

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION - NSW BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2020 / 2021



Incorporating Sportfishing NSW & NEWTAG

Founding Member of the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

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ANSA NSW Branch Executive & Committee 2020/2021

PRESIDENT	Stan Konstantaras	South Sydney AFA
VICE PRESIDENT	John Burgess	South Sydney AFA
SECRETARY	Joe Garufi	South Sydney AFA
TREASURER	Tony Steiner	South Sydney AFA
MEMBERSHIP	Adam Martin	Euro Fishing Association
RECORDER(Records)	Bruce Tozer	Western Districts SFC
RECORDER(Competitions)	Adam Martin	Euro Fishing Association
MASTERS KEEPER	Rob Sinclair	Sea Bees Fishing Club
ENVIRONMENTAL	Position Vacant	
SPECIAL PROJECTS (Angel Rings)	Stan Konstantaras	South Sydney AFA
SPECIAL PROJECTS	Position Vacant	
SPECIAL PROJECTS (Mulloway Tagging)	Chris Anagnostou	South Sydney AFA
PUBLIC OFFICER	Yanko Serifi	Wollongong SFC

ANSA NSW Life Members

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

History of ANSA NSW Branch

Date Line

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

PRESIDENT John Bethune

**SECRETARY/
TREASURER** John Erskine

PUBLICITY Dick Lewers

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

PRESIDENT John Bethune

VICE PRESIDENT Dick Lewers

SECRETARY Don Brooks

TREASURER Hank Newman

- On the 13th November 1968, the St George Sportfishing Club became the first ANSA NSW affiliated club.
- On the 8th October 1986, ANSA NSW Branch became incorporated.
- On the 12th February 2000 ANSA NSW Branch became one of the founding members of the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW.
- 2007 ANSA celebrated 40 years.
- 2018 ANSA celebrates 50 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
1973 (Adjourned)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1974 (Adjourned)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1975 (Adjourned)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
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	E Davis
1988	G.Hawkins	M McKinnirey	S Church U Mitchell G Hawkins	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
2010	S Konstantaras	J Burgess	Y Serifi	S Jasprizza
2011	S Konstantaras	J Burgess	J Garufi	S Jasprizza
2012	S.Konstantaras	J.Burgess	J.Garufi	S.Jasprizza
2013	S.Konstantaras	J.Burgess	J.Garufi	T.Steiner
2014	S.Konstantaras	J.Burgess	J.Garufi	T.Steiner
2015	S.Konstantaras	J.Burgess	J.Garufi	T.Steiner
2016	S.Konstantaras	J.Burgess	J.Garufi	T.Steiner
2017	S.Konstantaras	J.Burgess	J.Garufi	T.Steiner
2018	S.Konstantaras	J.Burgess	J.Garufi	T.Steiner
2019	S.Konstantaras	J.Burgess	J.Garufi	T.Steiner
2020	S.Konstantaras	J.Burgess	J.Garufi	T.Steiner
2021	S.Konstantaras	J.Burgess	J.Garufi	T.Steiner

President's Report

"What a year it has been." – I seem to use this opening statement every year and this year is no different.

For the past few years I have used the opening statement above to start my presidential reports. I have got to say that 2019 / 2020 will finally be the year that my Presidential catchphrase will get retired.

Having used this slogan in my previous few opening statements, this year has been way different. Once in a life time stuff I hope.

I am looking for a new catchphrase for my next report; *"I hope we never see another year like 2020"* or *"With 2020 finally behind us"* or *"Good riddance Covid 19"* are on my radar, but in the meantime I am really struggling to put a positive spin on the past year.

Maybe I should shut my mouth, as everything I predicted went pear shaped again in 20/21!



Stan shutting his mouth

Despite all this, this year has been positive in so many ways that we should not forget what we have achieved. It has been another remarkable year that brought us together and once again we have watched the ANSA NSW clubs respond to the situation with great pride.

Last year I wrote about the fact that our focus needs to be making the job of running a club easier for the members to participate and drive greater connection between the NSW Clubs. Today the recreational fishing community has changed significantly due to the digital age and modern practices, but more importantly the impacts of Covid 19. This process now is underway to at least help us modernise the way we do things.

In 2021 / 2022 you can expect to see more online events from ANSA NSW (once these movement restrictions are lifted as of the time of writing) and a more streamlined way to claim records, enter competitions and manage your club memberships. One central portal where all these things can be done. I am excited to see this finally happen in 2021/2022.

“If anything Covid 19 has seen all clubs adapt to a very restricted club scene, the likes of which we have never seen before. I have watched the clubs embrace social media, become creative in the way they engage their membership and watched them struggle with keeping the ship on an even keel, but they are managing and evolving every day so thank you to all the members and committees who make this happen”. I wrote this last year, but who would have thought it was still relevant exactly one year on.

As you will see from the following reports, we have been busy. Take the time to read the reports and see the efforts that go into keeping the doors open at ANSA NSW and what we can achieve by staying focused and united.

Every single ANSA NSW member, Club Committee member and State Executive member should be extremely honoured and gratified that a small 0.001% can be pivotal in swaying how the NSW and Federal Governments decide on all of the stakeholder’s access to the land, water and resource. This is why all of us should put our hands up to lead, build our clubs up and try and leave the fishery in a better way than we found it.

Stay safe and stay in touch.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Konstantaras'.

Stan Konstantaras
President
ANSA NSW

Vice President's Report

2020/21 has been another challenging year for all of us. Just when we appear to have put the era of drought and bushfires behind us and with management of Covid 19 seemingly under steady control, we have now been plunged into a new level of uncertainty and personal restrictions associated with the wide and rapid spread of the Delta virus.

In spite of the virus and its many restrictions, recreational fishing has remained a main escape avenue for most of us to get out of home and enjoy the health and mental benefits of being outdoors and at one with nature. I am constantly amazed by the number of people I see fishing the rocks, estuaries and rivers across the state - 7 days a week. Thankfully NSW has not experienced the lock down of recreational fishing as has been the case in many states and let's hope it stays that way.

While recreational fishing does seem to be enjoying a boom, this is more at an individual level and unfortunately fishing clubs are by and large not enjoying a similar outcome. The restrictions on assembly over most of the past year have made it very difficult for clubs to get together for social gatherings or for participation in traditional organised competitive events. Fortunately there are some clubs that have shown initiative and are keeping in touch with their members via social media, video meetings and the running of virtual fishing competitions and events.

It is evident from the decline in ANSA memberships over the past year that our network of affiliated clubs are facing membership challenges. Hopefully once we get back to some prolonged period of normality, we will see a recovery in membership numbers. There are certainly more people wetting a line than I can ever remember so the opportunity is there for the recruitment of new members and the rebuilding of clubs.

ANSA National and ANSA NSW have once again reduced membership fees by a concessional 50% to assist those clubs and members where finances might be tight. We are also looking at new technology to make it easier for clubs to maintain their membership data.

On a brighter note, the tackle, boating and outdoors retail sectors seem to be doing very well in spite of the lockdowns. It's good to see these sectors recovering after some hard times, but it's a challenge if you are looking for a good deal on a boat or caravan.

On the national scene, we will soon be gearing up for a Federal election some time before March 2022. ANSA and other peak bodies will be once again asking the major political parties what they intend to do for recreational fishing and the fish habitat.

Two critical issues that need to be addressed are the perilous state of our world heritage protected coral reefs and our inland river systems. It's going to be hard to forget the tragic media images of so many iconic native fish species left to die on the Murray Darling and its tributaries and lakes with little or no water. It beggars belief that politicians of all persuasions at both a federal and state level can get this so wrong for so long. Resource sharing is also a hot topic as we move towards a supposed fair and equitable sharing of national fish resources between the commercial, recreational and indigenous sectors.

There are also a number of major national events scheduled for later this year such as the World Fisheries Congress (September), the National Recreational Fishing Conference (November) and Gone Fishing Day (10 October 2021). Due to travel and gathering restrictions it is hard to see the first two events going ahead as planned and Gone Fishing Day activities will need to be scaled back as was the case last year, but nevertheless still a popular and widely enjoyed event. Keep the date free for the Gone Fishing Day event which incidentally aligns with International Mental Health day.

President Stan's report will bring you up to date on what ANSA NSW is doing at a local level in terms of advocacy for recreational fishing in NSW, new novelty activities to keep ANSA members engaged via virtual competitions etc and the Angel Ring project.

While it's been another tough and challenging year, hopefully 2021/22 will be better and we can all get back to normal - whatever form that may take. Do what you can to enjoy the outdoor life and make the best of your health and mental wellbeing by wetting a line where and when permissible. Most importantly look after yourself and family and keep safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Burgess', with a stylized, flowing script.

John Burgess
Executive officer/ Director - ANSA National Ltd
Vice President - ANSA NSW Branch

Secretary's Report

Another year has past and the committees' commitment has once again been put to the test. Covid 19 in the form of the delta strain has seen restrictions imposed on our member clubs and has postponed a lot of our conventions, but we are all still actively pushing through the barriers and in one way or another, surviving. Our challenges are not over, but we're putting in a good effort. Stay strong. We'll all pull through.

