

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING
ASSOCIATION NSW BRANCH**

**ANNUAL REPORT
2006 / 2007**



Incorporating Sportfishing NSW & NEWTAG

Founding Member of the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

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ANSA NSW Branch Executive and Committee

2006/2007

PRESIDENT	Stan Konstantaras	South Sydney AFA
VICE PRESIDENT	John Burgess	South Sydney AFA
SECRETARY PUBLIC OFFICER	Yanko Serifi	Wollongong SFC
TREASURER	Shane Jasprizza	Canberra Fishermans Club
MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR	Mark Bethoin	Botany Bay SFC
RECORDER	Darren Hossack	Canberra Fishermans Club
MASTERS KEEPER	Max Castle	Sea Bees Boating Club
TAGGING CATCH AND RELEASE	Stan Konstantaras	South Sydney AFA
CLUB LIAISON/WEBSITE	Joe Garufi	South Sydney AFA

SUB COMMITTEE

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

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
SECRETARY/ 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
SECRETARY	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 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 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. Jaspizza

Presidents Report

I can say with confidence and 10 years of experience at an ANSA NSW committee level that 2006 / 2007 has been the busiest year for all the members of the state committee, myself included. Stepping up to the plate and taking on the role of President last year was a pretty easy transition for me, in fact my role is relatively easy with the committee doing most of the work to keep the association running day to day. Their support and enthusiasm, coupled with the dedication that they bring to the table means that ANSA NSW has achieved a lot this past year and much of the groundwork we are laying has steadied the association. It has been a very cohesive year for us with each committee member doing their job without too much undue pressure from above; I have not needed to wave my big stick about for last 12 months and for this I thank the committee and look forward to the 2007/2008 season.

The 2006/2007 committee saw long time veteran Yanko Serifi take on the role as state secretary, and with almost 10 years as past state secretary under his belt, I have not needed to ask him to complete any task associated with his position, in fact most of my phone calls to him asking if he has sent this out, organised this or responded to that are cut off with Yanko saying "It's done, what else do you want?" This makes my job much easier.

This year also saw Joe Garufi come on as 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.

Darren Hossack stuck around in the role as State Recorder and was kept busy with an increase in his work load with the addition of the Convention Circuit Competition, added patronage of the State Titles, 12 month competition and state records. Again, without any stick waving from me Darren has done a great job processing all the claims and organising the state fishing competitions. Most if not everything that you need for the state titles, record claims and updated results are on the website, which is updated regularly.

We also saw Shane Jasprizza put his hand up, albeit timidly in the beginning to become our new \$\$\$ man in the role of Treasurer. Shane was wooed by John Burgess into the role and by all accounts has done a great job, even under the watchful eye of Mr. Burgess who has no qualms about telling you if you do something wrong and after working with John for 18 years at a South Sydney club level, I am qualified to say that. Sorry John!.

Shane thought he was on a roll as he also takes over as Membership Officer from Mark Berthoin who is stepping aside after 3 years due to added work commitments. One thing we all need to keep in mind that in most cases our work and family life come first and we need to 'find' time to take on these committee positions. Many thanks to Mark and many thanks to Shane who is our new Membership Officer.

We have also finally filled the position of Masters Keeper, with Max Castle putting his hand up to take on the position. Bruce Tozer had been acting as caretaker until we could find a replacement, and after 12 months handed the role over to Max. Once again all the Masters information is on the website and Max is doing a great job in keeping track of our masters awards, some of his records are over 20 years old so a fair bit of homework is needed to verify these claims. Many thanks to Bruce for a great job over the years.

As always, John Burgess has been flying the flag for us as Vice President of the association. 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 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 an ANSA NSW representative, gives some insight into where our licence fees are being spent.

The Angel Ring Team has had a cracking year in terms of achievements that is covered elsewhere in this report 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. Speaking of which it was great to see 200+ shirts already being purchased from ANSA NSW under a deal with Columbia, our next step is 20% discount on presentation of your ANSA NSW Card in selected Columbia stores. When these cards are issued in the next few months, we will be sending out a promotional flyer. As with the Escape with ET Lodge on Groote Is, where we secured an additional discount for ANSA NSW members, we are always on the look out for some better deals for the membership. Our website sponsors, Fish Therapy and Fishfinder offer 10% discount to the membership on tackle purchases and we are working on a few more deals in 2007/2008.

One thing I was really pleased to see this year was a new website design and re-build of www.ansansw.com.au. As Shane mentions in his report, this did cost us about \$1200, but I was confident that selected sponsorship would offset this cost. In the end we secured \$1000 to offset this cost, and the annual fees will cover our service fees and updates. In a few years the website will be generating income for us that will be a bonus.

I was pleased to see Shane selected for a RECFISH Future Leaders 3 day Workshop in Darwin in September, along with Mark Holland from South Sydney AFA, these two NSW members we selected from the ANSA membership to attend this workshop. Members like Shane and Mark will be invaluable over the next few years in establishing links with state and federal governments and other state fishing bodies.

At an ANSA NSW State committee and sub committee level I have the ability to tap into a wealth of resources and contacts that these committee members bring to the table, the knowledge base is extensive and the arguments being put forward by ANSA and a state and federal level have all been well researched and well received.

I was also pleased to see a new club come into the fold that is unique. I agreed to assist in setting up a website based fishing club based on an existing forum at www.thefishingsite.com.au. The Fishing Site Sportfishers Club has just been set up with 10 new ANSA NSW members, and is unique that all meetings, AGM and business are completed online. We have an ANSA presence and my own club, South Sydney AFA has a presence on the site, with the guys at the website willing to extend the offer to all ANSA NSW Clubs. SSAFA uses this page as a way of informing the public what we are doing and have gained a few new club members already. Have a look and let me know if your club wants something similar, cost is nothing and a great alternative to those clubs who do not have access to their own websites. All we need is a logo and someone to update and monitor the page, pretty easy.

I was happy to see that the membership once again hovered around the 1200 mark and our focus this year is increasing the membership. We will be refreshing the tagging programs with some new awards, looking at IGFA rated braids quite closely, as our initial testing of the Sunline range of IGFA rated braids indicating that the 4 line classes we tested all broke under, warranting further discussions with the manufacturers and distributors. The supply of fresh information out to the clubs and new and innovative ways to improve our fishing are also on the agenda. Feedback to the committee from the clubs has been sporadic throughout the year, and as is evident throughout this annual report we are doing a lot of work on your behalf and need to be told if there is anything else that we need to address or tackle on your clubs behalf. We are all an email or phone call away most days of the year.

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.



Stan Konstantaras
ANSA NSW President

Vice Presidents Report

ANSA celebrates its 40 year anniversary this year. As an organisation we have come a long way since those early days in 1967 when a group of dedicated anglers met in Cairns and come to the conclusion that there was a pressing need for a National peak body to represent the interests of recreational fishers, to conserve our fisheries and habitats and to promote the ideals of recreational fishing as an organised and enjoyable sport for all.

