Angling Club](#)



(Click on the icons to visit our socials)

## Report from Waratah Bay Excursion

I was lucky enough to join the club excursion to Waratah Bay last weekend. This is, to me, one of the best things about our fishing club. Fishing on organised excursions where somebody else does the hard work and planning and you get to fish with in some excellent places with other club members and their families and enjoy the experience. The weekend to Waratah Bay area in Gippsland was organised by Wayne Preston and Anthony 'Ragzee' Reynolds. Members Ash A., Joel C., Ragzee, Carl E, David H and Robert C. with our wives/partners and some children made for a great excursion.

We fished in the morning at Sandy point. It was a bit windy, and the tide was ripping through for much of the time we were on the water. Launching off the sand was a new experience for some of us. 4 boats and there were some reasonable fish caught on the day. This left plenty of time for some beach play and swimming later in the day.

There was also some drama with the rookies in the group (we know who we are) getting into some trouble on the wet sand at low tide. Valuable lessons learnt that day. The camaraderie of the club excelled here with the other members helping out with the un-bogging of the boat and vehicles.

Most of the group stayed at the Walkerville Foreshore Camping Reserve which was just a short drive from Sandy Point. Ragzee had organised for us all to be camping in the same location which was great. Apart from the fishing, the highlight was an excellent dinner prepared by Ragzee with some delicious slow cooked lamb and roast potatoes. Hit the spot with a few beers and wines after a good day's fishing.

So, a great fishing excursion, highly recommended. So, when you see these excursions being advertised at the club. Consider joining in. I've been on a few of them now and have had a great





## Photos from Waratha Bay Excursion





## Minutes from January Family Meeting

Held at Devilbend Golf Club.

Chairman Russell Sheppard

Visitors:

Apologies: Charlo Carrabot, John Barbic, Daniel Rand, David Honeybone, Lindsay Brown

Minutes of previous meeting 27/10/2024 in last Newsletter

Moved: Kathy Scott. Seconded: Tony Kent. Vote carried

Correspondence

Items In: 3

1. Request from Chris Zistmopoulos from Vic Fisheries Authority requesting a meeting in 2025 with the Club to advise on boating matters including upgrades to boat ramps
2. VR fish newsletter
3. Oz fish newsletter

Items Out: 0

Moved: David Muscat Seconded : Greg Nixon

Secretaries Report by Wayne Preston

New Members: A New Member kit was given to Ash Allen

Treasurers Report by Jan Bleumink

Financial Report for November and December was tabled (recorded with Committee minutes).

Moved: Kathy Scott . Seconded: Tony Kent. Vote carried

Presidents Report by Russell Sheppard

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a great break but now its time to put away the wake boards and water skis and get out there fishing! I'm going to mention the war! Fing! Jet Skis, man these guys need some attitude adjustment. Just to clarify its not all of them there is 1% that do the right thing. They think they are the bikies of the sea and rule the waves and as we know they have no idea of the rules on the water. It seems too easy for anyone to get a licence. Recent reports of police targeting them at Safety Beach netted many offenders including operators affected by drugs. Will he get a wakeup call when he loses his car licence. How many posts have you seen of Jet skis online where they are out of control. Narelle shower me one of a 40+ year old abusing a young girl with profanities who was trying to drive onto a trailer. Evidently it wasn't her turn. So, get out your phone and record these dip sticks and report them to the authorities.

Well it's an exciting year ahead Open comp#1 is this weekend and only a couple of weeks ago we had Whiting #2 which was well attended. Don't forget to RSVP to the January Family meeting for catering (Russ 0418 320 314) Hope to see you out there!

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Russ Sheppard (President)

## Minutes from January Family Meeting (cont.)

### Angling Report by Anthony Reynolds

- Fish of the month, Whiting
- Sat 15th and Sun 16th Whiting # 3
- Waratah Bay Excursion Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Coordinator Wayne Preston 0409435505
- Wayne gave a detailed explanation of the forthcoming excursion and displayed some photos of the recent excursion to McLoughlin's Beach.

