



Venus Bay Angling Club (VBAC) Salt Spray - Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome to our first edition

Welcome to the very first edition of Salt Spray, the brand-new quarterly newsletter for the Venus Bay Angling Club. The name harks back to the 90's when the club ran a newsletter for its members, and it is my pleasure to bring this newsletter back to life. I hope you enjoy reading it and we would love to have you, our members, submit articles, photos, events, recipes, and any other content you like to make this newsletter as relevant, informative and entertaining as possible.

It has been a very busy time at the club over Autumn. We have been busy selling raffle tickets for the annual wood raffle which was won by Michael. The lucky winner received delivery at home of a trailer load of wood valued at \$500. The second and third winners received a \$200 BCF voucher and a \$100 Bunnings voucher.

Wood Raffle – We have a winner



Congratulations to Michael who was the winner of the 2026 Wood Raffle

In May, we worked hard to repaint the clubrooms and install new blinds to go with our newly renovated kitchen.

Fishing Competition dates

Fish and enter your catch in the next fishing competition. Each month the club has a fishing competition. Prizes:

First : \$100 voucher from Inverloch Fishing and Outdoors

Second: \$50 voucher from Riverview Hotel Tarwin Lower.

2026 Fishing Competitions

- 23rd – 26th January
- 13th – 15th February
- 6th – 9th March
- 3rd – 6th April
- 1st – 3rd May
- 5th – 8th June
- 10th – 12th July
- 14th – 16th August
- 11th – 13th September
- 9th – 11th October
- 30th – 2nd November
- 4th – 6th December

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Competition results

Matt Bell won the May Fishing Competition with a 480g rockling and Kevin Field landed a 720g flatty to come in second place.

Junior fisherman, Nathan Gledhill, took out the Easter Fishing Competition with a 1.18kg pinky.

We had some blustery weather on the Friday and Saturday of the ANZAC weekend for the fishing competition however Sunday and Monday improved.

Despite the fact that the tides were not in our favour for boat fishing there were some good size fish weighed in and quite a variety.

Shane Cummings won 1st prize of a \$100 voucher from Inverloch Fishing and Outdoors with a Bream weighing in at 1.40 kg. Shane released the fish back into the inlet to live another day! Well done Shane.



Shane with the winning catch



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EST. 1979
JULY 10-12, 2026

VENUS BAY ANGLING CLUB FISHING COMPETITION

JULY 10th - 12th

STARTS: Friday 10th July 2026 at 6:00am | ENDS: Sunday 12th July 2026 at 3:00pm

WEIGH-IN TIMES

Gerald's Shed, Fishermans Road, Venus Bay
Final Day (Sun, 12th): 2:30 - 3:00 PM Sharp (Winner announced)
All Other Days: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

PRIZES

1st PRIZE: \$500 VOUCHER FROM INVERLOCH FISHING & OUTDOORS
2nd PRIZE: \$250 VOUCHER FROM INVERLOCH FISHING & OUTDOORS

SATURDAY BBQ

Saturday, July 11th | 6:00 PM
Gerald's Shed, Fishermans Road, Venus Bay
Sausages & Chicken supplied by the club.
Please bring a salad or sweet to share.
[RAFFLE] Multiple prizes for all to win!

MEMBER'S DRAW

Financial members only, must be present to claim. Jackpots each month.

VISITORS WELCOME

Non-members (BBQ): \$5.00 entry to partake.
Non-members (Competition): \$5.00 entry to gain entry.
Please contact a committee member to enter prior to the commencement of the fishing competition.

REGISTER & INQUIRIES: Barb 0411 688 408 - mail@venusbayanglingclub.org.au
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Rohan Oakes won 2nd prize of a \$50 voucher from the Riverview Hotel for his catch which was a Trevally 2.12 kg.



Both caught a variety of other fish including a Gurnard. Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to our sponsors. Note there is a \$5 registration fee for non members. They must be registered before the competition starts to be eligible.

