

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION NSW BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2008 / 2009



Incorporating Sportfishing NSW & NEWTAG

Founding Member of the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

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ANSA NSW Branch Executive and Committee 2008/2009

PRESIDENT	Stan Konstantaras	South Sydney AFA
VICE PRESIDENT	John Burgess	South Sydney AFA
SECRETARY	Yanko Serifi	Wollongong SFC
PUBLIC OFFICER		
TREASURER	Shane Jasprizza	Canberra Fishermans Club
MEMBERSHIP	Shane Jasprizza	Canberra Fishermans Club
REGISTRAR		
RECORDER	Mike Spitzer	St George Sportfishing Club
MASTERS KEEPER	Max Castle	Sea Bees Boating Club
TAGGING CATCH	Stan Konstantaras	South Sydney AFA
AND RELEASE		
CLUB LIAISON/WEBSITE	Joe Garufi	South Sydney AFA

SUB COMMITTEE

ANGEL RING PROJECT	Stan Konstantaras	South Sydney AFA
CO-ORDINATOR		
ANGEL RING PROJECT	Yanko Serifi	Wollongong SFC
NORTH COAST		
ANGEL RING PROJECT	Malcolm Poole	South Sydney AFA
CENTRAL COAST		
ANGEL RING PROJECT	Ron Abdilla	Sea Bees BC
SYDNEY		
ANGEL RING PROJECT	Gordon Jobson	Wollongong SFC
SOUTH COAST		

ANSA NSW Life Members

Badge 1	Dick Lewers	Badge 2	Pat Hunter
Badge 3	Hank Newman (Dec'd)	Badge 4 (Dec'd)	Alex Blair
Badge 5	Bob Dunn (Dec'd)	Badge 6	Geoff Hawkins
Badge 7	Mark McKinnirey	Badge 8	Gary Wade
Badge 9	Bill Harvey		

History Of ANSA NSW Branch

On the 12th August, 1967, - Steering Committee was formed consisting of the following people:

PRESIDENT	John Bethune
SECTRETARY/ TREASURER	John Erskine
PUBLICITY	Dick Lewers

Ψ On the 4th May 1968 – The NSW Branch of ANSA was formed with the following office bearers:

PRESIDENT	John Bethune
VICE PRESIDENT	Dick Lewers
SECTRETARY	Don Brooks
TREASURER	Hank Newman

Ψ On the 13th November 1968, the St George Sportfishing Club became the first ANSA NSW affiliated club.

Ψ On the 8th October 1986, ANSA NSW Branch became incorporated.

Ψ On the 12th February 2000 ANSA NSW Branch became one of the founding members of the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW.

Ψ 2007 ANSA celebrates 40 years.

ANSA NSW Branch Past Office Bearers

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1969	J Bethane	R Lewers	R Lent	R Lent
1970	R Allen	R Lewers	R Lent	R Lent
1971	R Allen	R Dunn	R Horne	R Horne
1972	R Dunn	F Phillips	R Horne	R Horne

9TH June, 1973 saw the Association adjourned for 2 years

1976	R Dunn	F Phillips	W Harvey	W Harvey
1978	R Dunn	F Phillips	W Harvey	W Harvey
1980	R Dunn	W Harvey	B Ray	T Botham
1982	B Ray	R Brinkworth	T Redman	E Davis
1984	G Hawkins	M McKinnirey	K Bennett	E Davis
1986	G Hawkins	H Newman	K Bennett S Church U Mitchell	E Davis
1988	G Hawkins	M McKinnirey	S Church G Hawkins U Mitchell	G Wade
1990	G Hawkins	S Church	U Mitchell	G Wade
1992	W Harvey	M McKinnirey	J Scott	S Livgst
1994	W Harvey	M McKinnirey	G Wade	B Lloyd
1996	G Wade	W Harvey	Y Serifi	J Burgess
1997	D Shearing	W Harvey	Y Serifi	J Burgess
1998	D Shearing	W Harvey	Y Serifi	J Burgess
1999	D Shearing	W Harvey	Y Serifi	J Burgess
2000	D Shearing	W Harvey	Y Serifi	J Burgess
2001	W Harvey	J Burgess	Y Serifi	J Burgess
2002	W Harvey	J Burgess	Y Serifi	J Burgess
2003	L. Waldock	J Burgess	Y. Serifi	J Burgess
2004	L. Waldock	J Burgess	Y. Serifi	J Burgess
2005	L. Waldock	J Burgess	I. Phillips	J Burgess
2006	L. Waldock	J Burgess	I. Phillips	J Burgess
2007	S. Konstantaras	J Burgess	Y. Serifi	S. Jasprizza
2008	S. Konstantaras	J Burgess	Y. Serifi	S. Jasprizza
2009	S. Konstantaras	J Burgess	Y. Serifi	S. Jasprizza

ANSA NSW President's Report

Dear ANSA NSW Members,

The 2008/2009 fishing year has been and gone, we have some new faces on the team which was a relief, some new clubs in the fold and we have had some old clubs close their doors. We managed to maintain the membership numbers above 1,100 this year, which was a great effort once again by all those who take the time to manage and run our 32 clubs across NSW. The effort that is put in by a dedicated few at a club level must be applauded by all those who turn up to club outings, conventions and meetings. These don't just happen!

Much the same can be said at the NSW State level. John Burgess is fortunate to have retired and can devote a fair slice of his free time to recreational fishing issues within NSW. Having shaken his shackles as Treasurer, he has worked flat out ensuring that the members of ANSA NSW are well represented at a state, national and international level. The amount of work and correspondence generated by John over the email would surely crash lesser computer systems, however the committee takes it all in our stride and advise John of how best to serve the membership at these levels. Many past and current issues being driven by John include marine parks, grey nurse sharks, competition accreditation and code of practice, fishing safety and personal floatation devices, submarine cables, desalination plants and sewerage works, Botany Bay port expansion, preservation of fishing access, fisheries research and the Commonwealth resource sharing review of the Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery (ETBF). John also sits on the NSW Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee as and ANSA NSW representative, and gives us some insight into where our licence fees are being spent. An endless stream of correspondence emanates from his computer daily and coupled with the meetings he manages to attend on our behalf, we are confident that we are well represented at a State level. That's not to say we all don't participate in the process, we all play active roles within the NSW representative system, John just goes the extra mile on our behalf.

Max Castle and Mike Spitzer are keeping our Masters and Records on track, with Mike coping well within his new role as Recorder. I doubt he envisaged so much work was involved, but he is getting the hang of it. Shane Jasprizza has a good handle on the finances, which these days involve handling an additional few projects on his books in between keeping on top of the membership database.

I don't think a day or two goes by with Joe Garufi touching base with the clubs over the email. Joe Garufi is our Club Liaisons Officer and I doubt that there is anyone in ANSA NSW who has not heard of the name Garufi! The flow of information hitting the database members is mind-blowing and with access to many sources within the government we are finding that we are getting information out to the membership days and weeks before it comes through official channels. I have not counted the emails that Joe has sent out, but I am confident that at least once a week the membership is hearing from ANSA NSW. Our Tightlines are going out after every committee meeting, minutes, bulletins, press releases and special offers are being sent out, the only thing that we will continually ask the clubs to do is to pass on the information down to their members. I consider this point of contact as critical, and apart from the flow of relevant information, many clubs use this as a contact point back to ANSA NSW which is a very effective communication tools for all of us.

Yanko Serifi keeps the ship on course and the rest of the team, Gordon Jobson, Ron Abdilla and Mal Poole all chip in with the angel ring project. The Angel Ring Team has had a cracking year in terms of achievements, we now have 95 rings installed and

have saved 31 lives to date and the team members all deserve a pat on the back, you can easily recognise these guys - they are wearing the bright orange Columbia Shirts.

