



ANSA NSW Tightlines E-bulletin Issue 21 March 2008

E-news from the President

Hi ANSA NSW Members,

It's been a pretty intense start to 2008 with the Nowra and Narooma Conventions under our belts; we have Sydney, State Titles and Lake Lyell to take us into the end of the fishing year. Both Nowra, won by St George SFC and Narooma, won by Canberra SFC had to put up with some pretty "ordinary" weather but both enjoyed increased patronage and put on a great show for all the members who made the effort to get to these conventions. Both Sydney and Lake Lyell Conventions are in spitting distance of most of the ANSA Clubs so make an effort to get to these comps and support the clubs that spend months organising them.

We have also decided to showcase our NSW Clubs in the new Clubs Round-Up email that all of you should have seen by now. The NSW ANSA clubs should hold their heads up high as leaders in their communities. South Sydney AFA took 107 kids fishing, Australian Land Based Anglers Ass took bags of rubbish out of some remote fishing spots across Australia and Canberra FC left them all for dead when it hosted 1411 anglers' at its inaugural "Carp Out". Figures like that will leave many professional fishing event organisers and big dollar sponsors slack jawed. WELL DONE to all the clubs who are doing their bit in the community.

One thing we are all proud of is the increasing membership and how well the executive is working together, like a well oiled machine - heads down, bottoms up. John Burgess and I have been in to see Minister Joe Tripodi about the state of some of our ramps across NSW, we have been in to see Minister Nathan Rees re: desalination plant impacts and have made representations about our constantly shrinking access within our National Parks. The work we are doing in conjunction with NSW DPI, the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW, RECFISH

and National Parks is starting to have a positive impact.

Our fees still remain unchanged at \$19 per member. We have maintained this for a few years now and even though we pass on \$11 of this to National, still manage to keep our heads above water each year - many thanks to Shane who is doing a great job.

Finally, I don't say this often enough but the day to day job of keeping ANSA NSW on track falls with all the ANSA NSW Committee members who do a great job day in day out - many thanks to all the team members.

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

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Cheers.

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E-news from the Vice President

Thanks to all those clubs that continued to participate in the Public Liability and Defined Accident insurance scheme that ANSA NSW administers jointly with IC Frith and Associates as broker and Sportcover Limited the insurer. Currently we have some 18 NSW clubs in the scheme and there are expressions of interest from a few others. For a combined premium of only \$554.56 your club and members can have the comfort of a \$10 million public liability cover, \$2 million professional indemnity and a \$50000 accident cover per club member including those members who are not signed up to ANSA. This is excellent value. If you need to know more about the scheme drop me a line. Also for those clubs that have paid their premium for 2008 I have arranged for certificates of currency to be issued by IC Frith. I should be in a position to send these to participating clubs shortly.

The issue of Marine parks has surfaced once again both at a Commonwealth and NSW level. The Commonwealth Govt is very shortly to commence the process for the creation of a new Eastern marine park which will span Commonwealth waters from Cape York to Victoria's northern tip. This new marine park will complement the South Eastern marine park established by the Commonwealth in 2006 and covers Commonwealth waters across South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania. ANSA will at a National and State level involve itself in the consultative process with the Commonwealth Govt with the

intention of negotiating the best outcome for recreational fishers. There is some comfort in the manner in which the recent South East marine park was established in 2006. The consultation process was genuine and the impact on recreational fishing, in so far as access limitations, was very minimal. Hopefully this will be the case for the new Eastern MP.

Closer to home the review process for the Jervis Bay and Solitary Islands marine parks commences on 31 March 2008. Already there are rumblings of demands by green advocates for greater restrictions on fishing access within the parks. Information packages will be publicly issued by the MPA shortly. ANSA will engage in the consultation process with the MPA but this is a process that will require the support and involvement of all ANSA clubs and members. Once we have had the opportunity to review the MPA information package we will develop an appropriate ANSA strategy for dealing with the review issue.