### Weighmasters Report by Tony Kent

- Bemm River Stewart Allum
- Snapper # 3 Adam Watson. Attendance Adam Watson
- Snapper # 4 Steve Hanley. Attendance Adam Watson
- Whiting # 1 Heaviest Anthony Reynolds. Heaviest Bag Rob Bleumink. Attendance Russ Sheppard
- Open Comp Winner Russ Sheppard 40 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Preston 35, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark Vincent 20. Attendance Mark Vincent

### Newsletter/Public Relations Report by Robert Chin

- Nil to report

### Social Group Report by Nil

### Juniors Report by Nil

### Vice Presidents Report by Nil

### Fishing Reports

- Wayne Preston - beach fished Sth coast of NSW, Taylor and Salmon. Fantastic Fishing
- Robert Chin caught mullet and whiting Inverloch

### General Business

- Stewart Allum raised question of Facebook, when will we have only one site? Will be addressed at Committee level

### Attendance Draw

George Holios Not In attendance Jackpot!!!!

Next Meeting \$75

### Raffle

1st	Charlie Bleumink (Meat Tray)	2nd	Dee Cristiano
3rd	Andrew barman	4th	Heather Mcdonald
5th	Russell Sheppard		

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm

## What's on in March 2025

Another busy fishing month in March.

- Fish of the month Gummy
- Whiting 4. Sat 1<sup>st</sup> & Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Sat 8th to 10th - Labour Day excursion - McLoughlin's Beach
- Tuna Excursion Sat 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Local Waters
- Co-ordinator Tony Kent 0488 021 222
- Wed 26th – General Meeting - 7.30pm Devil bend Golf Club

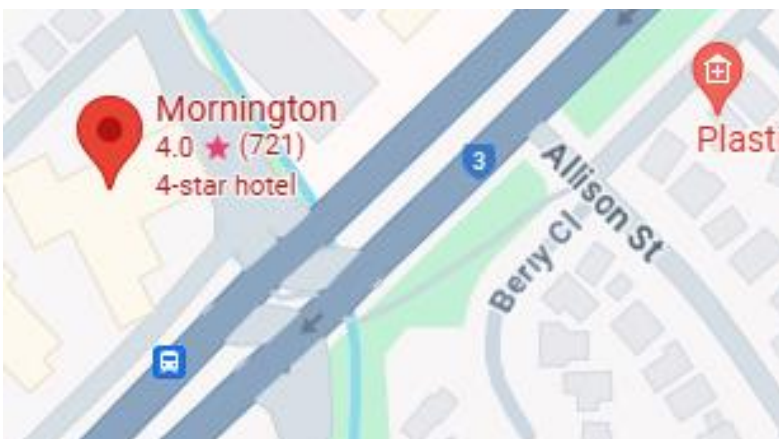
## Pre-Meeting Dinner

Fancy a pre-meeting dinner with some of the other fishos's 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 wed 26th February we are meeting for dinner at: the tanti (Mornington hotel on Tanti) Mornington. Dinner at **6pm** then off to the monthly meeting.

Hope to see you there.

more information on the venue: [mornington hotel](https://www.morningtonhotel.com.au)



## Life Jackets 101

“We recommend” you and your passengers should wear a lifejacket at all times. It won't just save you a fine – it could save your life. The types of life jacket you must carry and wear depend on the type of boat and the waterway you are operating on.

### Some basic rules:

The use of Life Jackets and Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) is regulated in Victoria by the Marine Safety Act (2023) and are regulated by Safe Transport Victoria.

- Lifejackets will continue to be required to be worn on vessels up to and including 4.8 metres in length and in circumstances of heightened risk.
- For it to be considered as being 'worn' a lifejacket must be fastened and secured as intended by the manufacturer. When not being worn, a lifejacket of a specified type must still be carried onboard a vessel for each occupant.
- On powerboats over 12 metres in length, there is no compulsory requirement to wear a lifejacket at any time. However, an appropriate lifejacket must still be carried onboard for every occupant.
- Solo adults are considered to be boating alone and must comply with the heightened risk provisions which apply on powered boats up to 12m in length.
- Every child under 12 wears a lifejacket at all times. This includes when on 'hire and drive' vessels. Lifejackets with crotch straps are crucial – especially for children – as they prevent the lifejacket from slipping off and ensure it stays securely in place, offering reliable buoyancy and protection in water activities.
- Life jackets and other Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) must comply with certain Australian Standards for the type of boat and the locations you are fishing. So check you are compliant. AS4758 will be the only accepted standard from **July 2028**. **Other current standards include:** AS1512 and ISO 12402

### Types of Life Jackets:

- Type 1 - Level 100 and over A lifejacket Type 1 provides a high level of buoyancy and keeps the wearer in a safe floating position. They are made in high visibility colours with reflective patches.
- Type 2 – Level 50 A lifejacket Type 2 is a buoyancy vest. It provides less buoyancy than a lifejacket Type 1 but sufficient to keep you afloat.
- Type 3 – Level 50S A lifejacket Type 3 is a buoyancy garment. It has similar buoyancy to a lifejacket Type 2 but is manufactured in a wide variety of colours and is shaped or equipped for particular activities.

