



# ANSA NSW Tightlines E-bulletin Issue 20 December 2007

## E-news from the President

Hi ANSA NSW Members,



A great picture of Santa at the SSAFA Christmas party and a fitting way to kick off this edition of Tightlines.

I have collected a few snippets of information on what has been happening at ANSA State and managed to include a few brief updates on some of our ongoing projects and latest news. Suffice to say the work that the committee is doing at a Club, State and National level continues at a great rate of knots, it just seems that there are not enough hours in the days any more. The work that ANSA NSW is doing is definitely paying dividends, and the relationships it has forged with government and

non-government agencies will hopefully give the Association a prominent role at any negotiating table.

It is encouraging to see the eagerness of ANSA NSW Clubs and their willingness to get involved with ANSA NSW.

The Sea Bees have put their hand up to host a new ANSA convention and negotiations are in progress for another Sydney based comp. Botany Bay SFC was not backward in coming forward about hosting next years AGM and presentation, a far cry from a few years ago, where we had to twist Clubs' arms to get involved.

Don't forget to go and check out the ANSA websites:

[www.ansansw.com.au](http://www.ansansw.com.au)

[www.angelrings.com.au](http://www.angelrings.com.au)

[www.ansa.com.au](http://www.ansa.com.au)

And make sure you get along to the Nowra Convention 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February and Narooma Convention 19<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Cheers and all the best for 2008.

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## E-news from the Club Liaisons Officer

The ANSA NSW email database keeps on growing and since the last Tightlines edition our database has steadily climbed to 63 contacts, servicing all ANSA NSW Clubs. This database is exclusively for ANSA member Clubs and does not include the many order Government Department or Associations in the State.

If you are a direct member of ANSA NSW (Sportfishing NSW) and you are not receiving any information electronically or via mail, please contact me and I'll put you on the email and mailing databases.

The ANSA NSW website is right up to date and all the latest can be downloaded as it happens. The photo gallery is now up and running, with photos starting to come in from every angle. If you have a photo and you want to see it up on the website please email it to me. Please ensure the photo is no bigger than 500mb.

By the way, if you know of any businesses or in fact you have a business that may be interested in advertising on the ANSA NSW website, please get in contact with me.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and may the New Year bring plenty more memorable fishing moments.

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### **E-news from the Recorder**

Hi from the Recorder's desk.  
Here is the news . . . . .  
There seems to have been little movement across the recorder's desk so far this year. I am sure that will change as the holidays approach and those down our way start looking out for those summer and autumn runs of gamefish.

**12-Month Comp**  
To date there have been 76 12-Month Comp entries. The 12-Month Comp tables have been updated and should have been circulated with this issue of Tightlines.

**State Records**  
Hardware problems have necessitated a computer upgrade which has in turn necessitated a software upgrade. As a result, my State Record Database is now no longer functioning as expected. I hope to have the problems sorted and updated State Records available before Christmas.

All these are updated on the ANSA NSW website as of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

**ANSA NSW Convention Circuit**  
I have received complete results for 2 out of the 3 conventions run so far this year and again hope to have complete results available and circulated by Christmas.  
That's about all I have – short sharp and to the point.

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Recorder  
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### **E- news from the Masters Keeper**

Hi ANSA Members,  
The President gave me a few precious lines.....  
Masters are updated and have been emailed to all the clubs as of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and are also available at the ANSA NSW masters web page  
<http://www.ansansw.com.au/Masters.html>

Cheers  
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### **Angel Rings Update**

ANSA NSW has taken delivery of its new installation and display trailer that will negate the need to beg, borrow and steal a trailer when we install or maintain angel rings across NSW. One of the best things about the trailer is that it also a self contained display unit, with DVD and TV included. If your club has a community day, show or similar and want to use the trailer to promote ANSA NSW and its Angel Ring Project, just let us know and we will gladly arrange it.



### **www.thefishingsite.com.au**

One of our newer ANSA NSW Clubs, The Fishing Site Sportfishers Club also run a web based forum that may be appealing to Clubs who want a web based presence. ANSA NSW, The RFA of NSW and South Sydney AFA have all got separate pages on the forum. SSAFA has a link to its own fishing report section back to its own webpage. The guys who manage the site are happy to set up a page for any ANSA NSW Club. Just contact us and we can arrange it. It is a really good offer and costs nothing.

Have a look at [www.thefishingsite.com.au](http://www.thefishingsite.com.au)

### **Lake Lyell Convention 2007**

The Sea Bees have put their hands up to run an ANSA NSW Convention in May. Dates are 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2008. A convention flyer will be sent out early in the New Year. The event will be based along the same principles as the Glenbawn Convention hosted by Newcastle SFC, however this will be a Trout Catch and Release Competition. Pencil these dates into your club calendar.

## 2008 AGM and Presentation

Sydney will play host to the ANSA NSW 2008 AGM, with Botany Bay SFC confirmed as the host club for the 2008 ANSA NSW AGM and Presentation. Dates are being finalised and will be sent out to the Clubs very early in the New Year.