There are also rumours once again circulating about the creation of another marine park in the waters off the Greater Sydney region known as the Hawkesbury bioregion. Prior to the last NSW elections, Ministers Macdonald and Debus issued statements that there would be no more marine parks in this area. Recently Minister Verity Firth echoed the same assurances – with of course the usual “at this time” qualification. Unfortunately fear of another marine park is hindering efforts by NSW Fisheries to undertake a recreational fishing survey in the Greater Sydney region. This is a project that has been funded by the Saltwater Licence Trust fund and it is imperative that we give our support to the survey. If the Government at some later time decides to create a new park then this is a decision it will make regardless of the fishing survey. What is important is that for the first time ever – if a new park is created - we will have rec’ fishing data before the park goes in. What this means is that we will be able to measure the success or otherwise of the often quoted comment that marine parks are good for recreational fishing. Sadly no pre park fishing data exists for the Jervis Bay and Solitary Islands marine parks to debate expected claims that the parks are working for us. If your club has concerns about the survey then please relay them to me as I am one of the two rec fishing representatives on the Survey Steering Committee. Also Dr Aldo Steffe from NSW Fisheries has offered to personally visit clubs to address any concerns. Aldo can be contacted on 95278411.

That’s enough about marine parks for the present but there is more unfortunate news on

the ANSA National front concerning the resource sharing agreement reached with the commercial sector and Commonwealth Fisheries Agencies for longlining to be restricted within the ETBF (Eastern Tuna and Billfish) zone. Regrettably after years of joint lobbying and negotiation by ANSA, GFAA and Recfish to broker a deal with the Commercial sector, the latter have now withdrawn from the agreement citing the Labor Government’s decision to withdraw the \$750000 funding that was earmarked for compensation and research needs which were integral to the agreement. We will do our best to resurrect the agreement but success will be dependent on convincing the Federal Government to loosen up the purse strings. We are still aiming to have an early meeting with the new Fisheries Minister, Tony Burke to raise the broader issue of future funding for recreational fishing. You can help by voicing concerns with your local Federal MP.

Also on the ANSA National scene we have delegates from most State Branches collectively serving on several sub committees charged with the responsibility of making major changes to the National Rule book before its scheduled reprint before 1 July 2008. Subject to agreement between the States we propose to introduce a new “length only” National record criteria, a new non line class “length only” Masters award criteria, an updated “tagging” Masters award criteria, expanded and clearer definitions of “line class” Masters and “lure casting” and a National policy on the use of breakaway line combos and braid. These bold and somewhat controversial changes to the rules are reflective of the need for ANSA to keep pace with modern fishing techniques and technologies and to cater for the changing needs of members. The goodwill, feedback and commitment from all involved delegates have been encouraging in spite of the tight deadline for task completion. 2008 is shaping up to be another very busy and challenging year for all on the ANSA Executive at National and State but that’s the way we like it.

Good fishing and I look forward to seeing you all at the Sydney Sportfishing Tournament.

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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 68 contacts, servicing all ANSA NSW Clubs. This database is exclusively for ANSA member Clubs and does not include the many 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 pretty much right up to date and all the latest can be downloaded as it happens. As our webmaster went on her honeymoon, updates came to a halt, but we are back on track.

As you should all know, the photo gallery has now been posted on the ANSA NSW website. Some great photos have been received. Have a look yourself. 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 500kb.

ANSA NSW is also looking for sponsorship to keep its website up and running, so 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.

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E-news from the Recorder

Hi all – I hope your fishing year has been somewhat more fruitful than mine has been. Highlight for me was a modest but personal-best flathead of 57cm at the Narooma Convention, part of a decent pair I got out of that particular estuary after trying for 12 years or so to get a decent fish out of there!! At the time of writing there are still 2 conventions left on the horizon for this year – the Sydney Sportfishing Tournament in April, and the inaugural Lake Lyell Convention being run by the See Beas. Get along and support these events – they are great fun.

12-Month Comp

The 12-Month comp continues to bubble along, though there are still plenty of holes in the placings. To date there have been 110 entries from 47 anglers representing 10 clubs. With the gamefishing season upon us, there should be a few more entries forthcoming. I'm planning on a few myself!!

NSW Records

To date there have been 68 new NSW Records certified this year.

ANSA NSW Convention Circuit

The ANSA NSW Convention Circuit comp has been running again this year, with the most recent update published just before the Nowra Convention. A new update incorporating Nowra and Narooma will be published soon. Don't forget that the Sydney Tournament, State Titles and Lake Lyell will be your last chance for this year to accumulate points for this comp.