### Maintenance and Checking:

Like any bit of equipment on your boat – you need to maintain and check it regularly.

- Inflatable lifejackets need to be inspected and serviced periodically, in order to comply with the legislation.
- Buoyant lifejackets, such as foam lifejackets, should be self-inspected regularly. Check for mould, wear and tears.
- Get to know your lifejacket There are some simple checks that can be carried out regularly:
  - Look over the jacket for any signs of physical damage that has occurred during storage or use.
  - Make sure the indicator on inflatable lifejackets is green and that the CO2 cylinder is in good condition and screwed down tight on the 'O' ring
  - Check the lifejacket's fabric, flotation, zippers, buckles, waist belts and all fastenings for signs of excessive wear, cracking, fraying or anything to indicate possible loss of strength or flotation.





*Figure 3: Type 1 Life Jacket*

LIFEJACKET WEAR REQUIREMENTS			
VESSEL CLASS	COASTAL WATERS	ENCLOSED WATERS	INLAND WATERS
Powerboat up to and including 4.8 m in length	Type 1	Type 1	Type 1, 2 or 3
Powerboat more than 4.8m but not more than 12 m in length (at times of heightened risk)	Type 1	Type 1	Type 1, 2 or 3
Personal watercraft	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1, 2 or 3
Towed sport	A person who is being towed by a vessel must wear a lifejacket at all times.		
Recreational tender	Type 1	Type 1 or 2	Type 1, 2 or 3
Off-the-beach sailing yacht	Type 1 if >2 nm from coast, Type 1 or 2 if <2 nm from coast	Type 1 or 2	Type 1, 2 or 3
Yacht (at times of heightened risk)	Type 1	Type 1 or 2	Type 1, 2 or 3
Kiteboard or sailboard	Type 1, or 2	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1, 2 or 3
Canoe, kayak, rowing boat, raft, stand-up paddleboard, pedal boat or fun boat	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1, 2 or 3
Scuba or hookah diving equipment (underwater breathing apparatus of a kind that is self-contained (scuba) or is surface supplied)	Please note: A person operating a stand-up paddleboard, kiteboard or sailboard no more than 400m from the shore, is not required to wear a lifejacket.  A person who is wearing, or in the process of donning or removing, diving equipment is not required to wear a lifejacket.		



*Figure 2: Type 2 Life Jacket*



*Figure 1: Type 3 Life Jacket*



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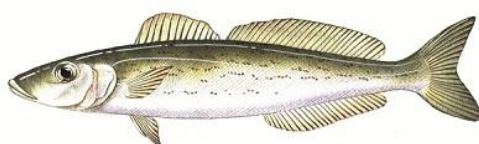
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## Photos from January Family Meeting



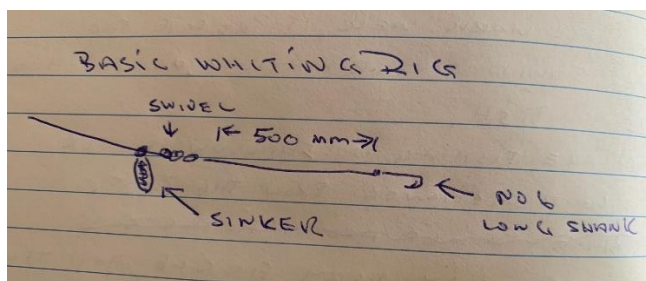
## Dr John's fishing tips

### Catching Whiting



#### Fishing Gear:

The basics on whiting. tackle. your normal trout or bream gear will do fine. 4to 5 kg line. No6 long shank hooks, and that basically covers it.



#### Best baits:

Pipi, mussels, squid and pilchard strips. John prefers a pipi/squid combination on the same hook.

#### When to Fish:

Try to coordinate your fishing times when the wind and tide are in the same direction.

#### Where to fish:

Where to fish. In Westernport, fish along the drop offs of the banks, about 6 metres is a good depth. Fish the deeper areas on slack tides.