ANSA NSW continues to lift its profile to new heights, not only with regard to its award winning angel ring project but with regard to the elevation of its profile within the State and Federal Government arena. It has also seen new and significant lines of communication being opened with all the relevant government agencies. This was relevant last year and is just as relevant this year. Max Castle and Mal Poole continue to push the ANSA NSW ethos via their involvement with the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW which continues to progress at an alarming rate and is heading towards a truly independent peak body model for us. ANSA NSW was the catalyst for its inception 10 years ago and continues to play a significant role today.

Finally I would like to thank all the members out there who have continued supporting ANSA NSW.

Many thanks for flying the ANSA flag from all of us at the ANSA NSW State Executive.

S. Konstantaras

Stan Konstantaras
ANSA NSW President



Vice President's Report

2008/09 was another extremely busy and challenging year for ANSA at both a Branch and National level. The harsh reality of politics and consequential impacts upon recreational fishing have remained at the forefront of National and State Branch activity. We have had to counter a plethora of new marine parks and reserves thrust upon us by Commonwealth and State Governments alike. Likewise, we have had to defend our position against vocal and well resourced anti fishing lobby groups such as the Pew Foundation with its quest for a Coral Sea no fishing reserve and the National Parks Association and its "Torn Blue Fringe" campaign to have 20% of NSW ocean waters declared sanctuary zones. These are just 2 examples of the sorts of pressure ANSA members and recfishers generally across the nation are under and the threat to our historical rights of access is very real and we need to make our voice heard. It needs to be emphasised that ANSA is not opposed to the concept of marine parks but rather the seeming lack of good science when it comes to the location of marine parks and reserves and the activities allowed or restricted within the zoning process.

ANSA does maintain a cordial and effective relationship with governments at all levels and this is evidenced by the many board and committees established at a Commonwealth or State level upon which ANSA has a member representative. ANSA has also directly participated in a wide variety of government inquiries and reviews including - review of the performance and structure of AFMA and the composition of its management advisory committees, review of the optimal outcomes possible from managing Australian Fisheries, consultation on Commonwealth Marine Bioregional planning, review of the Tasmanian Scalefish fishery review – to name but a few.

From a financial and membership perspective, ANSA is travelling well. Our membership numbers have fallen slightly over the year and this can be attributed to a variety of factors including tight economic times, a decline in recreational fishing participation and the challenge of keeping our branch and club network vibrant and attractive to the younger generation of sportfishers. Sadly some of our longstanding clubs have called it a day but other new clubs have affiliated to fill the void and the future of ANSA as a peak sportfishing body is secure. Financially our position remains sound due very much to the time and effort voluntarily contributed by our Board executive and astute financial management. Membership fees remain at their 2004 level and all services to members such as National record and Masters awards are now provided free of charge.

2008/09 has also seen a successful cultural shift for ANSA in that we are now demonstrably leading the way in terms of caring for our marine and terrestrial environment and the fish and other creatures that inhabit those environs. Our move towards length only Records and Masters with emphasis on capture and release and the use of braided line and breakaway traces have received wide and positive recognition by the fishing print media and many conservation groups. Similar accolades have been received for our groundbreaking promotion of the use of biodegradable line and also the contribution by many ANSA clubs and members who have chosen to do something positive about cleaning up our fishing habitat by removing rubbish and the like. ANSA also adopted the revised Recfish Australia National Code of Practice for Recreational and Sportfishing as its own.

Our highly acclaimed Angel Ring and Fishing Safety Awareness education projects are now well on the track towards having a National focus. Strategic partnerships have been formed with Surf Lifesaving Australia to work with ANSA and other like-minded organisations to get these very successful projects up and running throughout

Australia and overseas. Funding continues to be a major constraint but we are continuing to lobby Governments of all persuasion to contribute financially to these proven "life saving" projects which are well established in NSW and are now up and running in SA, Vic, Tas and NZ. ANSA contributed \$2000 of its own funds and considerable in kind effort towards these projects over the past year. These contributions were more than matched by contributions from Commonwealth grants and other moneys sourced by ANSA NSW and the NSW Recreational Fishing Alliance via the NSW licence trust fund. The Angel Ring and Fishing Safety projects are initiatives that all ANSA members should be immensely proud of. These projects clearly save numerous lives every year, generate a great deal of kudos for ANSA and the team running the projects are deserving of a very special thanks.

From a community perspective, ANSA also put its weight behind the Great Australian Bike Ride and the quest by Rotary to raise funds for research into mental illness. Our own very sprightly 80 year old Chairman, Geoff Hawkins set himself the enduring 9 month task of cycling the 17834 km to circumnavigate the nation only to suffer a nasty fall from his bike in Tasmania which took him out of the event as the oldest competitor. Regrettably, Geoff has not been well since the accident and we wish him a speedy recovery. Some \$4000 was donated by ANSA and its members towards this worthwhile cause.

In terms of research activity the National Austag programme continues successfully, particularly in Qld via Suntag where some 570000 fish have been tagged and 47000 recaptured. It is unfortunate that other States have not been able to emulate the Suntag success but we will keep working on it. An amount of \$2200 was collectively contributed by ANSA National together with ANSA Qld and NSW Branches towards a research project involving longtail tuna. Recfishing Research is coordinating this project with the scientific community including CSIRO. ANSA has also been actively involved with a number of community based research programmes and the Capreef project involving ANSA Qld is a glowing example of how the local recreational fishing community can play an effective role in the gathering and interpretation of wild fisheries data.

As a promotional initiative, ANSA developed and distributed free to all its members a range of eye-catching bumper and tackle box stickers bearing the slogan "Stress Less-Go Fishing" and "Take a Break – Go Fishing". We are planning to follow this up with another sticker featuring the IGFA slogan "Take Marlin off the Menu". This message will subtly reinforce our longstanding campaign to procure a reduction in longlining effort within the coastal regions of the east and west coast tuna and billfish zones and encourage research funding for the striped marlin fishery. A new range of ANSA branded brag mats (measuring devices) will also be available shortly which will feature the minimum trophy length for all eligible ANSA species and a clear "capture and release" and "take your rubbish home" message.

ANSA is also very conscious of the need to encourage and develop the next generation of future leaders in the recreational fishing sector. Building upon the "Next Generation of Leaders" programmes initiated by Recfish Australia in 2007 and Recfishwest in 2008, ANSA joined forces with the NSW Recreational Fishing Alliance and the NSW Dept of Primary Industries to deliver a "NSW Future Leaders" programme earlier this year. A number of younger ANSA members were selected to participate in the programme and it was an excellent opportunity to develop and mentor a new generation of leaders for ANSA and other likeminded recfisher organisations. It was also pleasing to see that the theme of the ANSA Qld 2009 Branch conference was "Youth is the ANSA"

ANSA has maintained its long established membership ties with IGFA and Recfish Australia. We have actively supported IGFA in its campaign to increase membership and likewise have campaigned hard to secure a long term and committed funding base for Recfish Australia. It is difficult to understand why the Australian Government has chosen not to support Recfish Australia with ongoing funding given its vital role in the representation of recfishers as the recognised national peak body and the pressing need for advocacy on so many national issues confronting the recfishing industry. Hopefully the yet to be released report from the newly formed Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee will address this vital issue and enlighten the Government to appreciate the socio economic value and role of recreational fishing and reinstate financial support for Recfish Australia and those that it represents. It is also pleasing to see that Recfish Australia has recently agreed to enter into an alliance with the members of the Boating and Fishing Council of Australia. This alliance is a positive step and will via the process of collaboration with other industry stakeholders, strengthen the role of Recfish on vital national issues such as marine parks and the erosion of access rights. Recfish Australia is to be congratulated for its recent decision to move forward with a plan to open up and broaden its membership base.