NSW State Titles

The NSW State Titles will be held over the ANZAC Day long weekend on the 25th, 26th and 27th of April, with fishing allowed on all 3 days. All clubs will have received information about the comp, and the relevant information is also on the ANSA NSW website. Get some teams together and have a go, even if it is just for a day. It's a great comp, and everyone has home-ground advantage!!!

For more details see the ANSA NSW website at www.ansansw.com.au

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E- news from the Masters Keeper

Hi ANSA Members,

With only approximately three months left of the 2007/08 fishing year there is still an opportunity for members to complete their masters this year especially if you only have one or two to get to complete the required number.

At the time of printing there have been twelve awards this fishing year with Sportfishing Masters Awards leading the way with four, followed by Tagging with three awards, Gamefishing with two and then Handlining, Landbased Gamefishing and Freshwater Impoundments all with one award each. No awards have been made for Lurecasting, Flyfishing or Landbased Sportfishing at this stage.

The majority of the masters awards have been achieved by members from three clubs. It would be great to see some different clubs achieving these awards so perhaps club ANSA reps could encourage their members to have a go!

Don't forget there is a new Masters Award Form on the ANSA National web site, so throw away those old forms in your clubhouse please. All the best for the rest of the fishing year.

<http://www.ansansw.com.au/Masters.html>

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**Don't forget that the 2008 ANSA NSW
 Calender is online at the
www.ansansw.com.au website**

E-News from the Treasurer.

A summary of the ANSA main account for the year to date is as follows:

Bank balance 1/7/07	\$19,552
Income YTD	\$14,657
Expenditure YTD	<u>(\$11,737)</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$2,920</u>
Bank balance 19/03/08	<u>\$22,472</u>

The original Angel Rings Project account, funded from the NSW fishing trust has been reduced to a zero balance. Final statements and audit report will be prepared shortly between Stan and me.

Activity on the RFCGP account for the year to date is:

Bank balance 1/7/07	\$47,760
Income YTD	\$nil
Expenditure YTD	<u>(\$36,170)</u>
Bank balance 19/03/08	<u>\$11,590</u>

Finally, money is starting to flow from the Police Angel Rings Project account, with the purchase of rings and payment for the training video.

The year to date account looks like this:

Bank balance 1/7/07	\$26,380
Income YTD	\$nil
Expenditure YTD	<u>(\$19,865)</u>
Bank balance 19/03/08	<u>\$6,513</u>

I hope everyone has a good break over Easter, catches heaps of fish for the NSW State Titles, and enters in the inaugural Sea Bees Lake Lyell Convention. I'll see you there!

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E-News from the Membership Registrar.

Membership numbers continue to grow steadily. Current figures are:

Senior	828	(606 Male, 222 Fem.)
Junior	276	(151 Male, 125 Fem.)
Student	18	
Life Members	6	
Total	1,128	

As you can see, we are getting close to the target of 1200 members for the year. Discussions being held with a potential new Club, so we might just get there yet.

Don't forget, if **new** members join after 31 March, their membership will carry through to the following year, or 30 June 2009 in this case. Please use this as an incentive for promoting ANSA within your Club.

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Website Profile

www.sportfishextreme.com

This one comes to us from our mate and LBG specialist Rob Barrett, holder of quite a few ANSA Landbased National records. This is great site to get your LBG news and fix, especially for the novice. You will be surprised how many ANSA NSW members participate on the site:



Sportfish Extreme has been around for about 4 years, and was designed as a common place for Land Based Game fisher's to get together and share their stories, post their reports and learn from one another. It always been a free site and most regard it as one of the most peaceful, no crap forums on the net and proudly Rob believes it's the only decent meeting place on the net for LBG anglers.

In the past 2 years the site has been expanded to include all forms of fishing from salt to fresh and fly to game but still heavily focusing onto the LBG scene.

The site is fast approaching 1000 members and many a fishing buddy or group has been born from the site.

The site is run by Rob and an awesome bunch of blokes that help him moderate it and without their help the site would not be the great site it is. SFX, as it is also known have held a few Clean up the stones days and also run a few minor comps for the kids and also for fun such as their crappy combo comp.

Have a look, you might just learn something.