The Hunt was on

The 2026 Easter Egg Hunt was a smashing success with our biggest turnout of happy kids yet.

Club Social Activities

March - Seventeen club members had a great time at the club dinner on 6 March. It was great catching up with everyone.



June – Over 50 members had a great time at the Riverview Hotel (club sponsor)

We won grants

We recently received a \$2,000 grant from the Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund to purchase a new defibrillator to improve safety for local and visiting communities.

In June we received a second grant of \$10,000 from the Victorian Fisheries Stronger Fishing Clubs Program. This grant was for the purchase of external all-weather blinds to uplift the club rooms and increase membership. We thank both agencies for their ongoing support.



Newly installed blinds at the clubrooms

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Electro Fishing

South Gippsland Landcare Network along with Austral Consulting conducted an Electro fishing Event on Saturday June 20th. There was a live electrofishing demonstration revealing various fish species that call the Tarwin River home.



This family-friendly event provided a rare opportunity to learn about river health, water quality, and the native aquatic life of the Tarwin River. The West Gippsland Catchment Authority shared their knowledge and answered questions. A barbeque was enjoyed by all.



70 people attended the talk and BBQ

VBAC at Nippers days

The VBAC is seeking to improve its profile amongst the local community. What better way than be noticed. The VBAC manned a stand on two weekends during last summer. Every person who attended nippers in 2026 walked past the club information boards and chatted with members.



All nippers and their parents saw our information or spoke to a member

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Kids Day – learn to fish

The Kids Day held on the 3rd January was a huge success with 28 children participating in a range of activities and a sausage sizzle.



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KID'S FISHING DAY
10AM - 12PM

- ALL GEAR AND BAIT SUPPLIED
- PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS
- FREE TUITION
- VICTORIAN FISHERIES AUTHORITY
- LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE
TEXT ONLY TO ROS:
0412 017 240



FREE BBQ FOR ALL
12PM - 1PM

- CLUB OPEN DAY
- OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE GRANTS PROVIDED BY FISHERIES VICTORIA AND BALD HILLS WIND FARM FOR OUR NEW OUTDOOR BLINDS AND DEFIBRILLATOR
- COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & EMERGENCY PLANNING

24TH SEPTEMBER
FISHERMANS ROAD, VENUS BAY

SPECIAL GUESTS:
VICTORIAN FISHERIES AUTHORITY
SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

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The next Kids Day will be held on Thursday 24th September from 10am – 12.30pm. Victorian Fisheries will be our guest speaker so come and visit our local fisheries officers, learn how to fish, enjoy fishing activities and a barbeque plus learn about sustainable fishing in local waters.

SMS Roslyn Shelly on 0412 017 240 to register your child.

Join us on Saturday night of BBQ dinner

On the Saturday evening of every fishing competition weekend the VBAC hold a free BBQ dinner at the club rooms from 6pm. Join us next time at the club rooms on Fishermans Road for dinner, and a chat. There is a \$5 fee for non members.



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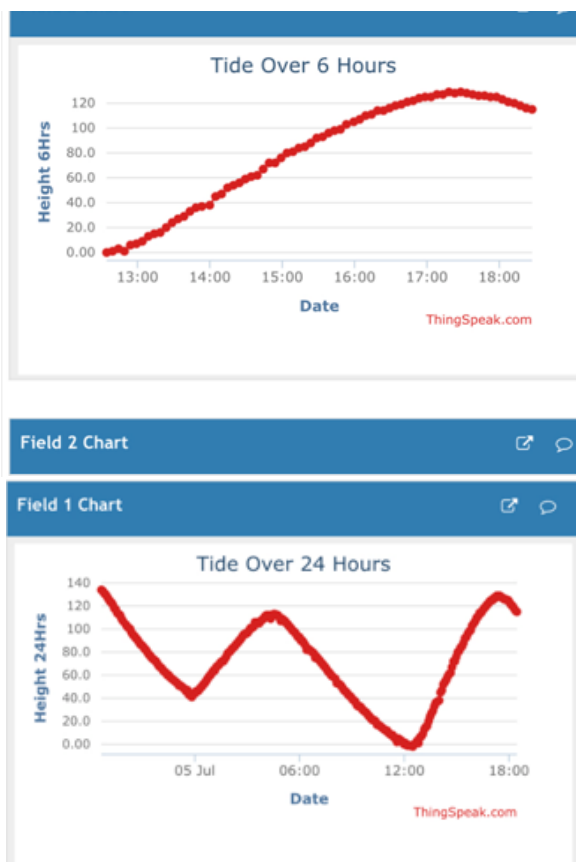
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Tide Chart improves safety for boaties