Once again, ANSA was called to stand up, defend and curtail various issues to ensure that our members' rights and those of every recreational angler in NSW and throughout the country were upheld and protected. Our membership can be assured that ANSA has been well represented at both a State and Federal level.

The committee has worked hard to ensure that membership renewals were processed. This was a big challenge for ANSA NSW this year, but we now have it under control. We hope to implement and improve our membership system in the coming year.

The committee ensured that all the latest updates for the ANSA NSW 12 Month Competition, Records and Masters were distributed as regularly as possible and updated on our website. This is a massive job. Well done to our recorders for records, masters and competitions. Thanks for your commitment throughout all the year.

To the remaining committee and other volunteers, THANK YOU! Your commitment is very much appreciated, especially during these restricted times. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Promotional Material

As you must all be aware, ANSA promotes itself through what it does and stands for, but if you are looking to promote ANSA through your clubs or at conventions or your local community do not forget that ANSA has promotional brochures available and there is always ANSA ware that can be purchased. If you need any more information on promotional gear, please get in contact with me and I will guide you through the process.

Committee Meetings

The Committee meets quarterly during the fishing calendar year with its most recent meeting being August 2021. Don't forget clubs are more than welcome to attend committee meetings as they see fit. It probably would not be a bad idea to come and see how things are run at a State level. It can be very rewarding and many hands make light work. We are always looking for new enthusiastic club members to join the committee and help run ANSA NSW.

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 more than 120 points of contact, which includes Sportfishing NSW members. As in previous years, the electronic mailing system has really helped ANSA NSW operate more efficiently, economically and has aided their capability for distributing up to date information quickly. If you are not receiving electronic information from ANSA NSW please let me know and I will most definitely add you as a contact to the database. Do not forget, ANSA NSW has an email protocol and your addresses will be used for distribution of ANSA NSW information only.

Club Newsletters

Some ANSA NSW Clubs are putting in the effort and managing to produce newsletters for their members, but the days of the club newsletter are rapidly changing. There are so many other media platforms to communicate on out there, that information is on tap and most clubs seem satisfied to use these platforms. It was encouraging to see that information distributed by ANSA NSW featured not only in the newsletters, but also on these platforms. Well done to all those club volunteers that put their newsletter together and/or maintain a media platform. Keep up the great work!

The Website

The ANSA NSW website is the central information hub for all ANSA NSW members. It is a vital tool for distributing information, so make sure you visit at least once a month for any new updates.

The ANSA NSW website has been maintained regularly through the past 2020/2021 year and is currently up to date. Anything you would need to know about how ANSA NSW operates, how to start a club, how to join ANSA, competition updates, and record updates etc is on our website.

Facebook

ANSA NSW has a Facebook page. Currently the Facebook page has more than 840 likes. A considerable number, but we would really like to see more people like the page. So if you haven't liked the page yet, do it right NOW!! Log on and like ANSA NSW on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/ANSANSW>

Instagram

Our instagram page has really taken off, with over 330 followers. With consistent posts more people are following ANSA NSW on instagram. Follow us on instagram.

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The ANSA NSW Committee is always here to service our membership efficiently and effectively, so please do not hesitate in approaching the committee about anything.

Enjoy your year and stay safe,



Joe Garufi
Secretary
ANSA NSW Branch

Treasurer's Report

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION NSW BRANCH Combined financial statements as at 30 June 2021

BALANCE SHEET

	Main Account	Project Accounts	Total
Accumulated Funds			
Balance as at 1 July 2019	\$9,149.43	\$11,415.75	\$12,678.10
Current years surplus / (deficit)	<u>\$1,657.13</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance at 30 June 2020	<u>\$10,806.56</u>	<u>\$11,415.75</u>	<u>\$22,222.31</u>
Represented by -			
Cash on hand	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash at Bank	<u>\$10,806.56</u>	<u>\$11,415.75</u>	<u>\$22,222.31</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$10,806.56</u>	<u>\$11,415.75</u>	<u>\$22,222.31</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME

Affiliation Fees	\$8,255.00	\$0.00	
Project Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grants Received	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Misc revenue	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	
Total Income	<u>\$8,255.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$8,405.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

General Administration

National Affiliation Fees paid	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	
Incorporation & Licence Fees	\$87.00	\$0.00	
Insurances	\$1,320.63	\$0.00	
Postage/Stationery	\$607.74	\$0.00	
Project Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$150.00	
Phone/Fax	\$1,058.11	\$0.00	
Paypal	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Travel/Meetings	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	<u>\$4,323.48</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$4,473.48</u>

Project Expenses

Project Administration	\$148.78	\$0.00	
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Rings, Signage & Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Satellite Tracking	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Newtag	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Trailer Expenses	<u>\$173.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	<u>\$321.78</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$321.78</u>

Competition/Promotions

Badges/Certificates/Trophies	\$1,059.35	\$0.00	
Promotions	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	<u>\$1,059.35</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,059.35</u>

Sundries

Website/Computer Software	\$893.26	\$0.00	
Recreational Fishing Alliance M'ship	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Sundries	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Capital Expenditure	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	<u>\$893.26</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$893.26</u>

Total Expenditure	<u>\$6,597.87</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$6,747.87</u>
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Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	<u><u>\$1,657.13</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,657.13</u></u>
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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

Budget Forecast 2021 / 2022

Main account only

	2021 / 2022 Budget	2020 / 2021 Budget	2020 / 2021 Actual
<u>Income</u>			
Club Affiliation Fees	\$1,300.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Member Affiliation Fees	\$7,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$7,075.00
Direct Membership Fees	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$80.00
Website Advertising Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$8,950.00	\$13,900.00	\$8,255.00
<u>Expenditure</u>			
<i>General Admin</i>			
National Affiliation Fees	\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,250.00
Incorporation / License Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87.00
Insurances	\$1,300.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,320.63
Post / Stationary	\$610.00	\$2,500.00	\$607.74
Phone / Fax / Email	\$1,100.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,058.11
Travel / Meetings	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
Paypal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Competitions / Promotions</i>			
Badges / Certificates / Trophies	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,059.35
Promotions / Shirts	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
<i>Sundries</i>			
Website	\$900.00	\$3,000.00	\$893.26
RFA Membership	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$0.00
Sundries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital Expenditure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Other</i>			
Newtag	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Project Management	\$300.00	\$2,000.00	\$321.78
Total Expenditure	\$8,080.00	\$18,270.00	\$6,597.87
Surplus / Deficit	\$870.00	-\$4,370.00	\$ 1,657.13

Membership Registrar's Report

This year ANSA NSW Clubs and their membership appear to have suffered with the Corona Virus and the resulting issues of lockdowns. This has been reflected in a membership loss of approximately 26.50% from last year's figures.

Last membership year we had 1059 members, with our membership this year only reaching 772.

This is also reflected in Club Affiliations, where last year we had 30 member clubs, this year there are only 24 member clubs.

Membership this last year has been a challenge and ANSA NSW, with the help of ANSA National has tried to make it easier for member clubs by maintaining a discounted fee structure. ANSA NSW fees for the year were at a reduced rate. This discounted fee structure has been maintained for the new membership year to support the member clubs throughout the State during this pandemic.

ANSA NSW has also introduced a new format for the membership renewals. This new format has been sent to all member clubs via email and included was a tutorial on how to complete the new paperwork.

The new forms will allow for faster and more accurate processing of information as well as help toward setting the foundations for a new database and electronic format system.



Tony Steiner
Treasurer
ANSA NSW

Recorder's Report - Competitions

12 Month Competition

Firstly, I'd like to thank the NSW Executive for their patience and support. I took on the role of Competitions Recorder fairly late in the fishing year and I've been asking heaps of silly questions. I think I have a handle on the job now and I'm looking forward to next year's competition – hopefully without any interruptions from COVID!

The 2020-21 competition saw 52 anglers from 10 ANSA clubs submitting entries in the 12 Month Competition. A total of 130 fish were recorded, which is well up on the number of entries in the 2019-20 COVID-affected competition, and a little up on the previous year's 120 entries.

This year, the most popular section was Sportfishing from a Boat (outside), with 19 entries, followed by Tag & Release with 13 entries (all Marlin). The most popular single fish species was Australian Salmon with 15 entries, followed by Dusky Flathead with 11 entries. However, there were 17 entries across the three species of Marlin.

The Most Versatile Angler Division was a tight competition between Terry Tatton and Chris Stolk, both from the Wollongong Sportfishing Club, with Terry edging Chris in the end by only two points. Congratulations Terry!

Congratulations also to the whole Wollongong Sportfishing Club for taking out the 2020-21 Champion Club Trophy again.

Like last year, this year's 12 month comp really did come down to the wire with the final outcome for Champion Club not being decided until the final entries were tallied at the July 14 deadline.

Finally, I'd like to encourage ANSA members to consider submitting entries to the 12 Month Competition even if they don't think the entry is a potential winner. The Most Versatile Angler competition is probably the most challenging of all 12 Month Competition Divisions, with winners calculated by combining ANSA point scores earned by anglers across all Divisions (minimum 50 ANSA points per entry). The more Divisions that you enter, the more Most Versatile Angler points you accrue.