40 years on, ANSA remains totally committed to its founding core values of “Sport Conservation and Integrity”. With autonomous and well organised Branches in every State and an extensive network of affiliated clubs and members spread across Australia, ANSA is in a unique position to pick up and engage upon any issue that has a bearing on recreational fishing regardless of local, State or Commonwealth jurisdictions. It is this keen sense of grass roots awareness and concern coupled with the binding comradary across all levels of the ANSA framework that enables ANSA to get on with the job of trying to make a difference - whether it be to push the case for fishing access and preservation of our fisheries etc or to save lives through initiatives such as Angel Rings or fishing safety education.

ANSA is not all about fishing politics either but as times and public attitudes change there is an ever increasing need for ANSA to speak out and take a stand on issues that count either alone or in conjunction with other peak bodies including Recfish of which ANSA remains an active founding and supportive member.

This past year has been one of major challenge for ANSA at a State and National level with dual involvement on issues such as 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 etc to name a few.

A particular challenging and ongoing issue confronting ANSA and other peak bodies has been the Commonwealth resource sharing review of the Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery (ETBF) and our joint quest to have striped marlin declared a recreation only species and for longlining and the commercial use of live bait to be substantially restricted or at best phased out entirely.

After much soul searching it has been collectively agreed to adopt a pragmatic approach to the ETBF review and to conditionally endorse the review recommendations including spatial restrictions on longlining within the inshore waters of the ETBF zone and for striped marlin to remain a shared species. It is acknowledged that there will be some who will be unhappy at the softening of our position but it needs to be recognised that our conditional endorsement extends only for the term of the current review (2009) and as a trade off there will be a large tract of offshore water (extending from south east Qld to the far south coast of NSW) where longlining will no longer be allowed and a commitment to better research of the billfish fishery and commercial live bait use. These concessions, if adopted by the Government, are seen as ground-breaking steps for the future management of the fishery and preservation of marlin and other pelagic species.

Apart from its longstanding involvement with NSW Fisheries and the Game Fish Tagging Program, ANSA NSW continues to be actively involved in Fisheries research via the ANSA Austag program which extends right across Australia and is now regarded as the Nation's premier fish tagging programme with more than 500,000 fish captured, tagged and released since inception in 1985. ANSA has gradually become more and more involved with fisheries research issues based on the need for our members to have better information. ANSA has lead the way in promoting catch and release for the past 30 years so it was not surprising that ANSA was instrumental in establishing the very successful National Strategy for the Survival of Released fish. ANSA members have been involved directly in many of the research projects under that strategy.

Our other major initiatives are of course the Angel Ring and Rock Fishing Safety Projects. Our President Stan Konstantaras has been the driving force behind these projects for many years and under his direction both projects have moved beyond NSW into the national arena. Stan has covered these projects in his own report so I won't repeat his words of wisdom other than to say thank you to Stan and the project team on behalf of those whose lives have been saved and for the kudos your commitment and hard work have generated for ANSA. Keep up the great work.

ANSA and its members will continue to play a pivotal role in all issues that have a bearing on recreational fishing and the marine environment and management. We will continue to work with Governments and others and we see the interests of all recreational fishers best served by all like peak bodies working in unison towards common goals. Sure there will be times when we will agree to disagree on some issues but fundamentally the message is clear – we need to work together for the greater good.

Best wishes for another year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Burgess', written in a cursive style.

John Burgess
Vice president ANSA NSW
Executive Officer / Business Director ANSA National

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 for the year was \$16225.08. Expenditure for the year was \$19855.68. Our forecast budget of \$210.00 for 2006/2007 was an actual deficit of \$3630.60. 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 1191 members and 250 families. Our direct membership branch club, Sportfishing NSW, has 20 members. Refer to Membership Report for more detail.

Due to personal reasons Mark Bethoin resigned on 1-7-07 and is replaced by Shane Jasprizza Treasurer. He will be in a dual role.

12 Month Competition entries were 161 for the year. Well down on last year of 310. This accounted for 10 clubs and 59 members. Refer to Recorder's Report for more detail.

Masters Claims for the last 12 months have been 9. Congratulations to all members that received their Masters over the last 12 months. Refer to Masters Keeper's Report for more detail.

Tagging, Catch and Release. Stan continued to perform an outstanding job. Well done Stan! The Tagging Masters scheme will be replaced by the AUSTAG Achievement Award and Tagging Excellence Award. Read Stan's report it is interesting with plenty of facts on how we caught fish and how tagging is evolving.

Club liaison continues to be an important portfolio and tool for keeping members informed. Well done to Joe Garufi. This year we entirely revamped the ANSA NSW website. This time it was done professionally through co-ordination by Joe. 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 and funding. The project was also incorporated into the NSW Rock Safety initiative. Funding was received for pamphlets and a rock fishing safety DVD was made. This was well received by the general public.

This year we introduced the project in Victoria through a pilot project. Refer to Stan's report for further reading.

Over the last 12 months we have been involved with various public projects, public discussion, discussion papers on key issues. Some with success some with no success. Refer to Vice Presidents 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.

Tight Lines!

Yanko Serifi

NSW Secretary/ Public Officer

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Treasurer, John Burgess for his efforts in the role over the last 12 years. Enjoy your well deserved break John!

The financial statements for the 2006-07 financial year are appended to this report. Financially, ANSA NSW Branch remains in a sound position, with a bank balance of \$19,551.85. The operating result for the period was a deficit of \$3,630.60, against a budgeted surplus of \$210.00. I would note that, excluding the unbudgeted items, the financial results would have been very close to our original budget.

The following items should be noted when considering the current year's results:

- a) Total income for the year was \$16,225, which was on budget. A shortfall in membership income of \$934 compared to budget was offset by unbudgeted website sponsorship income of \$1,000.
- b) Total expenses for the year were \$19,855, which was \$3,815 over budget and \$5,992 higher than last year. Significant expense items are as follows;
 - At the June Committee meeting, the Committee voted to contribute \$1,500 towards the legal costs of defending the AAT hearing by the Nature Conservation Council. This was paid in 2005-06 and was not budgeted for. The Committee felt that this was a small price to pay to defend recreational angling against further expansion of "no fishing" zones. The outcome of the hearing had not been determined at the time of this report.
 - The Columbia Shirt offer to members has been a huge success, with over 200 shirts purchased by club members. A double-edged sword, with ANSA NSW subsidising the shirts to the tune of \$1,500, which covered the costs of embroidery plus a subsidy on the shirt itself, against a general budget of \$500 for Promotions.
 - Expenditure on the ANSA NSW website were \$1,210 over budget, with the Committee agreeing last year to revamp and redevelop the site. This was partially offset by the sale of advertising space on the site, which brought in \$1,000 in income. I trust that members agree the efforts with the website were worthwhile. It is a first-class site and a great promotion for ANSA NSW.
 - ANSA NSW contributed \$980 towards the cost of the 2005-06 Presentation and AGM, an expense which was not budgeted for.
 - Costs of phone, fax and email were \$480 below budget, I suspect due to Committee members not claiming their full reimbursements.
 - Insurances and National fees were lower than expected due to less than budgeted membership.

I have prepared a budget for the current year which again will see us with a modest surplus, while maintaining services to members at current levels and ensuring our ongoing viability.