Venus Bay has its own Tide Chart thanks to great work of Phil Lavery. Download ThinkSpeak onto your mobile and see the depth of water at the boat ramp in real time.



New sign installed at the boat ramp

A new sign providing locals and visitors to the boat ramp with information about the club has recently been installed.

Many people didn't know the club rooms were right behind them.



Improving the profile of the club

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Advocating for improved infrastructure

March also saw the club play a pivotal role in organising and facilitating several community meetings to address the infrastructure issues at all the Venus Bay beaches over the summer period with increased tourism. This has led to a community working group being formed as well as a community led Petition to Legislative Council of Victoria to tackle this issue.

Trivia night is on again – 7th Nov

Following the huge success of last years trivia night at the Tarwin Mechanics Hall, it has been decided to hold it again this time on Saturday 7th November. Tickets will be on sale soon. Tell your friends and purchase a table. More details out soon.

Tell us your fishing story

If you have an interesting or funny fishing story, please email the story, video or photo to:

SaltSpray@venusbayanglingclub.org.au

Bunnings BBQ

The VBAC ran a stall at the Wonthaggi Bunnings BBQ in May. Despite the very cold weather and heavy rain we still had a very successful fund-raising day. Thanks to members who volunteered their time to run the BBQ.



Have an idea?

As we work to improve our club, we're keen to hear your suggestions!

Is there something that could be improved, repaired, cleaned, or made more member-friendly?

Please share your ideas by emailing it to mail@venusbayanglingclub.org.au

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Oz Fishing

OzFish is Australia's only fish habitat charity. Andrew spoke about the projects they are working on to deliver tangible and sustainable restoration projects. Earn more about their projects by visiting www.ozfih.org.au.



OzFish creating new reefs

The VBAC will become a member of Oz Fishing and assist in laying new reefs in Anderson Inlet during 2026. You are welcome to participate. Tell us if you are interested.

Useful Links:

Website: www.venusbayanglingclub.org.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/venusbayanglingclub/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/venus_bay_angling_club/

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@venusbayanglingclub

Volunteers wanted



We are always looking for members to assist with delivering social and fun activities like Kids day, Bunnings BBQ's and the annual Tarwin Lower Festival.

Members are encouraged to volunteer at least once per year to a club activity. Contact the club on email mail@venusbayanglingclub.org.au to find out more about volunteering.

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Recipe: Australian Salmon

Preserved by Birgitt

Recipe and preparation

Gut and scale the fresh salmon. Take fillets off. Prepare brine for the fillets:

- 2 litres of water with half a cup of salt
- 2 tablespoons of white vinegar added
- 5 bay leaf added

Bring all to boil and let cool down in fridge.

Brine fillets:

- Brine fillets for 1 to 3 hours in cool liquid

Sterilize jars with hot water

Fill jars with spice mixture (all to taste)

- Black pepper corns
- Mustard seeds
- Turmeric (optional)
- Chilly
- Bay leaf



Stuff fillets tightly on top of spice mixture into the jars and top with a little bit of brine. Top everything with about one centimetre of olive oil (all has to finish about 1 centimetre under the rim). Dry off the rim of the jar and put on the lid. Preserve in bottling for 90 minutes. It will last for years to enjoy!!! (let it mature for a week at least before you open your first jar and try).

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