It's been a good year, despite the COVID restrictions. I hope the fishing in 2021-22 is good to you (when the COVID lockdown finally frees up) – and don't forget to get those entry forms in!

Keep safe on the water,

G. Malam

Glen Malam

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition – FINAL STANDINGS as at 30/06/2021

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 1: Landbased - Game Species

1 Mikko Lindqvist	Australian Land Based	MARLIN - BLACK	76.000	24	380.000
2 Glen Malam	Canberra Fisherman's Club	SALMON -	2.320	2	139.200
3 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing	TUNA - FRIGATE	1.300	2	97.500

DIVISION 2: Landbased - Non-Game Species

1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	1.300	2	97.500
2 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	1.100	2	82.500
3 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	1.000	2	75.000

DIVISION 3: Sportfishing - Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries

1 Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	4.800	2	240.000
2 Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers	KINGFISH -	2.390	2	179.250
3 Mitchell Malam	Canberra Fisherman's Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	2.910	2	145.500

DIVISION 4: Sportfishing - From a Boat (Outside)

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing	DOLPHIN FISH	18.000	4	675.000
2 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	TUNA - NORTHERN	11.500	6	287.500
3 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing	MACKEREL -	17.000	6	283.333

DIVISION 5: Sportfishing - Freshwater

1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.200	2	160.000
2 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur	PERCH - GOLDEN	2.650	2	132.500
3 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing	BASS - AUSTRALIAN	1.400	2	105.000

DIVISION 6: Lure Fishing - Saltwater

1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	TUNA - MACKEREL	4.200	2	315.000
2 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing	TUNA - MACKEREL	6.800	6	170.000
3 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

DIVISION 7: Lurecasting - Freshwater

1 Grant Evans	Australian Land Based	PERCH - GOLDEN	5.450	2	272.500
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ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition – FINAL STANDINGS as at 30/06/2021

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 8: Flyfishing - Saltwater

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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DIVISION 9: Flyfishing - Freshwater

1 Gordon Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing	TROUT - BROWN	2.050	2	102.500
2 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	TROUT - BROWN	1.500	2	75.000
3 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

DIVISION 10: Gamefishing

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLACK	70.000	15	560.000
2 Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLACK	69.000	15	552.000
3 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLACK	66.000	15	528.000

DIVISION 11: Handline

1 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	MULLOWAY	3.500	3	116.667
2 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

DIVISION 12: Capture by a Lady

1 Kimberley Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	TUNA - NORTHERN	8.500	6	212.500
2 Kimberley Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	MACKEREL -	12.000	6	200.000
2 Kimberley Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	TUNA - MACKEREL	8.000	6	200.000

DIVISION 13: Capture by a Junior Boy

1 Tyler Robinson	Happy Hookers	SALMON -	2.200	2	132.000
2 Hamish Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	SALMON -	1.200	2	72.000
3 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000

DIVISION 14: Capture by a Junior Girl

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition – FINAL STANDINGS as at 30/06/2021

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 15: Capture by a Sub-Junior

1	Tyler Robinson	Happy Hookers	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	5.210	2	260.500
2	Tyler Robinson	Happy Hookers	SALMON -	2.400	3	96.000
3	Tyler Robinson	Happy Hookers	SALMON -	1.850	3	74.000

DIVISION 16: Tag and Release

1	Belinda Rayment	St George Sportfishing Club				500
1	Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				500
3	Edo Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				100
3	James Rayment	St George Sportfishing Club				100
3	Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club				100

DIVISION 17: Length Only - Carp

1	Joe Salaji	Australian Land Based Anglers	CARP - EUROPEAN			880.000
2	Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			865.000
3	Steve Bailey	Canberra Fisherman's Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			760.000

DIVISION 18: Length Only - Trout (All)

1	Max Castle	Sea Bees Boating Club	TROUT - RAINBOW			652.000
2	Neil Dourish	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TROUT - RAINBOW			646.000
3	Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	TROUT - BROWN			595.000

DIVISION 19: Length Only - Australian Bass

1	Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			480.000
2	Peter Sitarz	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			455.000
3	Travis Furlong	Australian Land Based Anglers	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			405.000

DIVISION 20: Length Only - Bream (All)

1	Karl Rasmussen	St George Sportfishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			480.000
2	Petar Perekovic	Australian Land Based Anglers	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			430.000
3	Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			428.000

DIVISION 21: Length Only - Flathead (All)

1	Peter Logan	St George Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			960.000
2	Mark Wilson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			920.000
3	Darryl McKinnon	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			890.000

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition – FINAL STANDINGS as at 30/06/2021

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 22: Length Only - Australian Salmon

1 Peter Logan	St George Sportfishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		700.000
2 Petar Perekovic	Australian Land Based Anglers	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		650.000
3 Cameron Muscat	Australian Land Based Anglers	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		645.000

DIVISION 23: Length Only - Kingfish

1 VACANT	NO CLUB	KINGFISH		0.000
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DIVISION 24: Length Only - Snapper

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	SNAPPER		875.000
2 Nick Maliotakis	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	SNAPPER		860.000
3 Chris Anagnostou	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	SNAPPER		840.000

DIVISION 25: Length Only - Mulloway

1 Joe Salaji	Australian Land Based Anglers	MULLOWAY		1020.000
2 Leo Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	MULLOWAY		1000.000
3 Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	MULLOWAY		800.000

DIVISION 26: Most Versatile Angler

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	POINTS
Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	32
Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	30
Kimberley Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	12
Bruce Robinson	Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	11
Mitchell Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	9

DIVISION 27: Champion Club

CLUB	POINTS
Wollongong Sportfishing Club	62
Australian Land Based Anglers	16
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	11
Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	11
St George Sportfishing Club	10
Canberra Fisherman's Club	4
Sea Bees Boating Club	3
Newcastle Sportfishing Club	3

Recorder's Report - Records

NSW RECORDERS REPORT 2021

LINE CLASS, LENGTH @ ALL TACKLE

Congratulations to all those who submitted entries this year. Keep those photo coming.
Bruce Tozer



Divisions Fished For @ Number of Entries for 2021	1 Sport fishing	2 Lure fishing	3 Fly fishing	4 Game fishing	5 Hand lining	6 Land based Game fishing	7 All Tackle
Seniors	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Juniors	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sub Juniors	1	----	----	1	----	----	----

Clubs 2021 Results	NSW Record claims	NATIONAL Record claims
Happy Hookers	2	2
Totals =		

	Line Class Record claims	Length Record claims
2021	2	2

Fishing wise not a happy year last year and again into this year since the infamous Covid19 struck. Although most of the ANSA conventions were either cancelled or modified (again) there were still plenty of fishing events around. The fishing fraternity is fortunate in still being recognised by the authorities for what is, passive, healthy, safe, as well as a food gathering pursuit for the lucky few who are able to toss a line in.

POSITIVES....Boat sales are up 40%...Hobie KAYAK sales are going through the roof...Vibe Kayaks are also looking at a 40% increase. The tournament scene is growing in leaps and bounds for those who wish to test their competitive skills, and tackle stores have never been more competitive.

NSW President Stan Konstantaris will have more to say in his report on ANSANSW, including a progress report on a new exciting APP and the bright future we have ahead of us.

With all that is going on we should appreciate how fortunate we still are, miles of ocean shoreline, great river systems, dams and impoundments. .Be safe with Covid19, be patient, there will be an end to it all. Keep sending your claim forms and pictures in. It is anticipated all record charts on our website will be updated shortly in Excel format.



Tyler Robinson with his 5.21 Flathead on 2kg line



Baxter Robinson with a 396mm Luderick



A 91cm Lake Macquarie Flathead

Tagged @ released under the DPI Lake Macquarie Trophy Flathead program

Masters Keeper's

On behalf of the ANSA NSW Committee, congratulations to our members who obtained Masters Awards this year.

It is great to see St George Sport Fishing Club members having very strong representation this year and I encourage all clubs to promote the Masters Awards across their membership.

Masters Awards recipients this year are:

Deborah Logan (St George Sport Fishing Club)

- Master Angler Length Based Species, Australian Salmon

Peter Logan (St George Sport Fishing Club)

- Master Angler Length Based Species, Australian Salmon
- Master Angler Length Based Species, Flathead - Dusky

Karl Rasmussen (St George Sport Fishing Club)

- Master Angler Length Based Species, Australian Salmon

These are all fantastic personal achievements, well done Deborah, Peter and Karl.

The recent trend towards more length based awards continues which is growing in popularity as a result of the ease in recording a Masters capture. Having said that, attaining a Line Class / Weight Masters is still a core award which is keenly sought by many anglers. For this category, it is worth noting (as per ANSA Yellow Book Rules) all captures must be weighed by an independent witness over the age of fourteen (14) years using scales that are certified in writing as accurate by the branch or your club committee, so it is a little more flexible than what some may think.

