

# Tangled Lines

## newsletter



### December - 2024

**December Meeting will held at:**

**No December meeting**

**We'll see you in January 2025**

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Check out our socials and web-

## PRESIDENTS REPORT - DECEMBER

'Tis the season to be jolly! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all! What a fantastic Christmas party we had at the Balcombe St Estuary! The weather was perfect, and the kids had a blast, running around, fishing, and playing games. Santa even dropped off some presents for the kids, and their faces lit up like you wouldn't believe. It was incredibly rewarding to see how much your fishing club has done for the juniors. The feedback from members, both new and old, suggests it was a wonderful social event, with people freely wandering between groups, catching up, and enjoying the day.



A special thanks to Maureen and Brendan Chipp for helping with the setup and tidying the area before the event. Carl Evans, our new member—mate, those BBQ smoked meats were legendary, and there was more than enough for everyone! People went back for seconds, and there was still plenty left. Nell Sheppard did an excellent job with the shopping and preparing the salads and fresh fruit. Maureen also supplied a delicious chocolate gooey brownie that was a hit. Well done to everyone who stayed behind and helped clean up. It was all done in no time, and we could relax with a red, cleansing ale to cap off a great event. After the success of this party, we've definitely raised the bar for our Family Meeting in January. Please note that our meeting on January 29th starts as a family gathering from 6:00 pm, with food served at 6:30 pm. The General Meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 pm, and at that point, those with young ones can choose to leave if they wish.

I made a short speech at the breakup, and I'd like to reiterate its sentiment here: It is you, the members, who are driving this club to become a more social, friendly community. The committee is running smoothly, and our meetings have become more enjoyable and sociable. The willingness of our more experienced members to help, educate, and guide newer members is really gaining momentum. We've got a solid club, and I'm confident that next year, we'll make it even better.

A couple of dates to keep at front of mind are:

- Whiting 2 January 11th & 12th.
- Mc Laughlin's Excursion incorporating 'Open Comp 2' January 25th & 26th.
- Family meeting January 29th.

Wishing you all a fun and safe Xmas and New Year with your loved ones. I can't wait to get back into it next year. Catch ya!