To conclude I need to thank all of those on the ANSA National Executive and State Branch Committees for the tremendous amount of energy and commitment contributed over the past year. For a small organisation with very limited resources we punch well above our weight on most every issue and it is a matter of considerable pride that we carry forward the best of ANSA tradition. I also would like to formally welcome Bob Avery and Phil Turner to the ANSA executive in their respective roles of Length Only and Line Class national recorders and to thank Rod Thorpe for his many years of loyal service to ANSA as national recorder.

John Burgess
Executive Officer ANSA Ltd
Vice President ANSA NSW

Secretary's Message

To all the members of the Association, welcome to your Annual Report of the NSW Branch.

The Branch as a whole looks financially healthy. Income across all accounts for the year was \$32,652.64. Expenditure across all accounts for the year was \$38,172.39. Our forecast budget of \$200.00 surplus for 2008/2009 was an actual deficit of \$424.80. Refer to the Treasurer's report for a more detailed account over the last 12 months.

Membership, the Branch at present represents 33 clubs consisting of 1126 members. Our direct membership branch club, Sportfishing NSW, has 36 members. Refer to Membership Report for more detail.

12 Month Competition entries were 169 for the year. Well down on last year of 220. This accounted for 8 clubs. Refer to Recorder's Report for more detail.

Club liaison continues to be an important portfolio and tool for keeping members informed. Well done to Joe Garufi. Check out the website on www.ansawns.com.au Tightlines continued to be an important communication tool with plenty of editions through out the year. Refer to Joe's report for further reading.

The Angel Ring Project continues to be a success. With more lives saved. The project continues to receive good publicity. Further funding was received. Refer to Stan's report for further reading.

I would like to finish by saying thank you to my fellow Committee and Members for your support over the last 12 months and for giving me the opportunity in serving you and ANSA.

Yanko Serif
NSW Secretary/ Public Officer



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

Well, who could have predicted the global financial meltdown that we saw unfold during the last 12 months? Fortunately, the ANSA NSW Branch accounts are a lot simpler to manage, but we still suffered an unexpected financial loss for 2008-09.

Despite a small loss for the year of \$424.80, we maintain a healthy bank balance of \$20,425.53. Major differences between actual results and budget forecast were as follows:

- a) Lower than expected membership income (\$2,300 below budget), offset by a corresponding decrease in fees paid to National (a saving of \$1,300);
- b) Other income being \$250 higher than budget, primarily due to additional sponsorship for the website;
- c) Post/stationery expenses higher due to unforeseen circumstances (\$1,950 versus \$800 budget);
- d) Savings on phone/travel/meeting expenses (\$550 versus \$1,100 budget);
- e) Higher than expected website expenses, being \$250 over budget.

Apart from the disappointing level of membership income, I am comfortable with the other items in our statements, as the overs and unders pretty much even themselves out. I have set a reasonably conservative budget for 2009-10, but I am still hopeful of a small increase in membership for next year.

Both the project accounts have seen some considerable expenditure this year, with both projects expected to wind up in 2009-10. I won't steal Stan's thunder on the Angel Rings and Police Angel Rings projects, but the financial statements for both are included with this report.

I have also included a revised "combined" set of statements, which was the format requested by the Office of Fair Trading. Hopefully enough information is presented to give members a sufficiently detailed picture of our finances.

Cheers
Shane Jasprizza
Treasurer, ANSA NSW Branch



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION NSW BRANCH

Combined Financial Statements as at 30 June 2009

<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>	Main Account	Project Accounts	Total
Accumulated Funds			
Balance as at 1 July	\$20,850.33	\$14,084.69	\$34,935.02
Current years (deficit)/surplus	(\$424.80)	(\$5,094.95)	(\$5,519.75)
Balance as at 30 June	\$20,425.53	\$8,989.74	\$29,415.27
Represented By			
Fixed Assets (written down value)	\$1.00		\$1.00
Cash on Hand	\$1,299.00		\$1,299.00
Cash at Bank	\$19,125.53	\$8,989.74	\$28,115.27
Total Assets	\$20,425.53	\$8,989.74	\$29,415.27
<u>INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT</u>			
Income			
Affiliation Fees	\$14,166.00		\$14,166.00
Masters/Badges/Records	\$0.00		\$0.00
Website Advertising	\$950.00		\$950.00
Grants Received		\$17,440.00	\$17,440.00
Bank Interest	\$69.54	\$27.10	\$96.64
Total Income	\$15,185.54	\$17,467.10	\$32,652.64
Expenditure			
General Administration			
National Affiliation Fees paid	\$6,962.00		\$6,962.00
Incorporation & Licence Fees	\$0.00		\$0.00
Insurances	\$2,453.00		\$2,453.00
Postage/Stationery	\$1,949.66		\$1,949.66
Phone/Fax	\$301.72		\$301.72
Travel/Meetings	\$252.00		\$252.00
	<u>\$11,918.38</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$11,918.38</u>
Project Expenses			
Project Administration		\$9,091.37	\$9,091.37
Travel		\$1,716.76	\$1,716.76
Rings, Signage & Materials		\$9,724.80	\$9,724.80
Trailer Expenses		\$2,029.12	\$2,029.12
	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$22,562.05</u>	<u>\$22,562.05</u>
Competition/Promotions			
Badges/Certificates/Trophies	\$870.85		\$870.85
Promotions	\$384.11		\$384.11
	<u>\$1,254.96</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,254.96</u>
Sundries			
Website/Computer Software	\$1,255.80		\$1,255.80
Recreational Fishing Alliance M'ship	\$200.00		\$200.00
AGM Subsidy/(Surplus)	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sundries	\$981.20		\$981.20
	<u>\$2,437.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,437.00</u>
Total Expenditure	\$15,610.34	\$22,562.05	\$38,172.39
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	(\$424.80)	(\$5,094.95)	(\$5,519.75)

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
NSW BRANCH**

RFCGP Project Account as at 30 June 2009

Opening Balance 1/07/08		Cr \$7,569.39
Less:		
Project Admin	\$2,450.36	
Trailer Expenses	\$2,029.12	
Travel	\$1,716.76	
Rings & Materials	\$9,579.80	
Safety Signage	<u>\$145.00</u>	\$15,921.04
Add:		
Bank Interest		\$27.10
Final Payment from DAFF		\$11,940.00
Closing Balance 30/06/09		Cr \$3,615.45

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Police Project Account as at 30 June 2009

Opening Balance 1/07/08		Cr \$6,515.30
Less:		
Project Admin	\$0.00	
Travel Expenses	\$0.00	
Rings & Materials	\$0.00	
Training Materials	<u>\$6,641.01</u>	\$6,641.01
Add:		
Interim Payment from DAFF		Cr \$5,500.00
Closing Balance 30/06/09		Cr \$5,374.29

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
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2009-10 Budget Forecast

	Budget 2009-10	Budget 2008-09	Actual 2008-09
Income			
Club Affiliation Fees	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Member Affiliation Fees	\$12,500.00	\$16,500.00	\$12,135.00
Direct Membership Fees	\$500.00		\$531.00
Other Income	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,019.54
Total Income	\$15,250.00	\$17,250.00	\$15,185.54
Expenditure			
National Fees	\$7,250.00	\$8,250.00	\$6,962.00
Insurances	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,453.00
Post / Stationary	\$1,200.00	\$800.00	\$1,949.66
Phone / Fax / Email	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$301.72
Travel Meetings	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$252.00
Licence fees	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Badges / Trophies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$870.85
Promotions	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$384.11
Website	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,255.80
AGM Subsidy/(Surplus)	-	\$250.00	\$0.00
RFA M'ship	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Sundries	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$981.20
Capital Expenditure	-	\$400.00	-
Total Expenditure	\$15,250.00	\$17,050.00	\$15,610.34
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$424.80)

I certify that these statements present a fair and proper view of the Association's trading performance and financial position as at 30 June 2009.