Stay safe and Tightlines,

R.Sinclair

Rob Sinclair
ANSA NSW Masters Keeper

Environmental Officer's Report

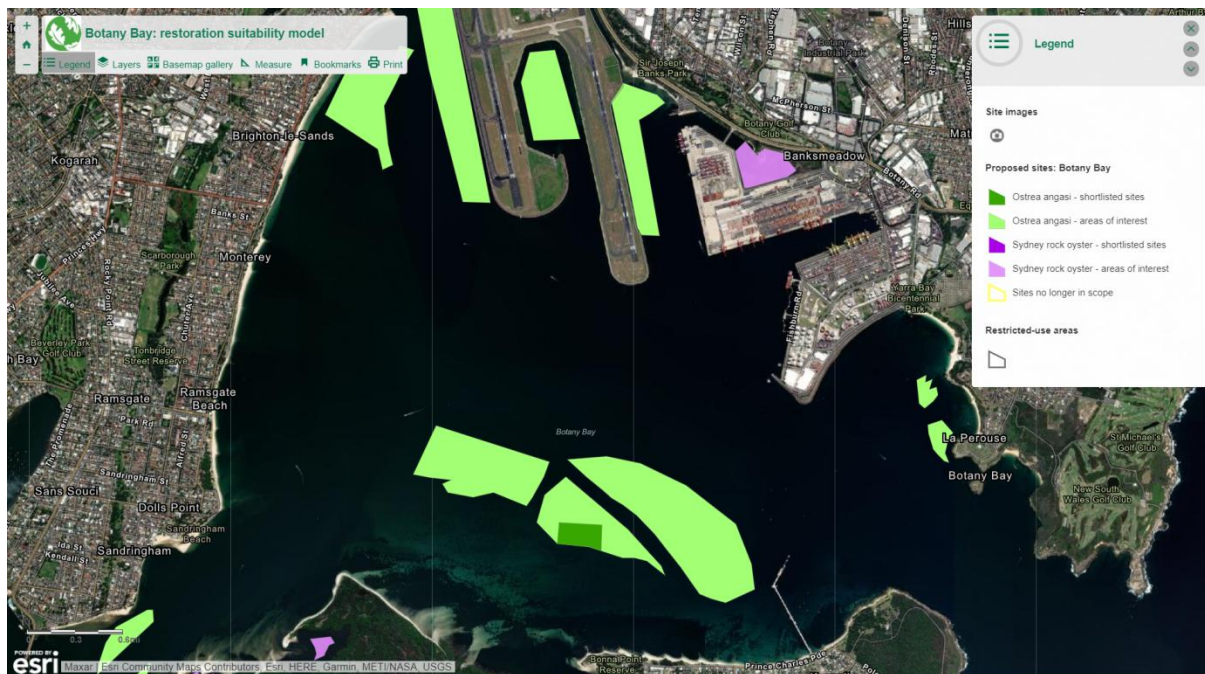
Botany Bay / George River Oyster Reefs are GO!

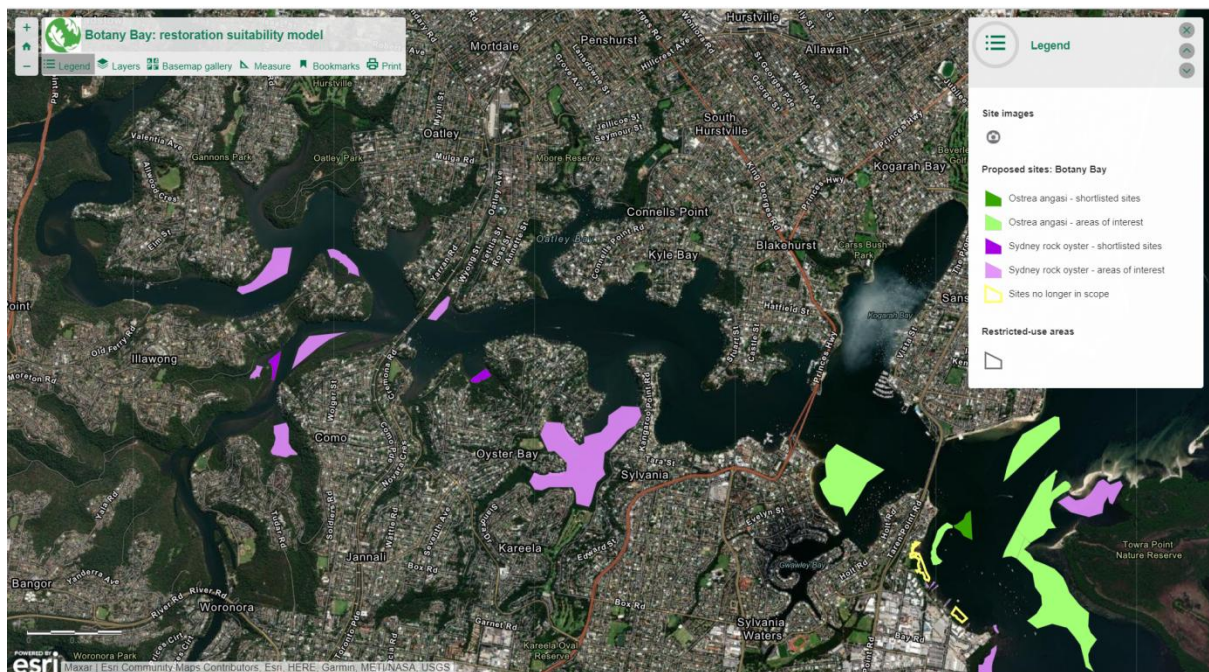
The Nature Conservancy teamed up with ANSA NSW to start rebuilding oyster reefs in Botany Bay which will help boost fish stocks, improve water quality and create local jobs. The Botany Bay project is part of an Australia-wide initiative called Reef Builder, which aims to restore oyster reefs in 60 locations across Australia. Other locations are in the pipeline and we will be looking for other ANSA NSW clubs to help out.

Keen to make a difference when it comes to habitat restoration? Then get involved and stay updated via local fishing clubs who work hand in hand with NSW and Federal Governments and NGO's to get projects off the ground. Recently the Nature Conservancy and the Local Land Services secured about \$2million dollars to restore oyster reefs in Botany Bay and workshops with local fishing clubs has seen a series a sites shortlisted that they would like to see developed into new habitat for fish that has been destroyed over the years in Botany Bay.

The map shows oyster reefs to be developed and the will be varying in size and shape and will be set within the proposed sites in an organic distribution embedded on the sediment matrix. In 2022, the pilots will be built within a small patch of the proposed sites, and if successful, each site will be scaled up during the consecutive years within the proposed site's total area.

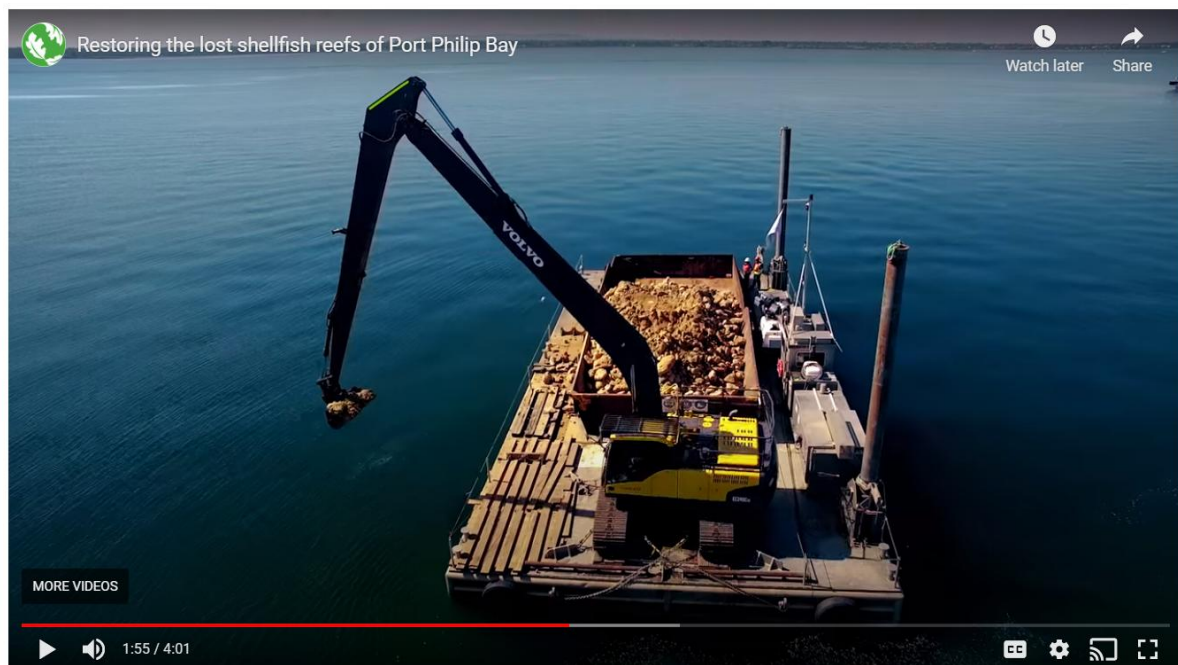
Monitoring activities on the development of the reef and on the ecological communities of the area will happen during restoration and post-restoration. We would love your help and support during these works so if you are willing to participate in the monitoring activities, please contact us at ANSA NSW.





https://youtu.be/_vlhYd9WsSc

Watch this video to see how we're rebuilding reefs



SEE HOW WE'RE REBUILDING REEFS at one of our projects - in Port Phillip Bay, Victoria

Stay safe and stay in touch.