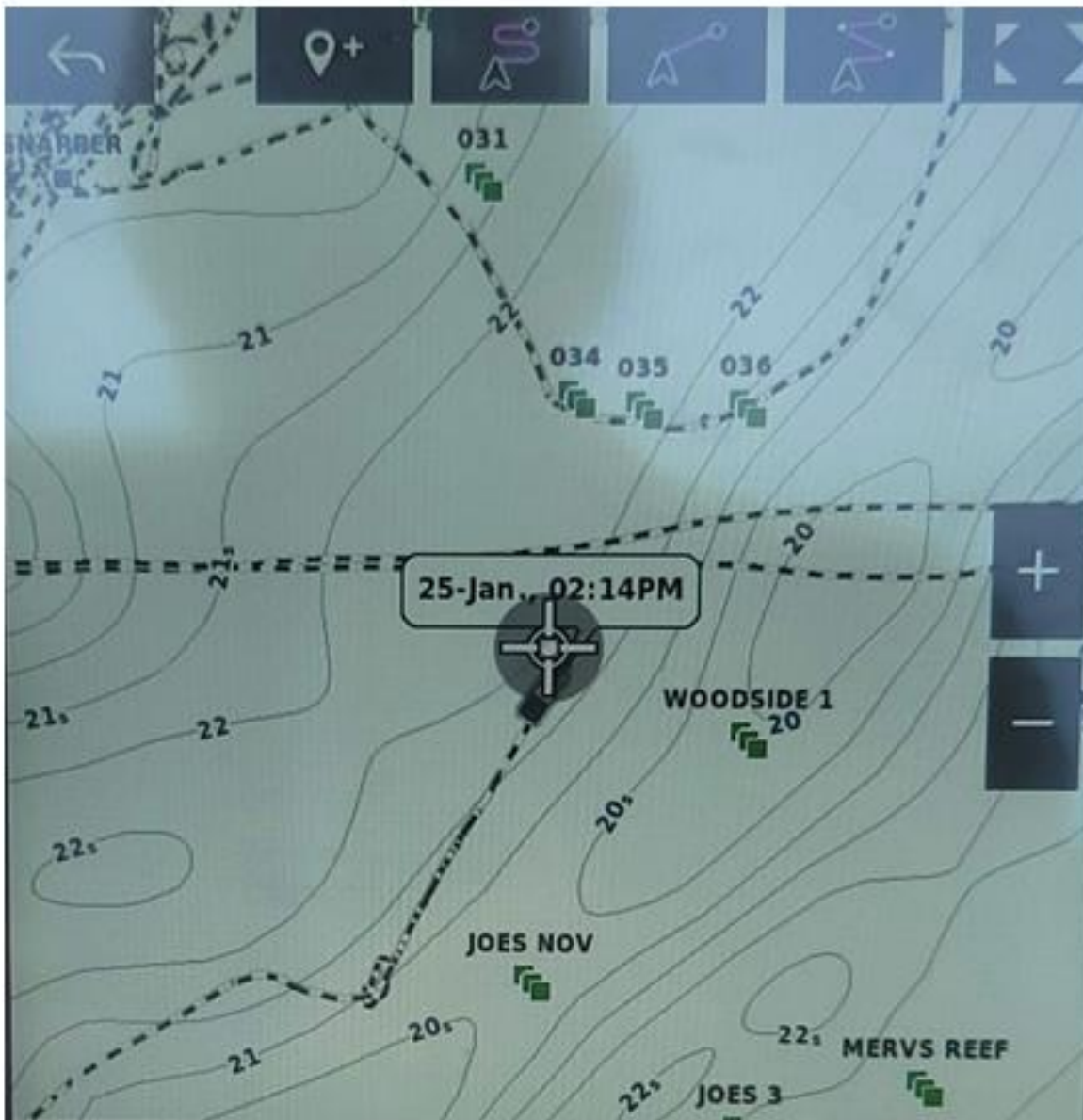


## 2025 XMAS BBQ





## McLaughlin's Australia Day Excursion is on again January 25 -26 & 27<sup>th</sup>.



There is plenty of room for everyone please contact Crackers AKA David Musket on 0419 531 050 for more details and book your camp site.

Please note there is a \$20 fee per night to cover incidentals for the house and gifts of toilet paper, beer and wine would be greatly appreciated but not necessary.

You will be able to weigh in for the Open Comp at Moorooduc Reserve and this venue so contact Tony Kent on 0488 021 222 for more info.

## WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

**Fish of the Month: Flathead**

**Whiting 2: Sat 11th & Sunday 12th Jan**

**Mcloughlin's Excursion & Open Comp: Sat 25th, Sun 26th, Mon 27th.**

**Australia Day - 26th Jan**

**General Meeting: Wednesday 29th**

## NEW MEMBER - Application Notification

Ash Allen

## 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. We're 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)

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## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



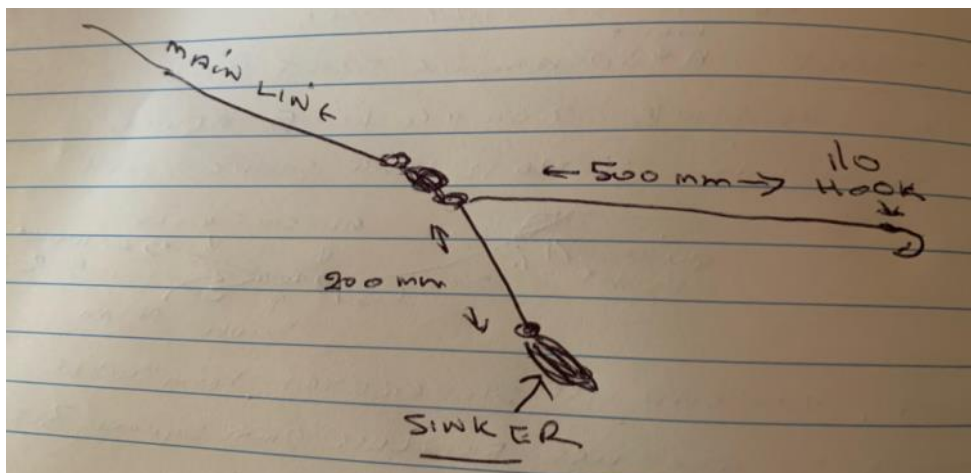
## DR JOHN'S FISHING TIPS

# Catching Flathead



### Fishing Gear:

How to catch flathead in port Phillip and western port. Flathead fishing in both bays is pretty simple stuff. Any type of light gear is good enough with a 6 to 10kg leader. See diagram below for standard rig.