Shane Jasprizza
Treasurer
26 July 2009

Yanko Serifi
Public Officer

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

Final membership numbers for 2008-09 financial year were 1,126, a fall of 69 members from the 1,195 in 2007-08. This was also a lot less than I had expected, as I had hoped the new ANSA Rules incorporating braid and encouraging catch & release would have been a catalyst for encouraging new members. Perhaps the decrease in members reflects the tough financial situation that many may find themselves in, I'm not sure. As I mentioned last year, members are the lifeblood of ANSA and I encourage anyone with ideas on promoting and increasing membership to get in touch with myself or the Committee.

I have included a summary of membership numbers by club in the table below, along with each club's total membership from 2007-08. Welcome to 2 new clubs, Team OTY Fishing Club and the NSW Coarse Angling Research Club.

	CLUB	Family	Senior Male	Senior Female	Student	Junior Male	Junior Female	2008-09 Total	2007-08 Total
1	AFA Sportfishing Club	4	9	4		2	3	18	15
2	Australian Land Based Anglers Association	3	29	3	4	1	1	38	26
3	Barrenjoey Sport Fishing Club		10		1			11	10
4	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	22	41	20		15	17	93	80
5	Callala Sportsfishing Club		7					7	46
6	Campbelltown City Sportfishing Club	15	29	16		17	12	74	82
7	Canberra Fisherman's Club	14	27	13	1	10	7	58	78
8	Eden Sport & Gamefishing Club	4	13	4		1	4	22	19
9	Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	4	6	4				10	9
10	Lakeside Tavern Fishing Club		6					6	6
11	Manly Warringah Sportfishing Club	2	10	3	2	2	1	18	20
12	Mooney Hawks Fishing Club	1	1	1		1		3	3
13	Narooma Sporting & Services Fishing Club	2	3	2				5	0
14	Narooma Sport & Gamefishing Club	18	34	17	1	7	10	69	56
15	Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	6	25	5		5	5	40	43
16	Northern Rivers Hotel Fishing Club		4					4	4
17	Nowra Sportfishing Club	14	29	13	2	9	2	55	51
18	NSW Coarse Angling Research Club							0	n/a
19	Ocean Beach Hotel Fishing Club		16			1		17	13
20	Sands Hotel Fishing Club	3	5	3		1		9	11
21	Sea Bees Boating Club	8	32	8	1	4	2	47	55
22	South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association	36	116	30		26	31	203	204
23	Sportfishing NSW	6	23	6		5	2	36	23
24	St George Sportfishing Club	32	69	31	10	15	14	139	134
25	Sussex Inlet Bowling Club Fishing Club		22	1				23	14
26	Team OTY Fishing Club	2	5	2		1		8	n/a
27	The Fishing Site Sport Fishers Club	2	5	2				7	10
28	Ulladulla Sport & Gamefishing Club	2	3	2		1	3	9	0
29	Wagga Wagga Boat Club Anglers	4	10	3	2		1	16	13
30	Western District Sportfishing Club	4	15	2		2	2	21	26
31	Winston Hills Northmead Fishing Club	0	5					5	12
32	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	11	29	12		8	6	55	57
	TOTALS	219	638	207	24	134	123	1126	

Cheers
Shane Jasprizza
ANSA NSW Membership Officer

Recorder's Report – 30 June 2009

Hi everyone, well the end of the year has come and gone, and the new 2009-2010 angling year has begun.

There have been some significant changes to the 12 month competition starting from this year (2009-2010). Several categories have been removed, several categories have been combined and several new categories have been created. This will bring ANSA NSW in line with the move towards length only captures. Please ensure that you take the time to read and familiarize yourself with the changes, this will ensure that capture claim forms submitted are filled in correctly and will then be processed in good time. The changes are available on the ANSA Website, and specific rules are shown on the NSW claim forms.

The 12month competition records have been reset and we start with a clean sheet. The State Records are ongoing with no changes to these, except the new addition of 'Length Only ANSA NSW State Records' for 2009-2010.

12-Month Competition (2008-2009)

The 12-Month competition finished with 169 entries down from last years 220. Of the 23 categories and 69 possible placings on offer all were filled with the exception of one 2nd placing and three 3rd placings, that is a pretty good result. Again there were some good fish recorded for this year's competition.

Wollongong Sportfishing Club successfully achieved first place in the 12month competition with 68 points, with the next rival club being Botany Bay with 20 points. Eight ANSA NSW Clubs had anglers entered in the 12month competition, with the newest ANSA club being ALBAA (Australian Land Based Anglers Association) getting on the board.

NSW Records (2008-2009)

The 12 month period added 86 NSW records, which is down on last year's 120 (weight captures only, length captures will be reported on in the 2009-2010 competition year).

Nine ANSA NSW Clubs had anglers that received NSW State Records.

New NSW records were set across 35 different species.

Two species had 7 new records added in each species, Carp – European and Tuna – Striped, the next species had 5 records Shark Whaler - All.

ANSA NSW Convention Circuit (2008-2009)

There were approximately 600 angler entries in total to the combined ANSA NSW convention circuit conventions, of which 115 anglers succeeded in securing a top 5 place and scoring points for the St George Trophy awarded for each convention.

Finally

It has been an interesting and sometimes frustrating year for me as the ANSA NSW State Recorder. I cannot emphasize enough the need for the Club Recorders to review the Claim Forms prior to being submitted. It is imperative that the forms are completed 'IN FULL', the amount of time spent phoning and chasing anglers and club recorders is really unnecessary due to incomplete forms (I honestly don't have the spare time). Please don't be surprised if your capture form is returned to you for reprocessing, unfortunately there is only one NSW State Recorder and more than 1200 ANSA NSW members.

Thanks go to Darren Hossack, who has assisted on several occasions with the handover.

I look forward to receiving all of your Claim Forms and will process these as quickly as possible to ensure timely updates are issued.

Good luck for the 2009-2010 season, Tight Lines.