A. Konstantaras

Stan Konstantaras
President
ANSA NSW
(Environmental Officer, ANSA NSW)

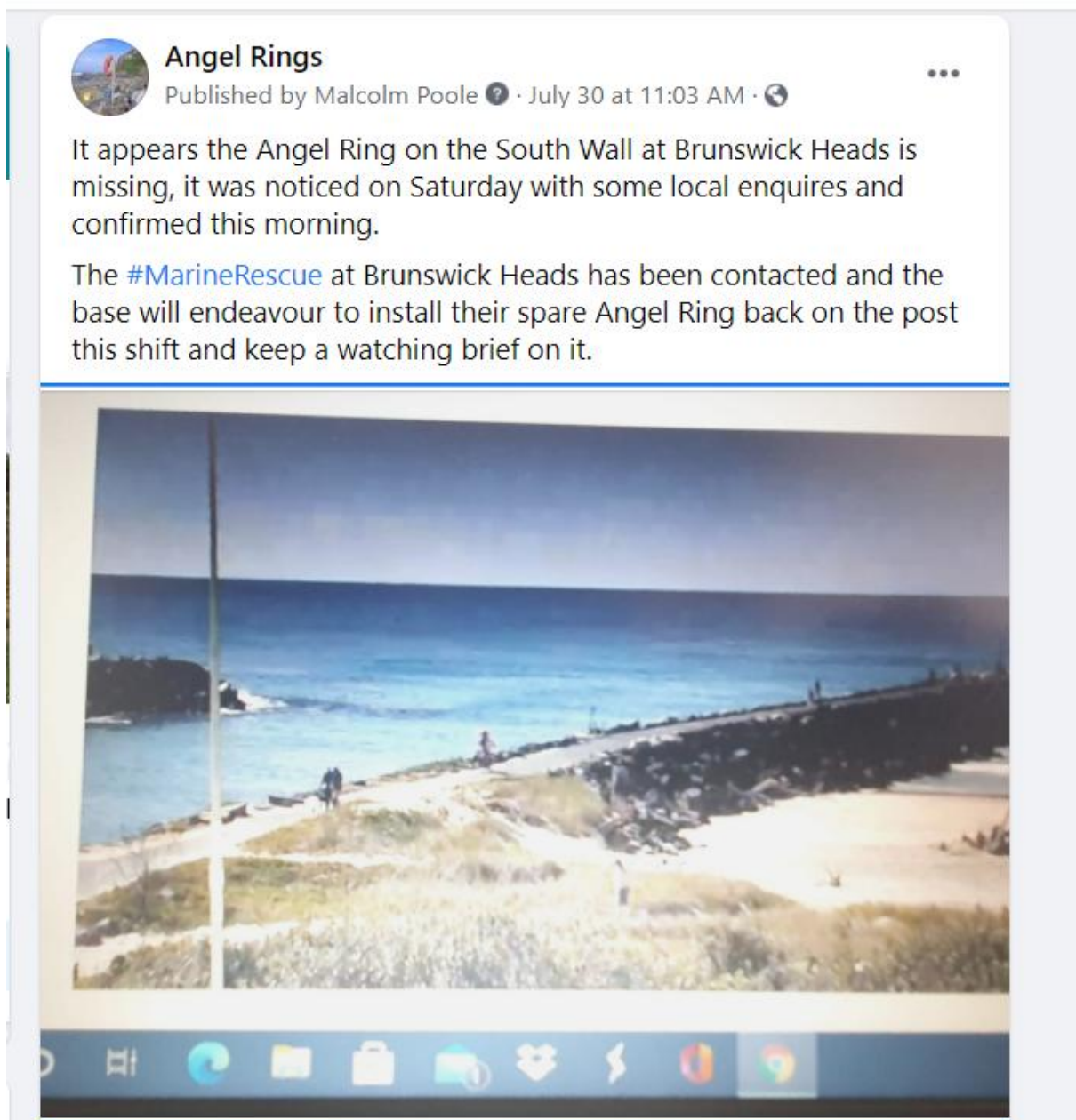
Angel Ring Coordinator's Report

Discussions have already occurred at ANSA NSW on the future of angel rings in NSW and some ideas have been considered and we will be engaging with NSW DPI and Surf Life Saving NSW on how best to progress these into the future.

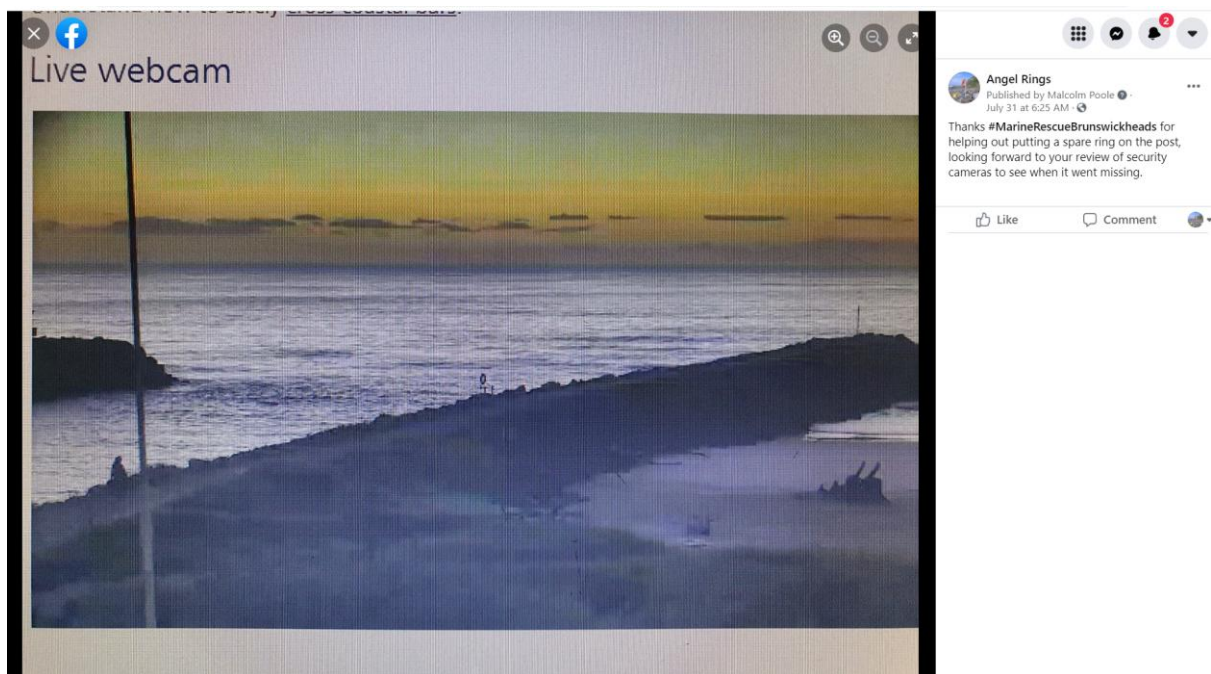
How do we handle the installed infrastructure under this project, do we have to remove it or what will happen to it is a question that we need to resolve into the near future.

Things went a little bit quite with the continued onset of Covid and a lot of priorities changed but we still managed to keep the ball rolling.

Sometimes we had a hand with technology, using anything to check on the rings, sometimes we use bar cams to great effect as well. Missing one day and.....



.....back the next!



The Lake Munmorah National Park on the Central Coast of NSW and all its coastal rock platforms like Snapper Point, Wybung Head, Flat Island, Red Ochre and Catherine Hill Bay benefited from NPWS having a few additional spare Angel Rings on hand over the Christmas 2020 holiday period, thanks to Rotodyne and their busy workshop staff, and the companies generosity from years of Angel Ring Project support.

A new 'Beach Angel Ring' was installed at the south end of Frazer Beach by NPWS Staff before Christmas 2020

In following weeks there was two rescues in that area with the South Frazer rock platform AR, its known locally as 'slip stream alley' which the surfers use to get out the back quickly. However beach swimmers think it's a great place to swim, nice clear water with no breaking surf, which is TOTALLY WRONG!