The best way to catch frogs is by drifting, just drop your line over the side till you feel the sinker hit the bottom, allow extra line to compensate the drift making sure your bait is always bouncing along the bottom. In port Phillip you can drift any time because there is very little current. In Westernport you can only drift just before, during and after slack water— because after that the current is too strong and you can't hold bottom.

Good fishing and good luck.

**Best baits:** Baits, flathead will eat almost anything . I just use squid strips or skinned flattie fillets

**When to Fish:** Any time

**Where to fish:** Both Bays

<b>Scientific name:</b>	Platycephalidae
<b>Otherwise known as:</b>	N.A
<b>Identification:</b>	Dusky Flathead: Single large dark blotch on top half of tail (may be absent on mature fish),. Lack of blotches on lower half of tail
<b>Min. Legal Size (Victoria): SPAC (minimum weigh-in)</b>	27cm. Bag limit is 20 fish - Except Dusty Flathead) - Min 30cm Max 55cm - Bag limit 5 30cm for Competition weigh-ins

## SNAPPER POINT ANGLING CLUB 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.		December 2024	15th	Glenn Raven
July 2024	N.A.		January 2025	12th	George Holious
August 2024	N.A		February 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



## MINUTES FROM (DEC) GENERAL MEETING

Welcome by Tony to visitors

**Apologies:** S. Ellam B. Chipp R. Sheppard L. Millsom

Minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Moved: David Muscat. Seconded: Anthony Reynolds

Matters arising: Nil

Correspondence: Items in

1. VR fish newsletter
2. Request from VR fisheries for anglers to complete a diary for feedback of captures this to be included in the next newsletter
3. VR fish notice to have your say regarding Victorian renewable energy terminal in western port Bay which closes 11th December 2024
4. Oz fish newsletter

Outgoing

1. Copies of the newsletter to perspective members
  2. Notice of acceptance to Ash Allen
- Moved: John Bluemink. Seconded: Anthony Reynolds

Secretaries report:

Notice to Ash Allen of acceptance for membership new member kit to be given out at the next meeting

Treasurer's report: read and accepted

Moved: Colin Pardy. Seconded: Greg Nixon

Social:

Details of the Christmas party were read

Jan bought to members attention of the 6.30pm start for our January meeting of which an RSVP is required for catering numbers. This request will be published in the next Newsletter.

Presidents report: Nil

Angling:

Snapper comp #3 on 30th of November and 1st of December

Snapper comp #4 on the 14th and 15th of December

Snapper comp #2 a few fish were caught

Fish of the month for November is Snapper presently led by Steve Hanley with a fish of 9.4 kg

Weighmaster Report:

Bemm River

6 people attended and 3 juniors

Heaviest fish John Bluemink with 1.036 kg Bream

Heaviest bag Robert Bluemink with 3.62 kilo 5 fish

Heaviest other was a Flathead 72 cm weighing 2.06 kilo by Anthony Reynolds

Snapper comp #1

7 fish were weighed

Heaviest Snapper David musket 3.5 kg

Heaviest bag Adam Watson 3.23 kilo

Attendance draw John Dalla Rosa



## MINUTES FROM (NOV) GENERAL MEETING

Minutes from December General Meeting - Continued

Snapper comp #2

Heaviest fish John Dalla Rosa 5.1K

Heaviest bag Tony Kent 3.08 kilo

Attendance Ray Watson

Fishing reports

Robert Bluemeink reported 4 Snapper caught in 16 metres off Mt Eliza

Crackers reported 1.5KG Flathead and good Squid Gummies and Snapper from Woodside

Wayne reported capture of a Mulloway of 1.025 metres approximately 12 kg on 3 kg line along with good size Bream up to 40 cm and Flathead to 72 cm from the houseboat at Mallacoota

Crackers also spoke of a planned competition at Woodside in January fishing for Gummies on 6K line

Attendance draw: Was won by Robert Chin but nonattendance so next meeting will be \$50

Raffle :

1st prize Tony Kent

2nd prize Robert Bluemink

3rd prize Ash Allen

4th prize Greg Nixon

Meeting closed 9.14pm





## SYLLABUS - 24/25

### 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 D.B.G.C

### 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 D.B.G.C

### 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 D.B.G.C

### 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 D.B.G.C

### 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 D.B.G.C

### 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 11th & Sun 12th

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 - D.B.G.C (All welcome)

### February 2025

Fish of the Month Whiting

Junior Day 1. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Whiting 3. Sat 15th & 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 D.B.G.C