Existing Angel Rings funding has mostly been spent. Additional funding from the Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme will see the Angel Rings project continue for at least a further 2 years. The Police project is nearing the rollout phase, with the remaining funds scheduled to be spent in the coming year. These projects are covered further by the President in his Angel Rings report.

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
NSW BRANCH
2007-08 Budget Forecast**

	Budget 2007-08	Budget 2006-07	Actual 2006-07
Income			
Member fees	\$15,500.00	\$16,000.00	\$15,066.00
Other Income	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$1,159.08</u>
Total Income	<u>\$16,700.00</u>	<u>\$16,250.00</u>	<u>\$16,225.08</u>
Expenditure			
National Fees	\$7,750.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,778.00
Insurances	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,323.32
Post / Stationary	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$766.17
Phone / Fax / Email	\$500.00	\$700.00	\$220.00
Travel Meetings	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$531.46
Licence fees	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$43.00
Badges / Trophies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$847.50
Newtag	-	\$300.00	-
Promotion	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,758.03
Website	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$1,510.00
AGM Subsidy/(Surplus)	\$250.00	-	\$980.00
RFA M'ship	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Sundries	\$1,500.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,898.20
Capital Expenditure	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>\$16,450.00</u>	<u>\$16,040.00</u>	<u>\$19,855.68</u>
Surplus/ (Deficit)	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$210.00</u>	<u>(\$3,630.60)</u>

I certify that these statements present a fair and proper view of the Association's trading performance and financial position as at 30 June 2007.



Shane Jasprizza
ANSA NSW Treasurer
12 August 2007

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
NSW BRANCH**

Comparative Financial Statements as at 30 June 2007

BALANCE SHEET

	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05
Accumulated Funds			
Balance as at 1 July	\$23,183.45	\$20,732.47	\$18,235.22
Current years (deficit)/surplus	<u>(\$3,630.60)</u>	<u>\$2,450.98</u>	<u>\$2,497.25</u>
Balance as at 30 June	\$19,552.85	\$23,183.45	\$20,732.47

Represented By

Fixed Assets (written down value)	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Cash at Bank	<u>\$19,551.85</u>	<u>\$23,182.45</u>	<u>\$20,731.47</u>
Total Assets	\$19,552.85	\$23,183.45	\$20,732.47

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

Income

Affiliation Fees	\$15,066.00	\$15,834.00	\$16,102.00
Masters/Badges/Records	nil	\$329.00	\$366.00
Website Advertising	\$1,000.00	nil	nil
Bank Interest	<u>\$159.08</u>	<u>\$151.70</u>	<u>\$119.69</u>
Total Income	\$16,225.08	\$16,314.70	\$16,587.69

Expenditure

General Administration

National Affiliation Fees paid	\$7,778.00	\$8,310.00	\$7,948.00
Incorporation & Licence Fees	\$43.00	\$41.00	\$140.00
Insurances	\$2,323.32	\$2,438.21	\$1,993.59
Postage/Stationery	\$766.17	\$460.85	\$1,046.90
Phone/Fax	\$220.00	\$643.10	\$823.75
Travel/Meetings	<u>\$531.46</u>	<u>\$283.91</u>	<u>\$384.38</u>
	\$11,661.95	\$12,177.07	\$12,336.62

Competition/Promotions

Badges/Certificates/Trophies	\$847.50	\$746.85	\$563.00
Promotions	\$1,758.03	\$94.00	\$432.00
New Tag expenses	nil	nil	nil
	<u>\$2,605.53</u>	<u>\$840.85</u>	<u>\$995.00</u>

Sundries

Website registration/Computer Software	\$1,510.00	nil	\$258.82
Recreational Fishing Alliance M'ship	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Austag Report Contribution	nil	\$360.80	\$300.00
AGM Subsidy/(Surplus)	\$980.00	\$285.00	nil
Sundries	\$1,398.20	nil	nil
Contribution to AAT GNS Case	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>
	\$5,588.20	\$845.80	\$758.82

Total Expenditure

	<u>\$19,855.68</u>	<u>\$13,863.72</u>	<u>\$14,090.44</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	<u>(\$3,630.60)</u>	<u>\$2,450.98</u>	<u>\$2,497.25</u>

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
NSW BRANCH**

Angel Ring Project Account as at 30 June 2007

Opening Bank Balance 1/7/06		Cr \$15,514.34
Less:		
Project admin	\$318.55	
Website & Internet	\$2,072.36	
Toll free phone	\$1,665.66	
Travel	\$2,473.27	
Multicultural materials	\$805.20	
Rings & materials	\$7,183.20	
Safety equipment & signage	<u>\$1,264.30</u>	\$15,782.54
Add:		
Refund - Business Name Registration	\$110.00	
Interest	\$271.77	
DFACS Small Equipment Grant	<u>\$1,430.00</u>	\$1,811.77
Closing Bank Balance 30/06/07		Cr \$1,543.57

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
NSW BRANCH**

Police Project Account as at 30 June 2007

Opening Bank Balance 1/7/06		Cr \$27,920.00
Less:		
Project admin	\$1,540.00	
Travel	\$0.00	
Rings & materials	\$0.00	
Safety signage	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$1,540.00
Add:		
nil		
Closing Bank Balance 30/06/07		Cr \$26,380.00

Membership Registrar Report - 2006 / 2007

As the 30th June 2007 the membership status is:-

Total members	1191	New Members	214
Senior members	875	New seniors	138
Student members	5	New students	2
Junior members	305	New juniors	74
Number of families	250		
Number of Financial Clubs	33		

In the last year the membership has dropped slightly again. There has been a few clubs speaking to John interested in joining ANSA to become part of the PLI scheme and a few that have joined and are yet to move members to us. We have also had a fishing web site start an ANSA sport fishing club and we will have members coming from them soon to boost our numbers.

We have had 214 new members join this year which accounted for approximately 17.9% of the total membership.

Please remember that members must be financial to be able to enter captures for National records, NSW competitions and as well as being covered by insurance schemes.

I have been having work and health issues of late so am unable to continue with this roll but luckily Shane Jasprizza is able to take over and I am handing it all over to him from the start of the 2007/2008 year, his contact details are;

Shane Jasprizza
14 Bingham Circuit
KALEEN ACT 2617
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Members for 2006 / 2007

Club	Senior	Junior	Student	Life	Total
A F A Sportfishing Club	16	6			22
Bargo Fishing Club	51	33			84
Barrenjoey Sport Fishing Club	7		1		9
Basin Lure And Fly Anglers	1	2			3
Bermagui Sportfishing Club	14	4	1		19
Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	57	24			81
Campbelltown City Sport Fish Club	52	23		1	76
Canberra Fishermans Club	45	21			66
Eden Sport & Game Fishing Club	23	17	1		41
Happy Hookers Sportfishing Club	8	1	1		10
Lakeside Tavern Fishing Club	6				6
Manly Warringah Sportfishing Club	15	7			22
Medowie Bull & Bush Fishing Club	9				9
Merimbula B G L A C	8	2			10