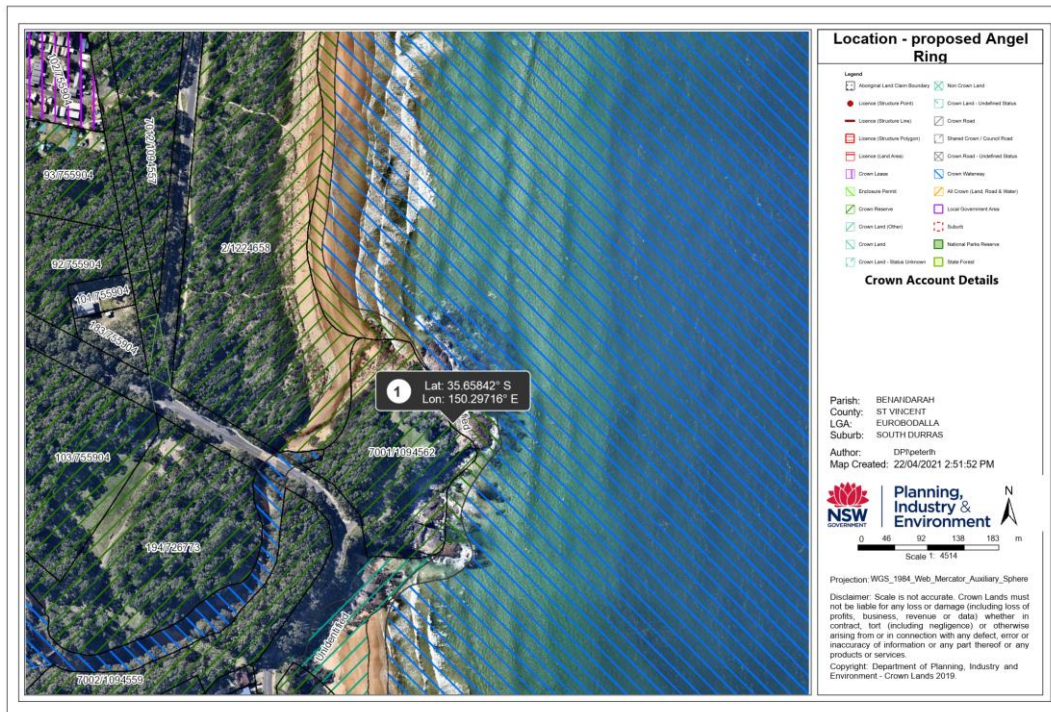
A local Girl was successfully rescued early this month, December 2020 with the South Frazer Beach Rock Platform Angel Ring, another local heard the calls for help and spotted the girl, he ran 500m to retrieve the AR from its post, then swam 250m out with the life ring to the girl who was having an asthmatic attack whilst being caught in the rip and calling for help. They both made it back to shore just in time as a 3rd beach goer had called '000', aided by the Angel Ring, to be treated by waiting Paramedics and NPWS staff who then assisted her recovery using her medication and oxygen.

One week later a similar situation occurred with another person caught in the 'rip', and another close by rescuer, and first responders getting to the scene quickly.

With the help of local Rangers many rings in National Parks are checked and replaced regularly.



We had a new install on the South Coast of NSW in May 2021,



Stay tuned for more updates
 Stay Safe.

A. Konstantaras

Stan Konstantaras
 Angel Ring Coordinator.

Special Projects – NEWTAG Report

Great Swordfish Race Update

It has been a slow start, middle and end to 2020/2021 BUT we did manage to get one good tag in just after the official season ended. Pretty much most of 2020 / 2021 was touch and go with where we could fish and how far we could go but in June of this year Al McGlashan sniffed an opening and headed down south before the borders and state of NSW really shut down in early July. On 8 July 2021 Al McGlashan deployed a Satellite Tag (PSAT) into a swordfish of approximately 90 kg while fishing at the productive fishing grounds off Mallacoota, Victoria. Al and his son Cooper McGlashan had spent a few days fishing the area and had released a small sword and kept a fish of approximately 250 kg.

This was the third to their boat and they made the call to tag the fish based on the opportunity available. We understand the fish was in excellent condition when boat side, making it a great candidate for tagging. Whilst it was a NSW PSAT tag deployed in Vic waters, the fish are recognised to be from the same stock.

Tagging provides valuable data on this exciting new recreational fishery, including information on the timing and availability of swordfish in NSW, whether swordfish tend to return back to the same grounds seasonally and their suitability for catch and release. DPI is undertaking this project in collaboration with the Australian National Sportfishing Association (NSW) and NSW Game Fishing Association. The data from this project will also be used as part of a larger project being undertaken by Dr Sean Tracey, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), with similar objectives completed in Tasmania and currently underway in Victoria (both supported by funds from FRDC and a Victorian Recreational Fishing Grant).

Pop-up satellite archival tags (PSATs) are used to track the movement of marine animals, particularly highly migratory species such as sharks, tuna and billfish. The tags are like mini computers that are externally attached to the fish and travel along with the fish whilst logging information on water depth, light levels and temperature, and gathering information on its location (geolocation).

This allows us to gain a greater understanding of the behaviour of the fish, their migratory patterns and catch and release survival. The great benefit of satellite tags is that they do not have to be retrieved to collect the recorded information. After a predetermined time (twelve months) the tag decouples from the fish and 'pops-off', floating to the surface. The tag then transmits the data that it has stored whilst it has been underwater to orbiting satellites that pass overhead. This data is then relayed back to DPI.



In the meantime, head to <http://www.greatswordfishrace.com.au> for more info on NSW's Great Swordfish Race and ANSA NSW will also keep you posted.
The Great Swordfish Race is funded by the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust.



C.Anagnostou

Chris Anagnostou
NEWTAG
ANSA NSW Tagging Officer

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW Update.

ANSA NSW is a foundation member of the RFA and the RFA relies on input from members like ANSA NSW to help advocate for NSW fishers. Take a read of the issues it has tackled and think about what issues you would like ANSA NSW bring to the table. As ANSA NSW members we add strength, knowledge and value to the RFA.

Want to help - take the first step and join the ANSA NSW Committee and help drive the issues you think are important to NSW!

Below are the issues the RFA has raised over the previous 12 months. Whilst Covid might hamper our fishing, it has not dampened our fighting spirits.

NSW and Federal government correspondence, submissions and issues updates 2020/ 2021 all sit on the RFA website.

<http://www.rfansw.com.au/nsw-and-federal-government-correspondence-submissions-and-issues-updates/>

RFA to NSW and federal politicians regarding floodplain harvesting : Date sent: 22 July 21

The RFA has written to a number of state and federal politicians regarding floodplain harvesting and its impact on native fish, especially threatened or endangered species such as Murray cod, trout cod, Macquarie perch and silver perch. Floodplain harvest intercepts over-land flows from the floodplains surrounding main river channels and stores the water in on-farm dams for irrigation of broad acre crops, mostly cotton. Floodplain harvesting has never been regulated, monitored, or measured in NSW. The NSW Government is in the process of licensing floodplain harvesting for the first time and recreational anglers have significant concerns that need to be addressed. Over-harvesting of any natural water flows of water across a catchment has significant impacts on a freshwater aquatic ecosystem, in particular aquatic plants, fish and the food web that supports so much life.

Letters have been sent to the following. All letters were similar to the letter in the first link.

[Melinda Pavey, NSW Minister for Water](#)

Matt Kean, NSW Minister for Environment

Keith Pitt, Federal Minister for Water

Sussan Ley, Federal Environment Minister

Roy Butler, NSW Member for Barwon

Helen Dalton, NSW Member for Murray

Robert Borsak, NSW Upper House

Cate Faerhmann, NSW Upper House

Justin Field, NSW Upper House

Mark Pearson, NSW Upper House

Clayton Barr, NSW Opposition Spokesperson for Water

Michael Daley, NSW Lower House

Penny Sharpe, NSW Upper House

Mick Veitch, NSW Lower House

Mark Latham, NSW Upper House

Rod Roberts, NSW Upper House

RFA and Review of Impounding Act: Date sent: 9 July 2021

The RFA, the Boating Industry Association and the Boat Owners' Association of NSW have written to Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock regarding the collective concerns of the way the Office of Local Government has conducted the review of the Impounding Act.

The RFA has also submitted its views on the process and in the face of this current pandemic many of us were encouraged to holiday at home or take advantage of tax breaks to buy new work trailers, many of us purchased new boats and new caravans. Now the OLG and the NSW Government are failing to adequately consult on proposed changes and what we feel is a misguided agenda to make unnecessary changes to the Impounding Act, penalising those with "unattended vehicles and trailers" in NSW. These are not abandoned trailers and boats, but legally registered trailers and boats.

[RFA submission to Office of Local Government](#)

[RFA letter to Minister Shelley Hancock](#)

Outcome:

RFA to Minister Adam Marshall and other NSW Ministers regarding irrigation pumps killing fish in NSW waterways : Date sent: 18 October 2020

The RFA has written to [Minister Adam Marshall](#), and to [Ministers Melinda Pavey, Damien Tudehope and Treasurer Dominic Perrottet](#) expressing concerns that problems with irrigation pumps killing fish in NSW waterways just show a complete failure of multiple existing legislations which supposedly protect fish. The RFA also queries whether recreational fishers' licence money should be spent fixing a problem that recreational fishers didn't cause. [Minutes of the Recreational Fishing Trusts](#) show that the Trusts recently approved the expenditure of \$148,000 of rec fishing licence money to convene "a stakeholder forum to provide an opportunity for knowledge and ideas exchange between local irrigation districts, water managers, the broader scientific and engineering communities and other regional stakeholder communities, including recreational fishers."