Mike Spitzer
ANSA NSW State Recorder



ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - FINAL Results – 2008/2009

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 1 - Landbased Gamefishing (excl. carp)

1	Shane Bourke	Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	TUNA - MACKEREL	7.200 6	180.000
2	Shane Bourke	Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	TUNA - MACKEREL	7.000 6	175.000
3	Andrew Burke	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TUNA - MACKEREL	5.210 6	130.250

DIVISION 2 - Sportfishing Ocean Rocks (Non-Game Species)

1	Phil Turner	St George Sportfishing Club	BLACKFISH - ROCK	2.960 2	201.750
2	Phil Turner	St George Sportfishing Club	BLACKFISH - ROCK	1.700 2	127.500
3	Phil Turner	St George Sportfishing Club	GROPER - BLUE/RED	2.370 3	118.500

DIVISION 3 - Sportfishing Ocean Beach

1	Russell Emms	Wollongong Sportfishing	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN	3.000 2	180.000
2	Matt Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN	2.300 2	138.000
3	Wayne Colling	Nowra Sport Fishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN	3.200 3	128.000

DIVISION 4 - Sportfishing Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries (excl. carp)

1	Debbie Lattin	St George Sportfishing Club	MULLOWAY	12.400 6	206.670
2	Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	4.100 2	205.000
3	Kayden Dhyon	St George Sportfishing Club	KINGFISH -	2.670 2	200.000

DIVISION 5A - Sportfishing From a Boat Outside (Game Species)

1	Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLACK	118.500 15	948.000
2	Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLACK	100.500 15	804.000
3	Gary Watkins	Nowra Sport Fishing Club	MARLIN - STRIPED	77.000 15	616.000

DIVISION 5B - Sportfishing From a Boat Outside (Non-Game Species)

1	Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing	BLACKFISH - ROCK	2.800 2	210.000
2	Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing	DRUMMER - SILVER	1.850 2	138.750
3	Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing	TERAGLIN	1.800 2	72.000

DIVISION 6 - Sportfishing Fresh Water (excl. carp)

1	Greg Davis	Canberra Fishermans Club	CATFISH -	2.770 2	138.500
2	Gordon Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing	TROUT - BROWN	2.600 2	130.000
3	Greg Davis	Canberra Fishermans Club	CATFISH -	2.590 2	129.500

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 7 - Lurecasting Saltwater (Outside)

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing	DOLPHIN FISH	5.200	2	390.000
2 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing	TUNA - STRIPED	5.000	2	375.000
3 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing	TUNA - STRIPED	4.600	2	345.000

DIVISION 8 - Lurecasting Freshwater (excl. carp)

1 Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing	TROUT - BROWN	2.650	2	132.500
2 Terry Taton	Wollongong Sportfishing	BASS - AUSTRALIAN	1.600	2	120.000
3 Steve Borkowskis	Canberra Fishermans Club	PERCH - REDFIN	1.880	2	94.000

DIVISION 9 - Lurecasting in Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries (excl.carp)

1 Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	6.100	2	305.000
2 Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	5.500	2	275.000
3 Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	4.400	2	220.000

DIVISION 10 - Flyfishing Saltwater Outside

1 Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing	BONITO -	3.600	2	270.000
2 Terry Taton	Wollongong Sportfishing	TUNA - FRIGATE	1.200	2	90.000
3 Vacant			0.000		0.000

DIVISION 11 - Flyfishing Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries (excl. carp)

1 Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	TAILOR	3.500	2	175.000
2 Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	3.400	2	170.000
3 Vacant			0.000		0.000

DIVISION 12 - Flyfishing Freshwater (excl. carp)

1 Gordon Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing	TROUT - BROWN	1.600	2	80.000
2 Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing	TROUT - RAINBOW	1.000	2	50.000
3 Vacant			0.000		0.000

DIVISION 13 - Sportfishing Carp Only (Seniors)

1 John Stathakis	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	CARP - EUROPEAN	10.700	2	428.000
2 John Stathakis	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	CARP - EUROPEAN	8.950	2	358.000
3 Mark McCreadie	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	CARP - EUROPEAN	7.200	2	288.000

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 14 - Sportfishing Carp Only (Juniors and Sub-juniors)

1 Jack Stathakis	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	CARP - EUROPEAN	6.900	2	276.000
2 Jesse Strathakis	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	CARP - EUROPEAN	6.100	2	244.000
3 Jesse Strathakis	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	CARP - EUROPEAN	4.850	2	194.000

DIVISION 15 - Gamefishing (excl. carp)

1 Kevin Ward	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLUE	186.000	15	1488.000
2 Russell Emms	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - STRIPED	105.000	15	840.000
3 Kevin Ward	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLACK	102.000	15	816.000

DIVISION 16 - Handline (excl. carp)

1 Mary Worsley	St George Sportfishing Club	CATFISH - FORKTAIL	5.420	8	81.300
2 Vacant			0.000		0.000
3 Vacant			0.000		0.000

DIVISION 17 - Capture by a Lady (excl. carp)

1 Jayne Emms	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLACK	105.500	15	844.000
2 Kylie Windon	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	TUNA - STRIPED	3.345	2	250.880
3 Belinda Rayment	St George Sportfishing Club	TUNA - STRIPED	3.200	2	240.000

DIVISION 18 - Capture by a Junior Boy (excl. carp)

1 Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLACK	107.000	15	856.000
2 Kayden Dhyon	St George Sportfishing Club	MARLIN - STRIPED	83.000	24	415.000
3 Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	3.360	2	168.000

DIVISION 19 - Capture by a Junior Girl (excl. carp)

1 Angelique Paparoulas	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	BONITO -	1.530	2	114.750
2 Angelique Paparoulas	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TREVALLY - SILVER	1.210	2	90.750
3 Angelique Paparoulas	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TUNA - MACKEREL	0.990	2	74.250

DIVISION 20 - Capture by a Sub-junior (excl. carp)

1 Jake Buttigieg	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN	3.200	2	192.000
2 Jack Stathakis	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	KINGFISH -	2.000	2	150.000
3 Jake Buttigieg	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	TAILOR	2.650	2	132.500

DIVISION 21 - Tag and Release

ANGLER	CLUB	POINTS
Luke Dodd	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	260
Russell Emms	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	160
Kurt Edwards	Australian Land Based Anglers	20

DIVISION 22 - Most Versatile Angler

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	POINTS
Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	60
Russell Emms	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	56
Kevin Ward	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	44

DIVISION 23 - Champion Club

CLUB	POINTS
Wollongong Sportfishing Club	68
Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	20
St George Sportfishing Club	16
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	9
Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	5
Canberra Fishermans Club	5
Nowra Sport Fishing Club	2
Australian Land Based Anglers Association	1



2008/2009 ANSA NSW Convention Circuit – 30th June 2009
Includes Glenbawn, Talbingo, Burrinjuck, Nowra, Narooma, Sydney and Lyell Conventions

Seniors

Frank Best	Barrenjoey SFC	36 points
Brian Eaton	Sth Sydney AFA	33 points
Chris Stolk	Wollongong SFC	32 points
Dean Gerard	Sea Bees SFC	30 points
Matt Manson	Sth Sydney AFA	29 points

Ladies

Kimberley Stolk	Wollongong SFC	35 points
Belinda Rayment	Botany Bay SFC	25 points
Faye Hanson	Nowra SFC	19 points
Debi Buttigieg	Botany Bay SFC	14 points
Karen Maltby	St George SFC	14 points
Sally Tanti	Sea Bees SFC	12 points

Junior Boys

Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong SFC	60 points
Mitchell Preston	Nowra SFC	21 points
Adam Camilleri	Botany Bay SFC	16 points
Douglas White	Botany Bay SFC	15 points
James Rayment	St George SFC	13 points

Junior Girls

Tian Mallaby	Sea Bees SFC	18 points
Amelia Anderson	Wollongong SFC	11 points
Sarah Alderton	Narooma Sport & GFC	8 points
Naomi Bollinger	Sea Bees SFC	7 points
Angelique Paparoulas	Sth Sydney AFA	7 points

Convention Scoring:

3 points for attending (and registering) at a convention

5 bonus points for attending 3 conventions

Total of 10 bonus points for attending all 6 conventions

Convention points are accumulated 1:1 by earning St George Trophy points for your club at each convention

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Editor/Club Liaison Officers' Annual Report 2008/2009

The Editor/Club Liaison Officer portfolio basically involves collating, updating, maintaining, and monitoring of communication avenues and information between ANSA NSW and member Clubs. This basically ensures consistent and current information is getting out to the ANSA NSW Clubs.