Club	Senior	Junior	Student	Life	Total
Mooney Hawks Fishing Club	2	1			3
Narooma Sport & Game Fishing Club	48	9			57
Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	29	8			37
Northern Rivers Hotel Fishing Club	4				4
Nowra Sport Fishing Club	42	9			51
Ocean Beach Hotel Fishing Club	15	1		1	17
Rod & Reel Sports Fishing Club	32	31			63
Sands Hotel Fishing Club	18	5			23
Sea Bees Boating Club	34	5			39
Sportfishing NSW	17	2		1	20
St George Sportfishing Club	78	22		1	101
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	152	37	1		190
Sussex Inlet Bowling Fishing Club	12	1			13
The Fishing Site Sport Fishers Club					0
Ulladulla Sport & Game Fishing Club	6	4			10
WAC Fishing Club					0
Wagga Boat Club Anglers	9	4			13
Western District Sport Fishing Club	26	10		1	37
Winston Hill Northmead Fishing Club					0
Wollongong Sportfishing Club	36	17	1	1	55
	875	305	5	6	1191

Mark Berthoin
Membership Registrar

Recorder's Report

There were some mixed results for the ANSA NSW competitions this year, with a marked drop in the number of 12-Month competition entries, but a jump in the number of entrants in the State Titles. There were still a goodly number of State Records, and a slight rise in the number of Australian Record claims.

In addition, a new competition was launched, this being the ANSA NSW Convention Circuit. This competition was taken from the results of the 6 conventions through the year.

12-Month Competition

This year's 12-Month competition attracted 161 entries, well down from last years 310. This compares to 396 entries for 2004/05, and 186 for 2003/04. Entries were logged in all categories, though there were several gaps.

10 Clubs submitted entries as follows:

Wollongong	36
Canberra	32
Botany Bay	27
St George	26
South Sydney	15
Newcastle	9
Eden	7
Sea Bees	4
Nowra	3
AFA Sportfishing	2.

Entries were submitted for 59 individual anglers, and 35 species of fish were logged.

There are no rule changes flagged for this year, though there is one that I would like to see changed. Currently there is a 5-week lag at the end of the fishing year for entries to be submitted. I would like to see this requirement dropped to 2 or 3 weeks, as all it seems to do is to hold up processes at the end of the year.

State Titles

The State Titles for 2007 were held in a slightly different format to previous years, with only a single tackle division, rather than the 2 for previous years. A minor cosmetic change was the idea of an extended period to return entries to the Recorder, but as all entries were submitted within days anyway, this will be dropped for next year.

This year there were 69 entries from 9 clubs, in 22 Senior and 3 Junior teams. This was well up from last years 37 anglers in 13 teams from 4 clubs.

As from next year, placings at the State Titles will count towards the ANSA NSW Convention Circuit.

ANSA NSW Convention Circuit

A new competition was instigated for the 2006-07 fishing year. The competition, the brain-child of ex-President Les Waldock, was taken from the entries and results for each of the 6 convention held for the 2006-07 fishing year.

All anglers who attended and registered at the 6 conventions accumulated attendance points, bonus attendance points for each 3 conventions fished, and accumulated competition points based on the placings for the St Georges trophy at each convention – ie anglers received points for attending, and points for placings in each St George category.

The competition was keenly fought, and I think makes a good addition to the ANSA NSW competitions.

For next years Convention Circuit, points will be accumulated from the 6 conventions, as well as the NSW State Titles. Attendance points will not be tallied from the State Titles, but the 5 highest-scoring fish in each category will attract competition points.

There are 4 categories in the ACC:

- Senior Male
- Ladies
- Junior Boy
- Junior Girl

State Records

The number of State Records continues to drop, though more slowly than previously. This is in the main because of the quality of the captures now required to break an existing record. This is exactly what I would have expected.

There were 116 new line class records set for this fishing year.

National Records

There were 25 new National Record claims submitted for 2006/07, and of these 17 have so far been granted.

Darren Hossack

Other Award Winners

ANSA NSW Convention Circuit

Senior Male: Ron Camp (St George) – 48 points
Ladies: Kimberley Stolk (Wollongong) – 25 points
Junior Boy: Mitchell Jobson (Wollongong) – 28 points
Junior Girl: Breanna Busuttill (Botany Bay) – 14 points
Rhiannon Hossack (Canberra) – 14 points

Most Meritorious Capture:

Jason Simpson (South Sydney)
254.2kg blue marlin on 24kg line

Roy Winter Memorial Trophy (Rock Fishing Capture):

Shane Bourke (Newcastle)
29.5kg cobia on 8kg line

2007 ANSA NSW State Titles

Results

Teams:

Senior:

1st: Wollongong 1 - 2297 points

Greg Clarke
Chris Stolk
Terry Tatton

2nd: Newcastle 1 – 973.5 points

Warren Sinclair
Braedon Sinclair
Allan Jobson

3rd: Nowra 1 – 824.3 points

Glen Edwards
Lance Harvey
Barry Preston

Junior:

1st: Canberra 1 - 150 points

James Hossack
Rhiannon Hossack

Individual

Senior Male:

1st: Greg Clarke - Wollongong - 1255 points

2nd: Chris Stolk – Wollongong – 542 points

3rd: Terry Tatton – Wollongong – 500 points

Ladies:

1st: Barbara Stoddard - Bermagui - 174.6 points

2nd: Etna Pretorius – Canberra – 49.2 points

Junior Boy:

1st: James Hossack - Canberra - 150 points

Junior Girl:

1st: Lauren Tatton - Wollongong - 357.5 points

Sub-Junior Boy:

1st: Braedon Sinclair - Newcastle - 580.5 points

Sub-Junior Girl:

Not Awarded

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition 2006-07 - Final Standings

ANGLERS NAME CLUB SPECIES MASS LINE POINTS

DIVISION 1 - Landbased Gamefishing (excl. carp)

1	Shane Bourke	Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	COBIA	29.500	8	553.125
2	Chris Billing	St George Sportfishing Club	MARLIN - BLACK	96.000	24	480.000
3	Tomasz Szyszkowski	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TUNA - LONGTAIL	12.500	6	312.500

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

1	Jeff Tabley	St George Sportfishing Club	BLACKFISH - ROCK	3.050	3	152.500
2	Phil Turner	St George Sportfishing Club	GROPER - BLUE/RED	1.900	2	142.500
3	Michael Tabley	St George Sportfishing Club	BLACKFISH - ROCK	3.750	4	140.625

DIVISION 3 - Sportfishing Ocean Beach

1	Jeff Tabley	St George Sportfishing Club	SALMON -	3.250	2	195.000
2	Jeff Tabley	St George Sportfishing Club	SALMON -	2.950	2	177.000
3	Jeff Tabley	St George Sportfishing Club	SALMON -	2.850	2	171.000

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

1	Robert Sciberras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	MULLOWAY	6.640	2	332.000
2	Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	5.700	2	285.000
3	Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	5.300	2	265.000

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

1	Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLACK	94.000	15	752.000
2	Jose Vidovic	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	TUNA - YELLOWFIN	29.000	6	725.000
3	Justin Springett	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	MARLIN - STRIPED	75.000	15	600.000

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

1	Jose Vidovic	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	3.450	4	86.250
2	Gordon Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing	BREAM - YELLOWFIN	1.150	2	69.000
3	Vacant			0.000		0.000