Outcome:

[Letter received from Minister Adam Marshall](#)

[Follow up letter from RFA to Minister Marshall](#)

[Letter received from Minister Pavey](#)

[Further follow up letter from RFA to Minister Pavey](#)

[Further follow up letter from RFA seeking response from Minister Marshall](#)

RFA of NSW to Premier of NSW regarding delayed publication of Trust committee meetings: Date sent: 4 October 2020

An open letter signed by a number of recreational fishing organisations asking for action on delayed outcomes and approvals of funding applications to the Recreational Fishing Trusts.

Outcome: [Letter received from Premier referring matter to Minister Marshall responsible for fisheries](#).

Outcome: [A letter was received from Minister Adam Marshall](#) stating that meeting summaries have now been published on the DPI website.

RFA of NSW to Minister Adam Marshall regarding NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy: Date sent: 18 Sep 2020

The RFA supported Stage Two Funding of the NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy 2018-2028

[RFA of NSW to Central Tablelands Local Land Services](#) : Date sent: 24 Sep 2020

The RFA supported an application for weir removal and other freshwater habitat improvements that would restore native fish passage and recreational fishing access.

[RFA of NSW to Ministers Adam Marshall and Matt Kean re Marine Estate Management Review:](#)
Date Sent: 12 August 2020

Brief: The RFA raised its concerns with both Ministers regarding the limited public consultation with regard to the Review of the *Marine Estate Management Act 2014*. Recently we became aware that an email was sent to the Marine Park Advisory Committees without seeking engagement with the wider community. That email was forwarded by recreational fishing stakeholders to the RFA for advice and possible assistance. The limited and very narrow parameters around who will participate and the restricted timeline are unusual for such an important process. The RFA requested a halt to the process and a public consultation phase to allow ample time and sufficient background information for public input, to remove any doubt that the process is privileged and controlled by MEMA and NSW DPI.

Outcome: [Letter received from Minister Marshall asserting that consultation was adequate and “a targeted approach”.](#)

[RFA of NSW to Minister Adam Marshall re Kingfish Stock Assessment](#) Date Sent: 12 August 2020

Brief: The RFA submitted to the Minister that the limited public consultation and available information with regard to Stock Assessment of Kingfish in NSW is deeply flawed and called for an alternative public process that involves a proper expert panel, involving clearly identified “experts” in the stock assessment process, and defined objectives and processes.

Outcome: TBA – awaiting outcome

[RFA of NSW to Minister Matthias Cormann supporting proposal for a Reef Builder Project](#) : Date sent: 2 August 2020

Brief: The Commonwealth Government is in the final stages of considering an investment of between \$20-45 million in shellfish reef restoration. The RFA expressed its support for the proposal and the benefits that reef restoration will provide to recreational fishers in NSW.

Outcome: \$20 million of funding provided.

[RFA of NSW to Great Sydney Local Land Services re Botany Bay Oyster Reef Project:](#)
Date Sent: 14 July 2020

Brief: The RFA expressed our support for the Botany Bay Oyster Reef Recovery project. We expect this important project in the heart of Sydney will have a significant effect on the health of Botany Bay. It will also be a flagship project drawing the attention of recreational fishers and the whole community to similar initiatives that can address the decline of coastal environments.

Outcome: approx. \$300,000 made available for the Botany Bay Oyster Reef Project

[RFA of NSW to NSW Office of Local Government re Review of the Impounding Act 1993](#)
Date Sent: 3 July 2020

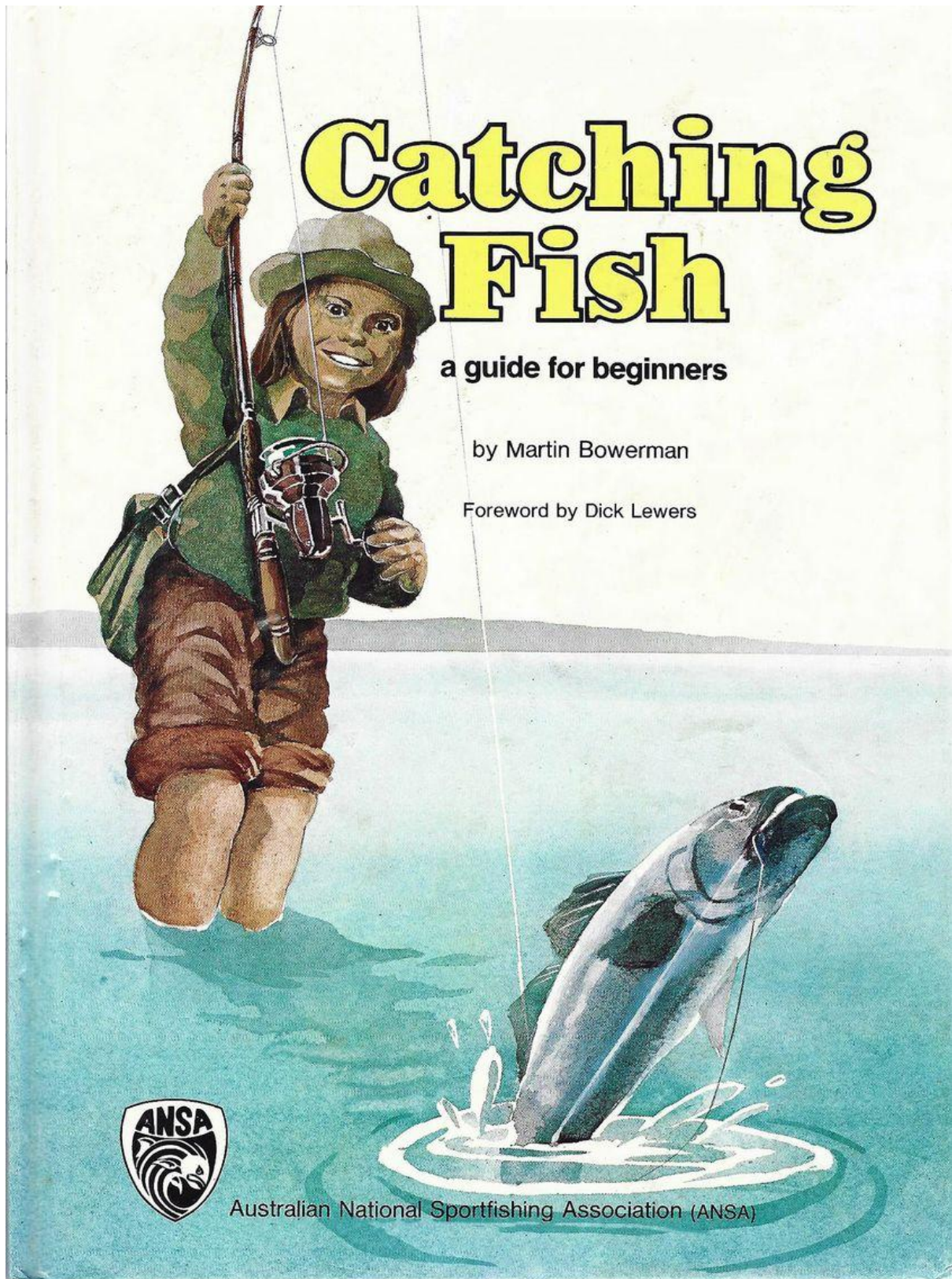
Brief: The RFA provided a submission to the NSW Office of Local Government regarding the removal of legally parked boat trailers on streets. The RFA believes that the *Impounding Amendment (Unattended Boat Trailers) Act 2015* should be removed, or at the very least reviewed to a more meaningful and less discriminatory level that should allow boat owners to park their legally registered boat trailers and boats in their streets and in front of their houses without fear of impoundment.

Outcome: TBA – awaiting outcome

A Nostalgic look at ANSA from Harro

A for ANSA

By Rod Harrison



This sparse book was the best thing published on the understanding and how-to of contemporary fishing. Compressed between soft covers, all the essential nitty-gritty one needs to catch fish.

Published under the auspices of The Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA) it is as relevant today as fifty years ago when hot off the press.

Written by Martin Bowerman, accredited journalist and no slouch on a rod, the thoughts and philosophies of Calcutt, McCristal and Dunn come through in the text and revealing hand drawn illustrations.

The unique synergy of McCristal, Calcutt, Dunn and their genius mate Jack Erskine ignited and fuelled the sportfishing movement.

Beginnings...the mid-1960s saw the appearance of a quarterly magazine called Sportfishing. It lasted four issues but was a sign of things to come. A good read included McCristal, Bethune, and another article on bass by Clyde Kelton, then a technical assistant with the Fisheries department, working on the fish. Clyde had a pet bass; Ted for short, Bassted to be formal.

An intriguing piece of by Ron Calcutt discussed a new fishing philosophy; Are we Ready for Sportfishing challenged the prevailing kill-it and fillet doctrine. There was more to fishing than an esky full of take-home meat and competition cricket scores of tailer ending up at the tip.