The Email Database

The ANSA NSW email database currently hosts all ANSA NSW affiliated Clubs. Most of the Clubs on the database have minimum one contact. In total, the database hosts 94 current points of contact, which includes the ANSA NSW direct membership, Sportfishing NSW. The attitude towards receiving information electronically has definitely changed. More and more contacts appear on the database now and current contacts update their own information without having to be chased too much.

Although ANSA NSW believes that information is now channelling through to the affiliated Clubs, we still have concerns with regards to the information going out to the Clubs' membership. Some of the larger Clubs we know for a fact do pass on the information ANSA NSW sends out as they see necessary, but there are concerns with many of the other affiliated Clubs, especially those that do not put out a newsletter. Hence, what we would like to suggest, especially for the smaller Clubs is that you give ANSA NSW as many email contacts as possible for your Club members. What might not seem to be of interest to one person may be of interest to others.

Please remember that all email addresses are kept confidential and they are not used for SPAM purposes.

The Website.

The ANSA NSW website is currently up to date and has been maintained regularly during 2008/2009. Only a couple of delays with information updates, but other than that, pretty much perfect.

As per the previous year, the website definitely gets a fair bit of traffic. Some interesting facts are that since September 2008, 3652 different people have accessed the ANSA NSW website, hitting 10,851 pages.

A surprising number of visits are from overseas: During 2009, 17,928 visits came from within Australia, but 6,478 came from USA, and others came from other countries.

If you look at the popularity of the ANSA NSW website, during 2009, it is obvious most people find the site easily enough because the information gather shows that people discover the website address and enter it into their browser or already have the website address saved in their browser...81% of people come to the site directly that way.

Another 10.2% come to the website by using Google or another search engine to discover the name of the website or to discover the subject matter in the website.

Here's some more interesting statistics. These statistics are just from a particular month, but they seem to be typical of all other months as well. These statistics relate to the time people stay on the website. For example the first line shows that 73.6% of

visitors stay on the website less than 30 seconds. 5.5% stay between 2 and 5 minutes, and so on.

These statistics can be read in various ways. One being that most of the website surfers come to the site, get what they need and leave or can not quickly find what they came to look for and leave. I would hinge my bets on the previous rather than the latter.

0s-30s	106	73.6 %
30s-2mn	10	6.9 %
2mn-5mn	8	5.5 %
5mn-15mn	12	8.3 %
15mn-30mn	3	2 %

As you can see, both the email database and the website seem to be working well.

As mentioned previous we would still encourage the membership to become more active with the email database and website. This will most definitely aid in the distribution of ANSA NSW information, in turn ensuring that ANSA NSW is reaching its membership and that you are well informed of current issues.



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ANSA NSW Angel Rings Report

Within the next four weeks, the Angel Ring Project that ANSA NSW has managed since 1994 will hit the 100 ring milestone. With 95 installed rings to date, 15 more locations have been approved within NSW, to say that 2008 / 2009 has been busy is an understatement, and 2009/2010 is shaping up as bigger and better.

After what seemed like a relatively positive start to the 2008/2009 fishing year with regards to fatalities off the rocks in NSW, a string of drownings recently has hit home how easy it is to find yourself in trouble when rockfishing. A slip, momentarily lapse of concentration or even a larger set of waves can catch even the most experienced anglers off guard.

In the first few months of 2009 we had 4 confirmed rescues with angel rings, a rescue with a bucket and an angler pulled out of the water with a lifejacket. We also lost anglers at Sawtell, Port Kembla, Nth Bondi and Little Bay. We also lost people walking along the cliffs and rocks at Nth Bondi and Otford in the Royal National Park.

The first rescue occurred at Avoca when an angler was washed off the rocks and rescued with an angel ring. We also had a rescue at Port Kembla when 2 anglers were washed in and a Police officer in the water with an angel ring only managed to reach one of them. We had a 5 year old girl rescued by one of the rings at Red Rock just north of Coffs Harbour and then in May we had an angler rescued with a ring at Fraser Park on the NSW Central Coast.

Thrown into the mix was an angler rescued with a bucket just south of Forster and an angler wearing a lifejacket was recently picked up floating off the Avoca fishing platform. This once again reinforced the message that if you can swim away from the rocks and stay afloat you will be rescued.

Tony Wood, Chief Pilot with the Greater Sydney Region Westpac Rescue Helicopter was overjoyed to pluck an angler wearing a lifejacket off Avoca after retrieving a body of an angler a few days before at Little Bay. Tony has always advocated the wearing of lifejackets by anglers who fish the rocks and this one of the key messages we are pushing.

The total number of confirmed rescues with the angel rings has now reached 31 and coupled with the work ANSA is doing with Surf Life Saving NSW, Safewaters, Marine Area Command and the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW it is hopeful that more anglers heed the message that if you fish the rocks wear a life jacket.

ANSA NSW is working closely with Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) and Surf Life Saving New South Wales (SLSNSW), Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA National), the Australian Recreational and Sportfishing Industry Confederation (RecFish Australia), the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW (RFANSW) and the Westpac Life Saver Helicopter (Greater Sydney Region) on a national rock fishing safety working group.

After identifying the Randwick local government area as a region overrepresented in the national drowning statistics, the rock fishing safety working group is currently conducting safety audits of the area, coastal safety surveys are occurring in the Randwick LGA and translated media adverts are being placed to spread key messages.

During the June long weekend the survey teams were out on the rocks interviewing anglers who fished the area. With almost 50 surveys completed over 2 days some interesting facts are starting to emerge.

Almost 60% of the anglers surveyed lived well outside the area, in areas ranging from Hornsby, Blacktown and Heathcote. These anglers had places like Cape Banks and Sth Maroubra as their “local” fishing spots. These same anglers also fished some of the other well know black spots like Nth Bondi and Royal National Park. The challenge for the team is getting the educational material about rock fishing safety into the suburbs these visiting anglers reside in. The next challenge is getting to our international visitors, with the team encountering 2 experienced Hong Kong nationals who holiday and fish in Australia for 2 weeks of the year and enjoy tangling with the black drummer that reside off the rocks at Cape Banks.

Apart from assisting with the surveys, the angel ring team also identified 4 more locations within the area that could possibly do with new angel ring installations to compliment the 9 already in the area.

Finally I would like to thank all those individuals and clubs who help me out throughout the year, apart from the ANSA NSW Committee who always steps up, many individuals and clubs within ANSA NSW who participate in the process make it even easier for us to keep this project on track. With 31 confirmed lives saved to date, the effort is well worth it.

Remember the “useless unless worn” mantra and it could save your life as well.

Cheers

Stan Konstantaras

ANSA NSW Angel Ring Coordinator



ANSA National Safety Officer Report

In 2008/2009, ninety four people died in our coastal environment around Australia. Twelve or 13% were fishing from the rocks or beach. A pretty powerful reminder that even on the land we are still at risk as anglers. ANSA National has focused its effort in the past 12 months on rockfishing safety and coordinating a campaign with Surf

Life Saving Australia. ANSA has partnered with SLS and have developed a National Rockfishing Strategy that will be officially launched on November 7th 2009. It has taken most of the year to develop and implement this strategy.

Rock fishing is a highly popular past time that many enjoy around the nation daily. It has also been dubbed the most dangerous sport in Australia. According to the 'Safewaters' report into the NSW coronial files for rock fishing deaths between 1992 and 2003, not only does this past time have the highest fatality rate of any sport in NSW, but it has also carried significant social burdens such as the constant drain on the medical system, loss of income & productivity and the high cost of search and rescue.