#### How to Fish:

If you are fishing shallow water, cast a good distance from the boat. whiting are very fickle to and tend to keep well away. I fish with two rods maximum, and when the fish come on the bite, I fish with one rod in the hand. I strike quickly even on the smallest of bites. The end result is that I catch more fish with one rod than I do with two.

Good luck and good fishing.

#### Scientific name:

*Sillaginodes punctata*

#### Otherwise known as:

King George Whiting. There are other sorts of Whiting in other parts

#### Identification:

King George Whiting can be identified by their long-slimy body with a relatively small head and mouth. They are silvery-bronze and tan in colour with distinct brown spots on their flanks. Whiting are commonly caught around 35cm but can grow to a maximum of 72cm in length

#### Min. Legal Size and Bag limit (Victoria): SPAC (minimum weigh-in)

27cm.  
Bag limit is 20 fish -  
30cm for Competition weigh-ins



## SPAC Committee of Management

POSITION	Name	Phone	Email
PRESIDENT	Russell Sheppard	0418 320 314	russ@highviewhomes.com.au
VICE PRESIDENT	Vacant		
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY	Wayne Preston	0409 435 505	waynepreston5@gmail.com
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TREASURER	Jan Bleumink	0418 382 492	jan@safeshot.com.au
ANGLING	Anthony Reynolds	0422 835 113	reyno@bigpond.net.au
WEIGHMASTER	Tony Kent	0488 021 222	hangoverconstructions@hotmail.com
SOCIAL	Vacant		
NEWSLETTER	Robert Chin	0477 314 595	snappernewsletter@gmail.com
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Robert Chin	0477 314 595	snappernewsletter@gmail.com
SECRETARY REPORTING	Rien Bleumink	0419775030	rien@safeshot.com.au
JUNIOR COORDINATOR	John Bleumink	0418 524 135	john@safeshot.com.au

## 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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February 2025

## Syllabus 2024/25

### July 2024

Fish of the Month Salmon

Surf 1. Sat 6<sup>th</sup> & Sun 7<sup>th</sup>

Freshwater 1. Sat 27<sup>th</sup> & Sun 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### August 2024

Fish of the Month Snook

Open Comp 1. Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sun 4<sup>th</sup>

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 7<sup>th</sup> & Sun 8<sup>th</sup>

Co-ordinator Anthony Reynolds (Ragzie) 0422 835 113

Whiting 1. Sat 28<sup>th</sup> & Sun 29<sup>th</sup>

Fathers Day Sun 1<sup>st</sup>

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 5 & Sun 6<sup>th</sup>

Co-ordinator Tony Kent 0488 021 222

Snapper 1. Sat 26<sup>th</sup> & Sun 27<sup>th</sup>

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

### November 2024

Fish of the Month Snapper

Snapper 2. Sat 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun 17<sup>th</sup>

Snapper 3. Sat 30<sup>th</sup> & Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>

Snapper 4. Sat 14<sup>th</sup> & Sun 15<sup>th</sup>

NO General Meeting

### January 2025

Fish of the Month Flathead

Whiting 2. Sat 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun 12<sup>th</sup> McLoughlin's

Excursion & Open Comp 2. Sat 25<sup>th</sup> & Sun 26<sup>th</sup>

Australia Day Jan 27<sup>th</sup>

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 2<sup>nd</sup>

Whiting 3. Sat 15<sup>th</sup> & Sun 16<sup>th</sup>

Waratah Bay Excursion Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>

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 1<sup>st</sup> & Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Tuna Excursion Sat 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> & Sun 6<sup>th</sup>

Junior Day 2. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Easter Good Fri 18<sup>th</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup> to Sun 25<sup>th</sup> weather dependant.

Co-ordinator Russ Sheppard 0418 320 314

Sunday 11th - Mothers Day

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

### June 2025

Fish of the Month Trout

Freshwater 2. Sat 7<sup>th</sup> to Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Bullen Merri

Co-ordinator John Bleumink 0418 524 135

Surf 2. Sat 28<sup>th</sup> & Sun 29<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://www.austrianbutchers.com.au)



## 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 proceeding week as arranged with Ray. Contact details: Mob: 0413 470 233. Address: 5 Antony Dve. Mornington
- Contact Russ Sheppard to borrow his BBQ and gas. . This can be done on the day or in the proceeding week as arranged with Russ. Contact details: Mob: 0418 320 314. Address is: 9 Watson Rd Mt Martha
- 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

