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Welcome to the second edition of Salt Spray, our quarterly newsletter for the Venus Bay Angling Club. If you would like to submit any articles, photos, events, recipes or other content we'd love to hear from you via email at: catchoftheday@venusbayanglingclub.org.au

Gerald's Fishy stories used to be a great hit and we welcome any such stories, in Venus Bay or elsewhere.

Winter has been a bit quieter on the fishing front although there have been some great catches of salmon from the inlet and the beach. Do you have any tips on fishing rigs for salmon fishing?

We had a successful Bunnings BBQ on the 8th August, 2026 – thanks to all those who helped out. If you would like to volunteer for anything just contact the club - we would be most appreciative.

We were able to provide some kindling for the locals after Steve brought down a trailer load to the Shed. Thanks Steve, I'm sure there were quite a few locals who appreciated this.

The petition to halt pipi harvesting over a few weeks in summer is still circulating around the community. If you haven't signed it yet and would like to, there is a petition at the club rooms. The Working Group are also still working on solutions to ease the illegal parking and traffic congestion over the summer months.

Some of our members were lucky enough to escape to a warmer climate over Winter.



The club will have some new merchandise in the form of windcheaters. Stay tuned for more info.

We would like to thank all our sponsors who support our club throughout the year. Please continue to support our sponsors.



VENUS BAY
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Don't forget your membership includes a 7% discount (excluding Yeti, bait & gift vouchers) at Inverloch Fishing and Outdoors and 3% of your purchase will go back into your account as store credit.

NEXT FISHING COMPETITION:

From 11th September 2026 at 6:00am until 13th September 2026 at 3:00pm

Weigh in times - 11th-12th 4:00pm - 6:00pm | 13th 3:00pm sharp

Free BBQ for members - 12th July 2026 at 6:00pm - Gerald's Shed, Fishermans Road, Venus Bay

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Upcoming Events

We have an action packed few months over Spring this year and we'd love you to get involved.

Kid's Fishing Day & Community BBQ

The Kid's Fishing Day will be held on Thursday 24th September from 10.00am – 12.00pm immediately followed by a free Community BBQ for all from 12.00pm – 1.00pm. This event is sponsored by the Victorian Fisheries Authority and we hope to see one of their Officers on the day along with special guests from the South Gippsland Shire Council and Inverloch Fishing and Outdoors. Everything is provided for the kids but due to limited space we can only take 28 children, so if you would like to register your child, please SMS Ros on 0412 017 240 with your child's name and age and any dietary requirements. Check out the last Kid's Fishing Day on YouTube, it's an entertaining watch! www.youtube.com/@venusbayanglingclub

Grand Final Day

Come along and watch the Grand Final at Gerald's Shed starting at 2.00pm. BYO drinks and nibbles. Half time snacks provided.

Melbourne Cup Day

Join in the fun at Gerald's Shed, starting at

1:30pm. There's a prize for best hat, and sweeps run throughout the day, BYO drinks & nibbles.

Trivia Night

Our Trivia Night fundraiser is on again on the 7th November and tickets are available now. It was a huge success last year thanks to Adrian and Renee and we appreciate all the work put into making it a great night. You can purchase your tickets now at: www.zeffy.com/en-AU/ticketing/trivia-night--2026-26

Community Dinner

If you haven't already heard about the free dinners provided by the Venus Bay Community Centre you're really missing out. They've served up some fabulous meals over the last few months, on two Wednesdays per month. Some weeks you're lucky to get a seat. The Chefs involved have all been locals and on the 11th November, the Angling Club are having a turn, so mark that in your diary and come along and support the Club. If you'd like to help out just contact the Club.

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner for members will be held on Saturday 28th November. Bookings will be available closer to the date.

WHAT'S ON:

24 September 2026 – Kid's Fishing Day / Community BBQ

26 September 2026 – Grand Final Day

3 November 2026 – Melbourne Cup Day

7 November 2026 – VBAC Trivia Night 2026

11 November 2026 – Community Dinner Hosted By VBAC

28 November 2026 – VBAC Christmas Dinner



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WHOLE BAKED AUSTRALIAN SALMON

(Serves 4)

Ingredients

1-2 freshly caught Australian Salmon (bled, scaled and gutted)
1.5 kg potatoes (scrubbed and sliced into ½ cm rounds)
1 bulb of fennel
olive oil
½ bunch fresh parsley
½ bunch fresh tarragon
2 lemons
extra virgin olive oil
sea salt and pepper

Method

Preheat oven to 250°C. In a large baking dish, place the potato rounds to cover the base of the tray and season well with salt and pepper.

Cut the fennel into six wedges, scatter over the potatoes and give it a generous drizzle of olive oil.

Put half the herb leaves onto a chopping board, finely grate over the lemon zest and then roughly chop everything together. Scrape the mixture into a bowl.

Using a sharp knife make six deep slashes on each side of the fish, about 2 cm apart and at an angle (see picture). Sprinkle salt and pepper into each incision, then stuff them with the lemon /

herb mixture, then smooth flat. Drizzle the fish with olive oil.

Distribute any remaining herb mixture on top of the potato and fennel. Lay the fish on top. Bake in the hot oven for 15 minutes, then turn the temperature down to 180°C and cook for a further 30 minutes.

To serve, squeeze the juice from the remaining lemon over the top and drizzle with extra virgin olive oil. Add seasonal greens on the side.

(Source: Jamie Oliver)



Send in your own favourite recipe for publication in the next edition of Salt Spray.

Email your submissions to:
catchoftheday@venusbayanglingclub.org.au

2026 FISHING COMPS:

- 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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Member Profile – Anne McIntyre



Joined 2000, Secretary 2001-2005, 2007-2009 & 2011, President 2012-2016. Life Member.

Favourite Fishing Moment: “Down on the surf at number 4 beach and we got heaps and heaps of salmon.”

Proudest Club Moments: “Running programs for children and starting the Easter Egg Hunt about 10 years ago. Also, a couple of ladies used to run a Christmas Party down at Jupiter Park. When they stopped doing it, Margaret Purchase and I took it over and ran it for a few years. We ran a garage sale over the long weekend in June so we could buy all the kids a Christmas present. The club still supports the Christmas event run by the Venus Bay Community Centre now.”

Member Submissions



“Evan and I went to Beach 4 on Monday afternoon and had a great time catching Salmon. Evan landed 5 fish and I caught one 56cm and 4 smaller ones. Keep fishing!” - Kuno

FOR SALE - \$3900



4 mtr Savage Kestrel boat, 30 hp Tohatsu 2 stroke motor, fully serviced, key and pull start, 22 litre fuel tank, as new battery, also as new bimi, Garmin fish finder, both boat and trailer registered.

Call Robert – 0406 100 018

Tide Monitor

The Tide Monitor at the Venus Bay Boat Ramp is available directly on our website under the “Useful Information” section or for a more detailed view you can scan the QR code to see all the available data. Thanks to Phil Lavery for setting this up for us!



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