DIVISION 6 - Sportfishing Fresh Water (excl. carp)

1	Ron Abdilla	Sea Bees Boating Club	PERCH - GOLDEN	4.500	2	225.000
2	Ron Abdilla	Sea Bees Boating Club	COD - MURRAY	3.100	2	124.000
3	Ian Buchanan	Canberra Fishermans Club	TROUT - BROWN	2.420	2	121.000

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

1	Warren Sinclair	Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	TUNA - YELLOWFIN	4.138	2	310.350
2	Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing	TUNA - MACKEREL	3.900	2	292.500
3	Warren Sinclair	Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	TUNA - MACKEREL	5.718	3	285.900

DIVISION 8 - Lurecasting Freshwater (excl. carp)

1	Barry Preston	Nowra Sport Fishing Club	PERCH - GOLDEN	4.500	2	225.000
2	Barry Preston	Nowra Sport Fishing Club	PERCH - GOLDEN	3.700	2	185.000
3	Andre Pretorius	Canberra Fishermans Club	PERCH - GOLDEN	2.110	2	105.500

DIVISION 9 - Lurecasting in Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries

1	Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	6.600	2	330.000
2	Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	4.900	2	245.000
3	Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	4.900	2	245.000

DIVISION 10 - Flyfishing Saltwater Outside

1	Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing	DOLPHIN FISH	3.200	2	240.000
2	Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing	KINGFISH -	2.100	2	157.500
3	Vacant			0.000		0.000

DIVISION 11 - Flyfishing Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries (excl.

1	Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing	TAILOR	3.100	2	155.000
2	Stuart Bell	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	LUDERICK	1.260	2	75.600
3	Vacant			0.000		0.000

DIVISION 12 - Flyfishing Freshwater (excl. carp)

1	Gordon Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing	TROUT - BROWN	1.850	2	92.500
2	Paul Buttigeig	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	TROUT - BROWN	1.530	2	76.500
3	Gordon Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing	TROUT - RAINBOW	1.000	2	50.000

DIVISION 13 - Sportfishing Carp Only (Seniors)

1	Andre Pretorius	Canberra Fishermans Club	CARP - EUROPEAN	11.150	2	446.000
2	Ian Buchanan	Canberra Fishermans Club	CARP - EUROPEAN	9.140	2	365.600
3	Steve Borkowskis	Canberra Fishermans Club	CARP - EUROPEAN	8.500	2	340.000

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

1	Nadine Pretorius	Canberra Fishermans Club	CARP - EUROPEAN	5.400	2	216.000
2	Lee-Ann Pretorius	Canberra Fishermans Club	CARP - EUROPEAN	3.540	2	141.600
3	Jack Stathakis	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	CARP - EUROPEAN	3.335	2	133.400

DIVISION 15 - Gamefishing (excl. carp)

1	Jason Simpson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	MARLIN - BLUE	254.200	24	1270.999
2	Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLACK	132.000	24	660.000
3	Leo Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing	MARLIN - BLACK	80.000	15	640.000

DIVISION 16 - Handline (excl. carp)

1	Mary Worsley	St George Sportfishing Club	MULLOWAY	12.500	6	208.333
2	Mary Worsley	St George Sportfishing Club	TUNA - YELLOWFIN	4.900	6	122.499
3	Sam Sanfilippo	St George Sportfishing Club	TUNA - STRIPED	3.200	4	120.000

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

1	Debi Buttigieg	Botany Bay Sport Fishing	MARLIN - STRIPED	59.500	24	297.500
2	Mary Worsley	St George Sportfishing Club	TUNA - YELLOWFIN	10.250	6	256.250
3	Deborah Logan	St George Sportfishing Club	MULLOWAY	7.500	4	187.500

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

1	Nicholas Vella	A F A Sportfishing Club	MARLIN - BLACK	33.000	10	396.000
2	Braedon Sinclair	Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	SALMON -	3.200	2	192.000
3	Braedon Sinclair	Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	SALMON -	3.100	2	186.000

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

1	Nadine Pretorius	Canberra Fishermans Club	PERCH - REDFIN	1.660	2	83.000
2	Vacant			0.000		0.000
3	Vacant			0.000		0.000

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

1	Braedon Sinclair	Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	TUNA - MACKEREL	6.650	3	332.499
2	Braedon Sinclair	Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	TUNA - MACKEREL	6.080	3	303.999
3	Braedon Sinclair	Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	TUNA - MACKEREL	5.735	3	286.750

DIVISION 21 - Tag and Release

ANGLER	CLUB	POINTS
Mario Imbriano	Canberra Fishermans Club	350
John Rankin	Eden Sport & Game Fishing Club	285
Glen Pollock	Eden Sport & Game Fishing Club	175

DIVISION 22 - Most Versatile

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	POINTS
Greg Clarke	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	46
Chris Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	21
Ian Phillips	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	20

DIVISION 23 - Champion Club

CLUB	POINTS
Wollongong Sportfishing Club	37
St George Sportfishing Club	23
Canberra Fishermans Club	19
Newcastle Sport Fishing Club	16
Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	12
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	9
Sea Bees Boating Club	5
Nowra Sport Fishing Club	5
Eden Sport & Game Fishing Club	3
A F A Sportfishing Club	3

GAMEFISH TAGGING PROGRAM

NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has been operating the NSW Gamefish Tagging Program since 1973. The program has resulted in over 328,000 fish successfully tagged to date and this has included over 60 species of fish.

There are now 4 tags being used in the NSW DPI- Fisheries Gamefish Tagging Program:

1. The smaller pink tag is a small pelagic tag used for species such as Mahi Mahi, Bonito and Salmon
2. The yellow nylon tag is for species like Tuna, Kingfish over 80cm, Cobia, Wahoo and Albacore
3. The yellow steel tag is for sharks only
4. The red nylon tag is now for all Billfish only



The flow of information about the GFTP continues out to the clubs, with updates and Bulletins being sent every few months and all updates and changes sitting on the www.ansaau.com.au website. The updated tagging list <http://www.ansaau.com.au/projects/projEligibleSpeciesList.pdf> and all the updated tagging bulletins 11, 12, 13 and 14 <http://www.ansaau.com.au/NewTag.html>



KINGFISH CHANGES

This year NSW DPI asked us to encourage a shift in kingfish tagging activity. ANSA NSW Clubs had tagged over 2000 Kingfish last season and this has resulted in some useful data on kingfish, however it appears that on a cost benefit basis it would be more beneficial to change the focus from tagging juvenile fish. Tagging data has revealed that kingfish have a high recapture rate, standing at approximately 6.9%. Over the past five

years. 372 kingfish have been recaptured; of which only 20 of these (5.4%) have been caught more than 100 nautical miles from original release, despite an average time at liberty of 168 days. Further to this, 86% of recaptured fish have been caught within 50 miles of their release locations. This appears to demonstrate that kingfish, particularly juveniles, generally undertake very limited movements.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that kingfish do leave their limited home ranges for a short period of time, possibly for spawning related activities. This is an area of particular interest for management of kingfish stocks. Research has shown that the smallest mature kingfish are 80cm in length, therefore it is suggested that the tagging of juveniles (up to 80cm) is reduced and the tagging of mature fish (> 80cm or over) is encouraged to establish better data on spawning related movements. It would be appreciated if you could relay this message to your members and encourage this shift in kingfish tagging activity. Please note that tagging of pelagic fish of 80cm or over should be undertaken with the large pelagic tag, which is currently yellow in colour.