Rock fishing fatalities have continued and refuse to subside regardless of the intervention measures tried over the past four decades. While some states have improved the occurrence of these incidents in recent years, nationally there has not been great improvement. Of the 474 incidents analysed over the 2004 to 2008 period, 42 (approx. 8.9%) of those have been linked to rock fishing. It is suspected a number of others in the rock/cliff related category could also attributed to the sport. Further, in NSW alone for the period 1969 to 2000, approximately 218 persons lost their lives whilst rock fishing (Source: Safewaters).

There are a number of national blackspots that can be attributed to rock fishing. It is now well known that many of the drowning deaths off of the north and south heads of Botany Bay and the Royal National Park in NSW in the council areas of Randwick and Sutherland are as a direct result of rock fishing, often in dangerous conditions. The Bondi, Dee Why and Manly areas (also in NSW) also have an over representation in rock fishing incident data. The majority of victims where the nationality was identified were Australian (28.6%) but 35.7% remain undetermined. The remaining 35.7% was comprised of foreign nationals whether by nationality or original place of birth and primarily from Asian countries (26.19%) including China, Korea and Hong Kong. This presents an accessibility issue as the methods of accessing and presenting safety messages to these target audiences are challenged by the difficulty to narrow down the best place to do so and overcoming the language barriers.

The basis for a rock fishing safety campaign must be based on both high risk localities and high risk population groups. English, Chinese (Cantonese and/or mandarin), Korean and Vietnamese materials should be produced to target the high risk groups highlighted in the overview. The campaign focus would be directed towards these population groups closer to the high risk locations in the greater Sydney area (NSW) specifically Manly, Dee Why, Randwick and Sutherland, Gosford and also the Bass Coast (Vic).

Pending the ability to branch out beyond the primary audience, local government areas that are of slightly lesser risk can be targeted with the same campaign. Further, while the campaign would be targeting rock fishing, anglers in general would benefit from these safety messages. Whether on the beach or on a boat the safety messages apply.

We have adopted the NSW campaign logo, 'Don't put your life on the line'. It is essential we at ANSA National keep driving this message and look at bolstering the resources currently being invested into rock fishing safety.

Options include:

- Creation of specific rock fishing safety signage.

Our NSW counterparts and some local councils have also started posting high visible safety signage along access tracks and at car parks of popular and high risk rock

fishing areas. The signage has a number of languages so that language barriers are overcome.

- The expansion of the NSW angel ring project.

Drive and fund the expansion of the angel ring project and focus in the campaign on ensuring fishing in close proximity to this public lifesaving resource. Angel rings are placed in high risk areas addressing the blackspots issue and relatively easy to use.

- Current project and NSW rockfishing safety workshop rollout.

Following the feedback stipulating the usefulness of the workshop, ANSA and SLSA may have the option to simply expand the workshop program.

-The use of life jackets.

There is an argument that many of our target audience would not be able to afford lifejackets but this could be softened by similar financial incentives seen in NZ.

Under the campaign phrase 'Don't put your life on the line' the following safety advice will be endorsed:

- ☐ Never fish by yourself – stay in sight of another person fishing
- ☐ Inform others of your plans and carry a mobile phone.
- ☐ Wear light clothing – it will allow you to swim easily if you are washed in
- ☐ Check tides and weather – avoid fishing in dangerous conditions and observe tide changes.
- ☐ Wear appropriate footwear – with non-slip soles – and avoid the waters edge.
- ☐ Wear a life jacket or PFD and carry safety equipment in case someone should fall in.
- ☐ Observe first – fish later – spend time watching the fishing spot before actually fishing
- ☐ Plan an escape route – if washed in, stay calm and swim AWAY from the rocks to look for a safe place to come ashore or stay afloat and wait for help
- ☐ Don't ever turn your back on the sea
- ☐ Ask advice from locals
- ☐ If its too rough, go home

Education is another critical facet of the prevention aspect of the rock fishing safety intervention. This step is critical to increase the awareness of the hazards of rock fishing, not just in the areas where fatalities are occurring but also where target demographic groups reside.

The first step in increasing rock fishing safety awareness is the creation of a central website that includes all existing and new information. This step has already been taken by RFA NSW and can be found at www.safefishing.com.au. It has a range of safe fishing information for both rock fishing and freshwater which includes the DVD safety video via a YouTube link. This site will now become the central site for safe fishing information around Australia.



Don't put your life on the line

Rock fishing safety

Know what to do in case of emergency



BE SAFE – know the conditions

- Know the tide and weather
- Never fish alone
- If conditions worsen find a calmer, more sheltered spot – or go home.
- Ask local people for advice
- Fish only in places that you know are safe
- Tell someone where you are
- Spend at least half an hour watching the wind and wave action
- Plan an escape route
- Never turn your back on the sea

BE PREPARED – take the right gear

- Wear a life jacket
- Wear shoes with non-slip soles
- Wear light clothing
- Carry a mobile phone with you
- Carry a rope and float with you

SURVIVE

- Do NOT jump in if someone is washed into the water
- Dial 000 or 112 on your mobile phone or go to get help
- Use a rope or something that floats to rescue the person
- If you're swept in don't panic. Stay calm and swim away from the rocks
- If there's an Angel Ring nearby, know how to use it.

For more information on fishing safety, including translated material, more fact sheets and free downloads visit www.safefishing.com.au



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The educational resource (originally produced by ANSA NSW and RFA of NSW) including safety brochures, safety DVD and CDROM will continue to be reproduced as required. At this time, the resource is produced in English, Cantonese, Vietnamese and Korean. This may need to be updated and amended according to updated incident data and the intended area of distribution. The media will continue to be advised of rock fishing safety projects and most importantly rock fishing safety advice and alerts

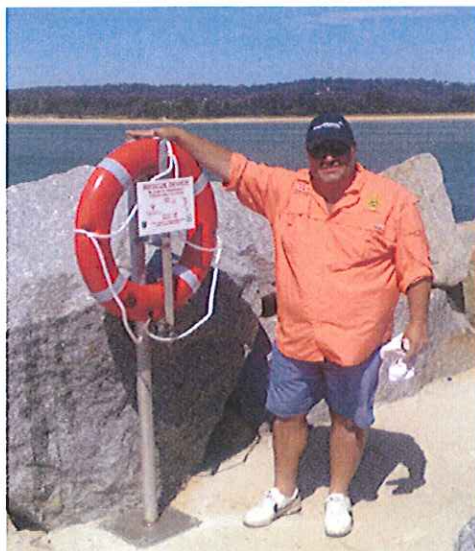
(once available). An 'ethnic media buy' will be a key national initiative that includes community print and radio and also airtime on mainstream stations to promote the rock fishing safety messages and material.

Initial funding for rock safety projects around Australia that ANSA and SLS have been able to secure total \$101,000 in 2009 and \$91,000 in 2010. ANSA is also seeking additional funding from DAFF in 2009/2010 to expand some more of these projects.

Some of the projects that will be funded in 09/10 include \$37,000 for ethnic media buys for translated adverts, almost \$70,000 in printing and distributing resource material, \$15,000 to buy PFD floatation vests to give away to anglers who fish the rocks, and \$10,000 to set up a pilot project for angel rings in Tasmania.

It has taken many years to get to this stage, but it will be gratifying for us to start rolling some of these projects out and hopefully see a reduction of fishing fatalities across Australia.

