

# Leopold Angling and Aquatic Club

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## February 2021 News Letter

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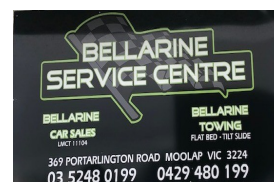
Greetings members and welcome to our first news letter of the year. To say the last 12 months have been a bit of a challenge would be an understatement but we hope and trust you have all been well and getting out on the blue waters of Corio Bay between these lock downs we have been experiencing.

The committee has been working hard behind the scenes looking for events and activities that are of interest to our members and some of these include the usual fishing comps and activities of course, a trivia night, lawn bowls social day at the Sporties, family camping and fishing weekend at the club, working bees, fielding two teams to compete in the winter competition of the Geelong Pool Association (Eight Ball), fishing trips away to other locations, marine safety days, guest speakers on fishing and a different variety of fundraisers just to name a few.

However, there are some within our membership that think we don't do enough for our members and we are just a Friday night drinking club. Nothing could be further from the truth. Granted, we do have our weekly Friday evening gatherings with all patrons being extremely well behaved. These occasions allow our members to get together and have a chat about fishing and boating, play pool, listen to a bit of music, have a few laughs and tell a few tall tales and most importantly it is our main fundraiser.

We have advertised many functions and activities in the past and unfortunately it's always the same faces putting their hands up to help and we sincerely appreciate those peoples' efforts, so therefore we will be placing a suggestion box on the bar at the club for members to give us an idea what they want.

A club is only as strong as it's members and we encourage all members to not just help out but to patronise these functions if you are willing and able to do so.



# Community Fundraiser

In partnership with Old Skool Street Cars we are holding a fundraising day for local lad Billy Bubb, who, in recent times has suffered a severe spinal injury that has had a major life changing effect on his future.

The day consists of a car show and family day with activities listed on the attached poster. The response from the community has been awesome to say the least with generous donations of goods and services for raffle prizes. We'd love to see as many of our local community as possible so come down to LAAC to support this worthy event and to admire these magnificent cars and street machines which are a labour of love to their proud owners.

You might even get a few fishing tips and where they're biting from some of our fanatical anglers.

So, you don't have to be a petrol head or a fisho to enjoy this great day so come along and show your support for this young man and his family who are presently going through some tough times.

Find the event on Facebook

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# Billy's Day by the bay

**Fundraiser** 21st March 10am - 3pm **Fundraiser**  
711 Portarlington Rd, Leopold

## Car Show & Family Day

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## Fishing Report

A few notable catches have been reported by our club members lately. Louie Polgar and Louise McLaren have been doing well bagging a 26kg Blue fin tuna and a 61cm King fish respectively, both caught off Barwon Heads. Esteemed committee member George Cociani and his lovely wife Ellie have been caravanning at Peterborough and whilst there they reported, with a photo, a capture of a couple of magnificent 2.7kg crayfish. Also there has been talk of good size whiting and calamari being taken from the Curlewis Bank through to Portarlington.



**Louie Polgar with a 25kg  
Blue Fin**



**Louise McLaren's 61cm  
King Fish**



**George Cociani about to  
make short work of a West  
Coast Cray**

## Whiting Comp

We are holding a Whiting fishing competition from midnight Friday 5th March to 4.00pm Sunday 7th March.

Free entry for LAAC members, \$10 for non members. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories,

**1. Heaviest Whiting, 2. Heaviest bag, 3. Mystery weight, 4. Female Whiting (Heaviest), 5. Junior Whiting (Heaviest).** Weigh in at LAAC clubhouse Sat 6th between 2-3pm and Sun 7th between 3-4pm.

Registration at LAAC 711 Portarlington Rd by 6.00pm Friday 5th March



## **Marine Safe Victoria Life Jacket Inspection Day**

Recently we were very privileged to have Marine Safe Victoria approach us to conduct a life jacket safety inspection day at our club rooms.

The event was held on Saturday 6th of February with a very good turn out of about 90 people registering for the clinic, which made it the largest attendance in Victoria.

The day consisted of 4 x 3/4 hour sessions which involved the visual inspection of the outer and inner components of the jacket, the self inflation of the internal bladder, the weighing of the gas cylinder and the recording of the inspection of the jacket.

The feedback from those that attended said the sessions were very informative and quite a few did not realise it is possible to be fined by the police if these self inspections are not carried out and recorded on an annual basis.

All participants received a show bag including a \$30 voucher from the State Government to be spent on marine safety equipment at Geelong Marine World, Moolap.

Any member wanting information on how to self inspect their life jackets please contact the club.

A big thank you to Phil Hughes and the crew from M.S.V. For running a very informative day.



## Rocklands Fishing Trip

On Friday March 19th, 24 intrepid LAAC members and friends made their way down to the southern Wimmera to the beautiful Rocklands reservoir for a weekend of fishing.

Although we didn't make much of a dent in the local fish population a great time was had by all who attended.

A lot of laughs, a few tall stories and friendly banter took priority over the weekend with quite a few of the boys questioning each others angling abilities due to the lack and size of fish being presented, but a fantastic time none the less.

Dim sim demolisher, Dave Devlin took out first prize with the biggest fish, a Red fin of...nah, we won't discuss the length.

Second place went to Scotty Witcombe and third to Paul Finn.

Most colourful boat, with blue and pink sun umbrellas went to Ray Hobbs, the colourful language coming out of this vessel would have also contributed to this award being presented.

A big thank you to our host Tony Carr for preparing and providing a great venue for us, and as this is going to be an annual event, we look forward to catching up with him same time next year.



## **In Closing**

There we have it for the February newsletter, don't forget the Whiting comp and Bill's Day By The Bay coming up in March. We will soon be releasing a calendar of events for the remainder of the year.

If you have any items of interest or items for sale and you would like them advertised in the next newsletter, contact Murray McLaren on Ph 0412 532046.

And by the way, membership renewal is now over due so if you want to renew your membership come down to the club on any Friday from 4.30pm to fill in a form and pay. On line banking details are on the renewal form.

In closing, we wish all of our members the best of health and safety on the water and look forward to seeing more of with the easing of covid 19 restrictions.

Cheers,

LAAC committee of management