TAGGING AWARD CHANGES

ANSA NSW will be making some changes to our awards system in relation to tagging masters that will finally bring us into line with all the other states and under the AUSTAG banner of awards systems. The old Tagging Masters will be replaced with AUSTAG Tagging Achievement and Tagging Excellence Award. These awards were established by ANSA National in 2001, but NSW is now the only state not applying the new awards. With ANSA National set to cease issuing the old Tagging Masters awards in 2008, we will be making the necessary changes in the next few months. An update will be sent to all clubs in the very near future.

BASS AND ESTUARY PERCH DNA SAMPLING

This year ANSA NSW had been asked to once again to support a research establishment in much the same the way we assisted the University of Tasmania and FRDC in the recently completed Flathead Survival Project.

Kim Shaddick, a PhD student from Macquarie University (Sydney) was working on conservation-oriented study of the evolutionary history of perches and basses. The project focused on the catadromous estuary perch and Australian bass and used DNA markers to clarify the population genetic structure of both species. The use of a DNA approach enabled the researchers to distinguish between natural population structures and those affected by stocking activities. The information will be used to suggest management strategies aimed at preserving the genetic integrity of the two species. This project was a collaborative effort that involves the Molecular Ecology Laboratory at Macquarie University and the DPI Fisheries conservation program at Narrandera. It had been suggested that these two fish species are geographically structured along the coast and that even though they have the ability to disperse over long distances you don't see too much mixing between the populations. However, for a proper understanding of population structure, Kim needed to analyse samples from the entire range where the species are distributed.

Kim was after fin clippings from specific location in NSW and Victoria. Specimen vials and work instructions were provided to participating anglers by NEWTAG and collected. Kim is currently working on preparing a final report and the many samples provided by us were invaluable to her research.

Stan Konstantaras
NEWTAG Coordinator



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Masters Keepers Report 2006/07

Congratulations to all those who successfully applied for and received Masters Awards over the last fishing year 2006/07. Masters awards were awarded in four categories over the last fishing year in Sportfishing, Lurecasting, Gamefishing and Tagging categories.

Congratulations must go to Canberra Fishing Club as they were the most successful Club with five of their members receiving Masters Awards followed by South Sydney and Nowra whose members each received two awards. Specific details of Masters Awards during 2006/07 are as following:

Sportfishing Category

Shane Jasprizza – Canberra
Mel Marlborough – Canberra
Lance Harvey – Nowra

Tagging Category

Stephen Karoutzos – South Sydney

Lurecasting Category

David Walton – Canberra

Gamefishing Category

Matt Manson – South Sydney
Stephen Bailey – Canberra
Jeff Dowle – Nowra
David Walton – Canberra

Categories not awarded during 2006/07:

Over the last fishing year there were no Masters Awards claimed in the following categories: Flyfishing, Handlining, Land based Gamefishing, Freshwater Impoundments, Land based Sportfishing but I am sure there are members working on these awards.

Confusion addressed:

Over the last twelve months there has been a little confusion in regard to the correct procedure in submitting claims for Masters Awards. This is perhaps for a number of reasons: Firstly my predecessor Bruce Tozer played a dual role with both ANSA - NSW and ANSA - National in processing Branch Masters claims and updating Nationals Master Records. On that basis the correct process did not really matter as long as any Masters Claim got to Bruce.

Secondly the Masters Claim Form that was previously on the National web site during the last twelve months required a Masters Claim Form to be forwarded by a Club to the Branch (NSW) Record Keeper. This issue was brought to the attention of the ANSA National Executive Officer earlier this year and I am pleased to advise the Masters Form on the National web site has now been modified.

And finally Clubs/Members are using very old Masters Form's – some 10 years old.

In the future, National propose to review the current Masters Claim process and address inconsistencies that currently applies to Tagging Masters between Branches.

Procedure for 2007/08

After downloading a Masters Claim Form from the ANSA National web site the applicant fills in the capture details and signs it. The form is then signed by the respective Club Recorder. The Masters Claim is then forwarded to:

Max Castle – NSW Branch Masters Keeper (address below) for recording, processing and forwarding to National. National process the claim then post the Masters certificate patch and pin to the NSW Branch Masters Keeper who posts the award to the respective Club Secretary.

I would be pleased if each Club Secretary could advise me via email (details below) when they receive members Masters Award so I can promptly complete my records and update the information for the ANSA – NSW web site. Good mastering to all!

Max Castle - NSW – ANSA Branch Masters Keeper
90 Spring Ave Kings Langley 2147 email:cnmcastle@optusnet.au

home: 8840 8194
mobile: 0412 468375

2006 – 2007	ANSA- NSW NSW Club	Masters To National	Anglers From National	Award To Club Sec.	Status 31.6.07 Comments
<i>Sportfishing</i>					
Shane Jasprizza	Canberra FC	11.7.2006	-	11.11.2006	Completed
LanceHarvey (20)	Nowra SPC	16.2.2007	19.3.2007	21.3.2007	Completed - confirmed 3.4.07
Mel Marlborough	Canberra FC			received	Sent/received direct to/from National
<i>Lurecasting</i>					
David Walton	Canberra FC	11.7.2006	-	11.11.2006	Completed
<i>Flyfishing</i>					
Nil					
<i>Gamefishing</i>					
Matt Manson	South Sydney AFA	19.5.2006	-	9.9.2006	Completed
Stephen Bailey	Canberra FC	11.7.2006	-	11.11.06	Completed
Jeff Dowle	Nowra SPC	16.2.2007	*19.3.2007 5.04.07	5.04.07	Completed Confirmed received 17.5.07
David Walton	Canberra FC		-	(2.07.07)	Completed – 2.07.07 Sent/received direct to/from National
<i>Handlining</i>					
Nil					
<i>Land Based Gamefishing</i>					
Nil					
<i>Tagging</i>					
Stephen Karoutzos	South Sydney AFA	11.5.2006	-	11.7.2006	Completed - Y/fin Tuna
<i>Freshwater Impoundments</i>					
Nil					
<i>Land Based Sportfishing</i>					
Nil					

Editor/Club Liaison Officers' Annual Report

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 involved the re-vamping of the ANSA NSW email database and ensuring consistent and current information was getting out to the ANSA NSW Clubs.

The ANSA NSW email database has gone ahead in leaps and bounds. The database currently hosts 33 of the 35 ANSA NSW affiliated Clubs. The only two Clubs that are not on the email database are Bargo Fishing Club and Northern Rivers Hotel Fishing Club. Most of the Clubs on the database have minimum one contact. In total, the database hosts 60 points of contact, which includes the ANSA NSW direct membership, Sportfishing NSW.