### 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 - GenMeeting - 7.30pm D.B.G.C

### April 2025

Fish of the Month Whiting

Whiting 5. Sat 5th & Sun 6th

Junior Day 2. Sunday 13th

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

Friday 25th Anzac Day

Wed 30th - Gen Meeting - 7.30pm D.B.G.C

### 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 D.B.G.C

### 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 D.B.G.C

## Reel it In Flathead Tournament – Mallacoota

Rob, a mate and I fished the 'Reel it In Flathead Tournament' in October in Mallacoota. The tournament is set across the Saturday and Sunday with prizes awarded to the longest 10 flathead per team. The tournament is a lure only event and all fish must be measured on the supplied brag matt and returned to the water. On the Saturday night was a fund raiser for the Breast Cancer Network where over \$8000 was raised. 111 teams in total entered to competition. We were sitting 15th at the end of Day 1 in very windy conditions and got several upgrades on the Sunday including an 82cm fish caught by Luke to finish up in a respectable 9th place.

Report by John Bleumink

For more information on the tournament:

<https://reelitin.com.au/event/australian-flathead-challenge-2024/>





## FISHING TRIP REPORT: MALLACOOTA

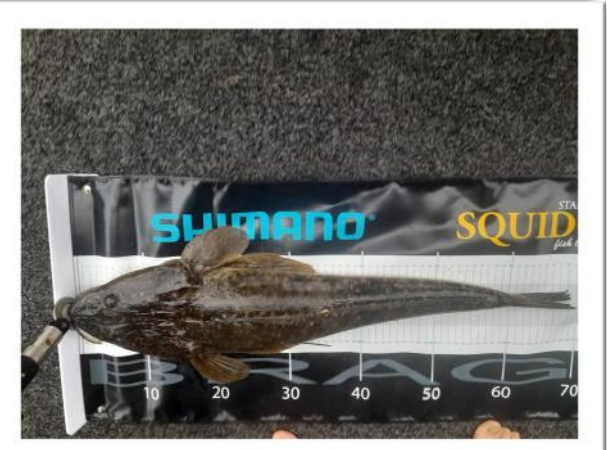
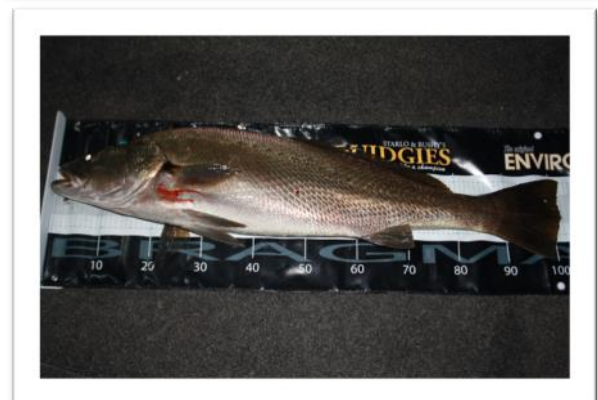
Back in November I did an annual trip to Mallacoota for 5 days and fished the entire system with great success. Over the 5 days we were challenged with some windy conditions, but the beauty of the system is you can always find shelter even in the 30 knot plus breeze. On the 1st night we tied up to Horne Point jetty way up in the Genoa river and with the full moon 24 hours later we were blessed with some awesome fishing that evening.

Fishing with live Tailor on the bigger gear and your typical Flathead and Bream outfits I was surprised when the lighter outfit took off with a decent hit. Thinking it was one of the small eagle rays that live in the system I started to become a little impatient with it only to watch the fish surface and roll showing itself as a huge Mulloway. This fish then proceeded to run both up and downstream for the next 20 minutes. Finally getting it to the side of the boat and then challenged to net it with the moderate net onboard which is for Bream and Flathead.

On the 3rd attempt to net it and the 2 of us to lift it we finally got it on the deck. A magnificent Jewie 1.025 in length and weight to length ratio approx. 12 kg. Not a bad start to 5 days fishing . For the rest of the trip we also caught Bream to 40cm and Flathead to 70cm with many Duskie's around the 45cm to 55cm and such nice eating.

This style of fishing is indeed so comfortable as the boats have wonderful amenities in them. With 8 of us in the 2 boats we spent 5 days in the system with some wonderful results and such a relaxing time. I would highly recommend it.

Cheers Wayne Preston





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

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



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The meat tray is on again this month and we would like to thank

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