## Nowra Convention 2008 Reminder

### **NOWRA SPORTFISHING CLUB INC 30th ANNUAL SPORTFISHING CONVENTION**

**VENUE:** Gateway to the Banks Caravan Park,  
Crookhaven Heads

**DATE:** 6.00am Friday 15 February 2008 to 12  
Noon Sunday 17 February 2008

**ENTRY FEES:** Uncatered Senior \$20.00  
Uncatered Junior \$10.00

**NB:** Uncatered Fees DO NOT INCLUDE CAMP  
SITE

**Don't forget that the 2008 ANSA NSW  
Calender is online at the  
[www.ansansw.com.au](http://www.ansansw.com.au) website**

## E-News from the Treasurer

Finances are running pretty close to expectations for the year so far, with membership income still trickling in from several Clubs. A summary of the ANSA main account for the year to date:

Bank balance 1/7/07	\$19,552
Income YTD	\$12,344
Expenditure YTD	(\$10,391)
Bank balance 18/12/07	<u>\$21,505</u>

The original Angel Rings Project account has all but been exhausted, with a balance remaining of \$172, but don't be alarmed! We should have sufficient funding from the RFCGP grant to meet the operational costs of the Project for this and next financial year. The bulk of the money on the trailers has been paid out, with the end results looking fantastic. Spending from the RFCGP account for the year to date is below:

Bank balance 1/7/07	\$47,760
Income YTD	\$nil
Expenditure YTD	(\$33,370)
Bank balance 18/12/07	<u>\$14,390</u>

Finally, the Police Angel Rings Project is gaining momentum, with the \$25,641 just waiting to be spent once final approvals are received. One thing about the Police, they certainly are

thorough when it comes to consultation and due process, which is understandable give that saving more lives is the ultimate agenda.

Merry Xmas to one and all and I hope your lines are tight over the holiday season

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## E-News from the Membership Registrar

Welcome to my first report in the second of my dual roles for ANSA NSW. Membership numbers as at 18/12/07 are as follows, with our target of 1,200+ being within reach:

Senior	701	(514 Male, 187 Fem.)
Junior	221	(123 Male, 98 Fem.)
Student	15	
Life Members	6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>943</b>	

I am still to receive 2007-08 membership renewals from a couple of Clubs, which I will be chasing up in the next few weeks. Expect a phone call if we haven't heard from you yet!

For 2007-08, we welcome 2 new Clubs to the ANSA family: *Callala Sportsfishing Club* and the *Narooma Sporting & Services Bowlo Fishing Club*. We hope to see your members at Conventions and submitting captures soon!

I must admit, it took me a while to get the hang of the database, but I've got a process sorted out which should see cards turned around in no longer than 2 weeks (except for the this month, when moving house and a busier than usual pre-Xmas period at work conspiring against my best laid plans).

For Club membership officers, please let me know of anything missing or incorrect in the stuff I send back so our membership records can be as up to date and accurate as possible.

Well, that's enough for one bulletin, have a great festive season and I'll see you all in 2008.

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**A great project from our mates at the AUF, feel free to get involved:**



**What would you do if you saw a SHARK in the water?**

Does the Great White, Tiger, Whaler, White Tip, Wobbegong and Port Jackson conjure feelings of uncertainty, fear or awe? "Most people would panic and get out of the water as quickly as possible" said Dr Adam Smith, National Chair of the Australian Underwater Federation, the peak group representing underwater enthusiasts. Skindivers are however a unique group. They love scanning the ocean for fish and also viewing the magnificent marine life that is available.

They describe the awe and adrenalin rush of seeing a shark in its environment. Nationally and internationally there are increasing concerns for the conservation of sharks due to high levels of fishing pressure and particular life history characteristics. Two prominent and controversial examples in Australia are the threatened grey nurse shark in NSW and Qld and more recently on the Great Barrier Reef, a study that concluded that some reef shark species are under threat. In each of these examples it is widely acknowledged that further monitoring data on abundance and distribution are urgently needed.

The AUF has been granted financial support of just over \$70,000 for ongoing education and monitoring.

*"We are delighted that the Commonwealth Minister for Fisheries the Hon Eric Abetz has recognised the value of community monitoring, and the capability and interest of recreational fishers and skindivers to be involved" said Dr Smith.*

**Introduction and Benefits**

The AUF has been funded by the Commonwealth Community for an 18 month project "Monitoring of threatened species and education of underwater fishing activities". Community Monitoring will give recreational divers and fishers some facts about what they do and also provide information for management. It will complement other Commonwealth initiatives for monitoring Grey Nurse Sharks.

**Possible benefits for you to be involved**

- Chance to obtain a FREE exclusive high quality wetsuits with "Community Shark Monitoring". Limited numbers so these will be given in lotteries, and to divers who promote and participate in the project.
  - FREE [Fantastic Fish Calendars for 2008](#)
  - FREE "Great Australian Shark Count" t-shirt
  - Be part of the AUF team of committed volunteers
  - Learn more about sharks and the marine environment
  - Make a difference to future management
- [READ MORE.....](#)

**Shark Sightings**

Species	# Counted
Blacktip Reef Shark	18
Great White Shark	1
Grey Nurse Shark	27
Grey Reef Shark	32
Other	28
Port Jackson Shark	59
Seven Gill Shark	5
Tiger Shark	15
Whalers (several species)	30
Whitetip Reef Shark	48
Wobbegong Shark	67

**State Ranking**

State	# Counted
Queensland	148
New South Wales	138
Victoria	34
Western Australia	10