It has been a hard sell and has taken many hours to reconstruct and maintain the database. Although the feedback has been positive from our affiliated Clubs, ANSA NSW still feels that the information is not filtering through to the members of these Clubs efficiently. This is not an assumption, but a fact as at a State level we have received several calls direct from Club executives and / or members complaining that they "haven't heard from ANSA NSW for a long time."

ANSA NSW sends out information on an almost weekly basis. So if you are not hearing from ANSA NSW, speak to your contact person. Listed below are the current listings of Club contact points/persons. If you wish to add to this listing, please make sure you contact me.

Clubs and Club Contact Point/Person.

AFA SFC	Arthur Cianter
Barrenjoey SFC	Ross Kerr, Glen Ward
Basin Lure & Fly FC	David Blackburn
Bermagui SFC	Michael McMasters, Bob Caves
Botany Bay SFC	Mark Bethoin
Campbelltown City SFC	Matthew Brown
Canberra FC	Chris De La Rue, Shane Jasprizza, Matt Perdrau
Eden S&GFC	Brian Schofield
Happy Hookers SFC	Glen Coubrough, Bruce Robinson, Tony Filmer
Lakeside Tavern FC	Rosemary Wenham
Manly Warringah SFC	Bruce Olsen
Medowie FC	Dave Coggan
Mooney Hawks FC	Andrew Goldrick
Narooma S&GFC	Denis Allnut, Les Waldock, Narooma Club House
Newcastle SFC	Eddie Sitarz, Greg McFarlane, Warren Sinclair, Arthur Smith
Nowra SFC	Glen/Jan Edwards, John Monahan, Gordon Croot, Anne Muller, Lance Harvey, Ron & Faye Hanson

Ocean Beach Hotel FC	Barry Whitfield
Penrith Panthers SFC	Stephen Borg
Rod & Reel SFC	John Butcher
Sands Hotel FC	Brett Askew
Saphire Coast SFC	Shane Mayberry
Sea Bees BC	Ron Abdilla, Max Castle
South Sydney AFA	Stan Konstantaras
St George SFC	Peter Logan, Phil/Mary Worsley, Bill Harvey
The Fishing Site FC	Rohit Lai
Sussex Inlet BFC	Margaret Christian
Ulladulla S&GFC	Wayne Fry
WAC Fishing Club	Owen McCule
Wagga Boat Anglers Club	Wazza Urquhart, Dave Wescombe
Western Districts SFC	Christian Gough, Wayne Evans, Pat Hunter
Winston Hills Northmead	Keith Range, Greg Wake, Rob Dennett, Neil Williams
Wollongong SFC	Leo Stolk, Ian Phillips
Sportfishing NSW	2 x Contacts

The Website.

As far as communication is concerned, ANSA NSW's greatest achievement must be the launch of its new website. The reconstruction of the ANSA NSW website was a major step in ensuring that the ANSA NSW membership had a tool that was concise, easy to operate, readily maintainable, aesthetically pleasing and available 24 hours a day.

In the past, the website was always maintained in house by a volunteer webmaster, Peter Kenyon. With commitments to his growing family, Peter unfortunately could not continue his services to ANSA NSW. I take this opportunity thank Peter for his commitment for some three years and commend him for his service to ANSA NSW.

ANSA NSW decided to employ a professional webmaster to redesign, construct and maintain a new website. This of course was going to cost a fairly substantial amount of money. Hence, ANSA NSW went in search of sponsors that could aid to the cost of the construction and maintenance of the new ANSA NSW website.

It was surprisingly easy and several companies jumped at the opportunity to advertise on our new website. So before we knew it, the construction costs had been covered by advertising. Several Associations were approached and offered an opportunity to add a link to their sites on the ANSA NSW website and they too jumped at the opportunity. In affect, the website is paying for itself, with minimal outlays from ANSA NSW funds.

There were teething problems of course, but this was to be expected. Even so, the success of the ANSA NSW website has been amazing. In fact, in the first month that the ANSA NSW website was launched we expected a large volume of traffic. We were right. There were over 20,000 hits. This included 328 direct visits, 150 of these visits being unique

and a band width of over 41 mega bites. Although we expected the website traffic to drop in quantity, data records for June 2007 still have the site well trafficked with some 16,000 hits. This includes 329 direct visits, 225 of these visits being unique and a band width of over 75 mega bites.

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Reported period: Feb 2007 OK

Summary

Reported period	Month Feb 2007				
First visit	06 Feb 2007 - 23:48				
Last visit	28 Feb 2007 - 23:39				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Traffic viewed *	150	328 (2.18 visits/visitor)	3617 (11.02 pages/visit)	20802 (63.42 hits/visit)	41.47 MB (129.46 KB/visit)
Traffic not viewed *			817	826	16.89 MB

* Not viewed traffic includes traffic generated by robots, worms, or replies with special HTTP status codes.

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Reported period: Jun 2007 OK

Summary

Reported period	Month Jun 2007				
First visit	NA				
Last visit	30 Jun 2007 - 23:17				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Traffic viewed *	225	329 (1.46 visits/visitor)	3099 (9.41 pages/visit)	16359 (49.72 hits/visit)	75.92 MB (236.28 KB/visit)
Traffic not viewed *			1365	1381	45.32 MB

* Not viewed traffic includes traffic generated by robots, worms, or replies with special HTTP status codes.

As you can see, both the email database and the website seem to be working well. Even so, we would encourage the membership to become more active in the distribution of ANSA NSW information. This will ensure ANSA NSW is reaching its membership and that you are well informed of current issues.

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ANNUAL REPORT ANGEL RINGS 2006-2007

06/07 has been another busy year for the team with not many new installations but a mile of maintenance related issues. This year we also established a new website, www.angelrings.com.au that has allowed us host all of our related material, management plans and maps on the one site, we further established links with like minded associations and government agencies that will further promote the program and we continue to chip away at the issue of rock fishing safety in our own unique way. We have shared our program with agencies in New Zealand and in May 06 had a research paper on Angel Rings accepted at the World Water Safety Conference in Portugal, and with funding approval pending we should be able to deliver the angel ring message in September 07. We have been also working on new installations at Taffra and Coffs Harbour and with months of ground work already completed final approval is very close for these installations.