Regards
Stan Konstantaras
ANSA National Safety Officer



DON'T PUT YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE



**ALWAYS
WEAR A PFD**



**NEVER
FISH ALONE**



**STAY ALERT
CONDITIONS
CHANGE**

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 000 (landline) OR 112 (mobile)

Champion Club Trophy

1972		St George Sportfishing Club
1973		Sydney Sportfishing Club
1974		Sydney Sportfishing Club
1975		Newcastle Sportfishing Club
1976		Bankstown Bluewater Fishing Club
1977		Newcastle Sportfishing Club
1978		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1979		Newcastle Sportfishing Club
1980		Nowra Sportfishing Club
1981		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1982		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1983		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1984		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1985		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1986		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1987	TIE	Wollongong Sportfishing Club/ Newcastle Sportfishing Club
1988		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1989		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1990		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1991		Forster/Tuncurry Sportfishing Club
1992		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1993		St George Sportfishing Club
1994		Nowra Sportfishing Club
1995		Trial Bay Sportfishing Club
1996		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1997		Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1998		Nowra Sportfishing Club
1999		Port Stephens Rod and Reel Club
2000		Nowra Sportfishing Club
2001		Nowra Sportfishing Club
2002		Wollongong SFC
2003		Nowra SFC
2004		Wollongong SFC
2005		Wollongong SFC
2006		Wollongong SFC

2007	Wollongong SFC
2008	Wollongong SFC
2009	Wollongong SFC

Tag And Release Trophy

1979		Michael James	Newcastle SFC
1980		Tim Simpson	Barrenjoey SFC
1981		Stephen McMillan	Bankstown BFC
1982		Steven Church	Coffs Harbour SFC
1983		Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
1984		Steven Church	Coffs Harbour SFC
1985		Steven Church	Coffs Harbour SFC
1986		Jim Wray	Coffs Harbour SFC
1987		Jim Wray	Coffs Harbour SFC
1988		David Stone	Newcastle SFC
1989		Steven Church	Eden SGFC
1990		Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
1991		Andrew Lukaszewicz	Newcastle SFC
1992	TIE	Scott MacLean	South Sydney SFC
1992	TIE	Bob Irvine	Canberra FC
1993		Mark Williams	Lake Macquarie SFC
1994		Michael James	Newcastle SFC
1995		Wayne Colling	Trial Bay SFC
1996		Wayne Colling	Trial Bay SFC
1997		Peter Sitarz	Newcastle SFC
1998		Wayne Colling	Trial Bay SFC
1999		Wayne Colling	Trial Bay SFC
2000		Wayne Colling	Trial Bay SFC
2001		John Lazzaro	Bermagui SFC
2002		Arthur Smith	Newcastle SFC
2003		Arthur Smith	Newcastle SFC
2004		Warren Sinclair	Newcastle SFC
2005		Brian Schofield	Eden S&GFC
2006		John Rankin	Eden S&GFC
2007		Mario Imbriano	Canberra Fishermans Club
2008		Cassie Schofield	Eden Sport and Gamefishing Club
2009		Luke Dodd	Wollongong SFC

Most Versatile Angler Trophy

1981	Ian Campbell	Wollongong SFC
1982	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
1983	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
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1992	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
1993	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
1994	Cameron Jones	Nowra SFC
1995	Wayne Colling	Trial Bay SFC
1996	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
1997	Phillip Worsley	St George SFC
1998	Wayne Colling	Trial Bay SFC
1999	Wayne Colling	Trial Bay SFC
2000	Wayne Colling	Trial Bay SFC
2001	Terry Tatton	Wollongong SFC
2002	Terry Tatton	Wollongong SFC
2003	Robert Barrett	Nowra SFC
2004	Mark Rubie	St George SFC
2005	Phil Turner	St George SFC
2006	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
2007	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
2008	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
2009	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC

Roy Winter Memorial Trophy

Excellence In Rock Fishing

The inception of the Roy Winter Memorial Trophy occurred during the mid 1970's when Mr and Mrs Winter presented the Perpetual Trophy to ANSA in memory of their son Roy who passed away in his early 20's before he could achieve his fishing goals.

The trophy is not awarded as a matter of course each year but rather only when, if in the Committee's opinion, a significant capture has been made from the rocks during the competition year. Entries are not called for with the winners name usually obtained from examining all rock captures made from the 12 Month Competition.

Recipients to date are:

1976	John Ashley	
1977	David Mayne	
1978	Ed Davis	29.5 kg Longtail Tuna on 10kg line
1979	Wayne Poole	26.0kg Yellofin Tuna on 6kg line
1980	Steven Goatcher	
1981	Mark Wray	
1982	Juha Sakkara	
1983	Gavin Goodwin	
1984	James Zsovar	2.3kg Rock Blackfish on 1kg line
1985	Not awarded	
1986	Vic Caplikas	110.0kg Black Marlin on 10kg line
1987	Not awarded	
1988	Not awarded	
1989	Brett Harding	
1990	Ian Beasley	17.3kg Molloway on 8kg line
1991	Greg Medhurst	12.8kg Longtail Tuna on 4kg line
1992	Jim Siarakas	47.0kg Black Marlin on 8kg line
1993	Not awarded	
1994	Barry Preston	6.0kg Broadbill on 8kg line
1995	Not awarded	
1996	Not awarded	
1997	Glen Beers	
1998	Not awarded	
1999	Not awarded	
2000	Not awarded	
2001	Barron Lippel	29.5kg Kingfish on 24kg line
2002	Dominic Casarotto	15.2kg Long Tail Tuna on 8kg line
2003	Mark Rubie	2.5kg Drummer on 1kg line
2004	Not Awarded	
2005	Not awarded	
2006	Matt Manson	13kg Groper on
2007	Shane Bourke	29.5kg Cobia on 8kg line
2008	Tomasz Szyszkowski	21.5kg Northern Bluefin Tuna on 10kg line and 23.5kg Northern Bluefin Tuna on 15kg line
2009	Not awarded	

Most Meritorious Capture Trophy

1973	Kevin Champion	Nowra SFC
1974	Paul Kelton	Sydney SFC
1975	Garry Spruce	Newcastle SFC
1976	Mich Micallef	St George SFC
1977	F Spruce	Newcastle SFC
1978	Pat Henderson	Narooma SFC
1979	Ed Davis	Newcastle SFC
1980	Phil Aylet	Orange Ex Serv FC
1981	Mark Nolan	Canberra FC
1982	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
1983	Ben McKinnirey	Wollongong SFC
1984	David Shearing	Orange Ex Serv FC
1985	Trevor Franklin	Culburra FC
1986	Vic Caplikas	Western District SFC
1987	David Rawlings	St George SFC
1988	Samantha Anderson	St George SFC
1989	Lloyd Anderson	St George SFC
1990	Michael Wright	Forster/Tuncurry SFC
1991	Guy Strange (Jnr)	Byron Bay SGFC
1992	Barry Preston	Nowra SFC
1993	Cameron Jones	St George SFC
1994	TIE Wayne Colling	Trial Bay SFC
	Glen Ward	Barrenjoey SFC
1995	Phillip Dumbleton (Jnr)	Nowra SFC
1996	Nicholas Pearce (Jnr)	Culburra SFC
1997	Joshua Sweeny (Jnr)	Lake Macquarie SFC
1998	Peter Webster	Nowra SFC
1999	Scott Mitchell	Wollongong SFC
2000	Paul Yatras	Western Districts SFC
2001	Jay Maunder	Forster-Tuncurry SFC
2002	Wayne Colling	Trial Bay SFC
2003	Nancy Fitzpatrick	Nowra SFC
2004	Nathan Siarakis	South Sydney AFA
2005	David Busuttil	Botany Bay SFC
2006	Arman Cokun	Botany Bay SFC
2007	Jason Simpson	South Sydney AFA
2008	Mick Roberts	Narooma S&GFC
2009	Russell Emms	Wollongong SFC