Tucked away in a page corner should anyone be interested, a contact for the newly formed Sportfishing Association, one Jack Erskine, Central Avenue, Oak Flats. The well-informed secretary of Sydney Sportfishing Club, Kelton was ahead of his time, blazing trails into the unknown. Clyde introduced Bill Fitch, noted rod builder, patient mentor and war hero. Bill enlisted at seventeen and survived a brutal four years as a POW following the fall of Singapore. He'd a launch moored at The Spit and would take us out to The Peak and Long Reef after we'd mastered the essential fishing knots. While 99.9% of fishermen thought fly rods were for catching trout, Clyde had been bending his on bonito, striped tuna, salmon, tailer and kingfish. Inshore it was giant Herring and mangrove Jack from Queenscliff lagoon, backyard water, by the way. Bucktail jigs were also his thing; cast in the right place and intelligently manipulated, just about everything with fins was and is possibly. No accident this simplest of lures remains in the survival kits of military people in harm's way.

Urbane customs agent and proprietor of the Antiquarian Angler, purveyor of rare fishing books, Bob Dunn was the architect of a regional clubs infra-structure absorbing a membership groundswell that'd become a tsunami. With able assistance of Bill Harvey and Tom Boylan, the still active St. George Sportfishing Club was founded. Following the formal part of the evening at the 20th anniversary banquet, I joined Bob among leather upholstered armchairs to savour a single malt and share the equine fumes of his Ranch pipe tobacco. I'd not thanked Bob for the inclusion in his opus – Fishing in Australia: History and Writings. For someone still sorting adjective and adverb it was a heady acknowledgement for a headshot and sample of my work to appear alongside that of Calcutt and McCristal.

John Day of the Nowra Sportfishing Club, ushered in a golden era for ANSA with a get-together at the Currarong camping ground. Crop-duster pilot Don "Darby" Munro towed his ski-boat down from Central West. My Olympic 460 fly reel, the best I could afford was never the same after I popped the leader on a half-hundredweight yellowfin at the boat. The Jap copy of the Pflueger 1498 was all I could afford along with a load of monofilament backing. A stretch factor I wasn't aware of warped the spool when recovered under pressure.

The Narooma Sportfishing Club picked up on the vibe and announced the first Sportfishing Convention. The gathering of noted sticks at Mystery Bay venue was reminiscent of the opening pars in Banjo's Man from Snowy River...So all the cracks had gathered to the fray. All the tried and noted riders from stations near and far, had mustered at the homestead overnight.

I fished with Mick Orford from the Sydney club for a good time and mixed bag. A highlight was John Bell's day long battle with a yellowfin from the bow of Gordon Simmons' trawler. Then a young staffer at Jim Allen's Melbourne Compleat Angler, Bell rose to a control position in the Pure Fishing Empire. The combatant Simmons, with whom I'd later lock horns, was busted with a boatful of Budda Sticks.

The Mystery Bay nightly goings-on included some explosive entertainment - 'Verdammt Bombe' shouted Werner Kossman of WK Arrow and yellowfin tuna fame when Snow Philp and Kipper Keefe of HMAS Albatross rolled some sort of pyrotechnic into the long drop dug pre-convention with an excavator.

The following year I fished with Joe Gausepohl and Wayne Hanstedt and learned much about rod angles, boat positioning and pacing the fight from the cool Californians.

Sportfishing Conventions began to pop up all over the calendar. Our club staged one at Wyangala dam. Noted attendees included Alex Julius and the crew from Mascot Anglers, a seasoned crew that played hard. The lake was a trout fishery back then but Bryan Pratt and I caught some nice Macquarie perch in the Abercrombie arm.

Peter Steen from the Albury Sportfishing club got off to a good start with his streak, exit strategy and all but hadn't counted on an accidentally locked door by someone rugged up inside. It was the middle of winter. Modern Fishing editor Peter Horrobin and I were invited over by the South Australia crew to their convention at Victor Harbour. Horrobin was looked after by Shane Mensforth while the hospitality of George Apat and Steve Ellis, setting the Adelaide tackle world on fire through their O'Halloran Hill shop, made my trip. My account in Fishing World included encounters a metre long pike called snook in and the biggest whiting I'd ever laid hands on.

The standout thing about conventions was the sharing. If you wanted to know anything about fishing's cutting edge an ANSA get-together was where you found it. Sure, it was competitive, but the competition was between angler and fish according to the line class being used. It wasn't until money entered the comp mix that the secret squirrel and skulduggery came out.

The approach of the new millennium saw ANSA at a cross-roads. An ideology alumni had cut their teeth on - the capture of the largest possible fish on the lightest possible line – was incompatible with a catch and release ethos fast catching on.

The advent of gel spun lines in the same timeframe came as a double-whammy. Braids would do to monofilaments what mono did to Cuttyhunk and cat-gut. The uptake was total, there was no going back.

The difficulties facing line class anglers and line makers lay in the production and availability of lines to break within ounces of the limit when an unused sample was tested. The issue lay in the self-lubricating nature of polyethylene fibres produced via the gel-spinning process. Instead of binding as do monofilaments, gel spuns are subject to on-going creep that develops into a hotspot at any pressure point. A progressive elongation takes over with terminal results.

An infusion of new blood when most needed has kept the movement alive, though nowadays focusing on broader ANSA objectives of education and advocacy.

Sportfishing was good for the times, exciting and never to be repeated times that they were. And while times have moved on to where it's hard to come up with an untraveled fishing backroad, the legacy of ANSA's founding fathers is alive and well today.

Till next tide,
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Champion Club Trophy

YEAR	CLUB
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
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1987	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1988	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1989	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
1990 TIE	Wollongong Sportfishing Club / Newcastle Sportfishing Club
1991	Foster/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 Sportfishing Club
2003	Nowra Sportfishing Club
2004	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2005	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2006	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2007	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2008	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2009	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2010	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2011	South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association
2012	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2013	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2014	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2015	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2016	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2017	South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association
2018	South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association
2019	South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association
2020	Wollongong Sportfishing Club
2021	Wollongong Sportfishing Club

Tag and Release Trophy

YEAR	ANGLER	CLUB
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 AFA
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 FC
2008	Cassie Schofield	Eden S&GFC
2009	Luke Dodd	Wollongong SFC
2010	Silvestro Severi	South Sydney AFA
2011	Chris Mcfayden	Newcastle SFC
2012 TIE	Chris Anagnostou	South Sydney AFA
2012 TIE	Chris Stolk	Wollongong SFC
2013	Russell Emms	Wollongong SFC
2014	Russell Emms	Wollongong SFC
2015	Russell Emms	Wollongong SFC
2016	John Rankin	Eden S&GFC
2017	Lynette Robb	Eden S&GFC
2018	Terry Tatton	Wollongong SFC
2019	Terry Tatton	Wollongong SFC
2020	Kurt Staples	ALBA
2021 TIE	Belinda Rayment	St George SFC
2021 TIE	Chelsea Rutstein	South Sydney AFA

Most Versatile Angler Trophy

YEAR	ANGLER	CLUB
1981	Ian Campbell	Wollongong SFC
1982	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
1983	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
1984	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
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1991	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
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
2010	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
2011	Greg Clarke	Wollongong SFC
2012	Terry Tatton	Wollongong SFC
2013	Chris Stolk	Wollongong SFC
2014	Terry Tatton	Wollongong SFC
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2017	Terry Tatton	Wollongong SFC
2018	Terry Tatton	Wollongong SFC
2019	Terry Tatton	Wollongong SFC
2020	Terry Tatton	Wollongong SFC
2021	Terry Tatton	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.

YEAR	ANGLER	DESCRIPTION
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 Mulloway 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 8kg line
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	
2010	Not awarded	
2011	Damian Thorpe	28.0kg Northern Bluefin on 10kg line
2012	Adam Dia	151.0kg Marlin – Black on 24kg line
2013	Shane Bourke	24.8kg Cobia on 10kg line
2014	Gavin Beveridge	18.10kg Northern Blue Tuna on 8kg line
2015	Luke Nicholson	83.0kg Black Marlin on 24kg line
2016	Chris Scurfield	60.0kg Southern Bluefin Tuna on 15kg line
2017	Shane Burke	28.4kg Cobia on 15kg line
2018	Not awarded	
2019	Not awarded	
2020	Not awarded	
2021	Mikko Lindquist	76.0kg Black Marlin on 24kg line

Most Meritorious Capture Trophy

YEAR	ANGLER	CLUB
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
1994 TIE	Glen Ward	Barrenjoey SFC
1995	Phillip Dumpleton (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 Siarakas (Jnr)	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
2010	Mary Worsley	St George SFC
2011	David Busuttil	Botany Bay SFC
2012 TIE	Laine Bathis	South Sydney AFA
2012 TIE	Aaron Anderson	Wollongong SFC
2013	Barry Preston	Nowra SFC
2014	Ryan Nemec	South Sydney AFA
2015	Joshua Preston	Nowra SFC
2016	Chris Scurfield	ALBAA
2017	Dave Wylie	Wollongong SFC
2018	Jose Vidovic	Botany Bay SFC
2019	Mary Worsley	St George SFC
2020	Not awarded	
2021	Terry Tatton	Wollongong SFC

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