Below is a snapshot of the 06/07 year for the angel ring team:

Angel Ring installations

Whilst we have not been idle and only installed 3 new assemblies since June 06, we have been busy replacing rings, plaques and posts. We have had a terrible year in terms of the size and frequency of large waves and swell that has been pounding our coastal rock platforms and inadvertently our angel rings. Below is our distribution and maintenance list for 06/07:

ANSA NSW	Red Rock	New	Jul-06
ANSA NSW	Red Rock	New	Jul-06
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ANSA NSW	Red Rock	Spare Ring	Jul-06
ANSA NSW	Red Rock	Spare Ring	Jul-06
Manly SFC	Nth Curl Curl Pool	Replacement Ring/Post	Aug-06
Manly SFC	Nth Curl Curl Headland	Replacement Ring/Post	Aug-06
Manly SFC	Goat Tack, Sth Dee Why	Replacement Post	Aug-06
Wollongong SFC	Coalcliff	Replacement Ring	Sep-06
Wollongong SFC	Battery Point	Replacement Ring	Sep-06
Wollongong SFC	Windang Island	Replacement Ring	Sep-06
South Sydney AFA	Yellow Rock	Replacement Ring	Sep-06
ANSA NSW	Mummorah SRA- Office	Replacement Ring	Oct-06
ANSA NSW	Mummorah SRA- Office	Replacement Ring	Oct-06
ANSA NSW	Mummorah SRA- Office	Replacement Ring	Oct-06
ANSA NSW	Mummorah SRA- Office	Replacement Ring	Oct-06
ANSA NSW	Catherine Hill Bay	Replacement Ring	Nov-06
South Sydney AFA	Yellow Rock	Replacement Ring/Post	Nov-06
South Sydney AFA	Yellow Rock	Replacement Ring/Post	Nov-06
South Sydney AFA	Jolong	Replacement Ring	Mar-07
South Sydney AFA	Cape Banks	Replacement Ring	Mar-07
South Sydney AFA	Nth Maroubra	Replacement Ring	Mar-07
ANSA NSW	Red Rock	Replacement Ring	Dec-06
South Sydney AFA	Cape Banks	Replacement Ring	Apr-07
South Sydney AFA	Jolong	Replacement Ring	Apr-07
South Sydney AFA	The Trap	Replacement Ring	Apr-07
South Sydney AFA	Nth Maroubra	Replacement Ring	Apr-07
South Sydney AFA	Mahon Pool Nth Maroubra	Replacement Ring	Apr-07
South Sydney AFA	Nth Maroubra	Replacement Ring	Apr-07
Wollongong SFC	Blowhole Point Kiama	Replacement Ring	Apr-07
Wollongong SFC	Blowhole Point Kiama	Replacement Ring	Apr-07
Wollongong SFC	Blowhole Point Kiama	New Plaques	Apr-07
Wollongong SFC	Blowhole Point Kiama	New Plaques	Apr-07
Wollongong SFC	Marsden Headland	New Plaques	Apr-07
ANSA NSW	Red Rock	Replacement Ring	May-07
Wollongong SFC	Marsden Headland	Replacement Ring	Jun-07
Wollongong SFC	Blowhole Point Kiama	Replacement Plaque	Jun-07
Wollongong SFC	Blowhole Point Kiama	Replacement Plaque	Jun-07

Wollongong SFC	Killeen Rec Area	Replacement Plaque	Jun-07
Wollongong SFC	Killeen Rec Area	Replacement Ring	Jun-07
ANSA NSW	Moonree Headland	Replacement Ring	Jun-07
ANSA NSW	Moonree Headland	Replacement Ring	Jun-07
ANSA NSW	Moonree Headland	Replacement Ring	Jun-07
ANSA NSW	Moonree Headland	Replacement Ring	Jun-07
ANSA NSW	Catherine Hill Bay	Replacement Ring	Jun-07
ANSA NSW	Catherine Hill Bay	Replacement Ring	Jun-07
ANSA NSW	Catherine Hill Bay	Replacement Ring/Post	Jun-07

A replacement involves a physical check of the location and then sourcing the spares to go and do the job, so we are all continually scurrying along the rocks checking the installations. Calls are also received on the Freecall 1800 number to pick up rings that have been washed away, so we need to attend to these as well.

We also managed a flying visit to Red Rock, just north of Coffs Harbour. Mal, Yanko, Jim Kosyfas and I left Swansea at 5am, drove to Coffs, put 3 rings, posed for the local press, stopped off at the tackle shop and were back at Swansea for a Thai meal at 7.30pm, not a bad effort. A local resident, Marilyn Allen completed all the negotiations with the traditional owners of Red Rock, local council and lands department on our behalf and put her hand out to monitor the rings. In hindsight our job was easy! A very good outcome for ANSA NSW with the locals taking ownership of the angel rings in their area. I know I am hoping to foster more of these partnerships in the future.

Website

The www.angelrings.com.au website is being upgraded to host all the management plans and maps of the rings and locations. This has taken some time, but updates are constantly being added. We are linking to many other sites that promote fishing safety. If your club has a website, make it a point to link back to the angel rings website and help us further promote rock fishing safety.

Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme

The Angel Ring Project is set to continue beyond 2007 and into 2008 with the Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme (RFCGP) approving \$59,000 for the ANSA NSW Angel Ring Project.

With almost \$70,000 sourced from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust Fund over the past few years for Angel Rings, ANSA NSW was pleased to see the Federal Government provide assistance to continue the project. The funds will be used to maintain and install angel rings across NSW. Current locations up for approval include locations in Tathra and Coffs Harbour. Funds have also been made available under the grant to build a new installation and display trailer for the project. Transport of equipment and tools will be a lot easier and the trailer will double as a mobile rock fishing safety display, complete with DVD Player. Volunteers from ANSA NSW will be out and about highlighting the project and rock fishing safety.

The Federal Fisheries Minister, the Hon Eric Abetz has supported all the applications that have been presented in relation to rock fishing safety, including a roll out of free rockfishing safety DVDs on a national fishing magazine and delivery to of the DVD to non-traditional tackle outlets.

ANSA National and Angel Rings

In April 2007, ANSA NSW coordinated the installation of 8 Angel Rings in Victoria as a pilot program and is looking at other States that it can help with rockfishing safety issues. This project was collaboration between ANSA National, Lifesaving Victoria, ANSA NSW and ANSA Victoria. The RFCGP approved the initial funding of \$8,000 for ANSA National to investigate and distribute rock fishing information that was the catalyst for this pilot project. Additional work is now being done across Australia under the ongoing RFCGP Project.

NSW Recreational Fishing Trust Fund

The NSW Fisheries Minister, the Hon Ian Macdonald and the NSW Trust Fund have been big supporters of the rock fishing safety initiative that has been ongoing for a few years now within NSW.

The Angel Ring Project has also benefited by the work The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW (RFA of NSW), NSW DPI – Fisheries and the Department of Sport and Recreation are doing on rockfishing safety within NSW. These rockfishing safety projects include translated DVDs, CD-ROMS, and community

workshops, translated resource material and have amounted to almost \$200,000 in funding that ANSA NSW and the RFA of NSW have managed over the past 3 years.

ANSA NSW Police Angel Ring Project:

The recently funded Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme (RFCGP) project that will see Angel Rings issued to NSW Police Local Area Commands is nearing completion and final implementation.

Almost 12 months of behind the scenes work has been completed and a rollout of rings is expected in the near future. Back in 2005 Inspector Ralph Deans from Eastern Suburbs Local Area Command initiated a trial project that saw 3 local stations equipped with angel rings as a first response to a call out for a rock fishing rescue. Most calls for help are coordinated via the Police and 000. A further \$34,000 was granted to ANSA NSW to rollout the project state wide. The Marine Area Command, the Commissioners Inspectorate and ANSA NSW are now finalising the locations, internal procedures, operating manuals and instructional manuals on the angle rings and rock safety issues.

ANSA NSW sees this project as adding an additional rescue tool into the NSW Police response to these rescues. It will be more evident in smaller coastal towns where rescue helicopters and launches may be hours away to assist an angler in the water. Police officers are often first on the scene and having a ring to throw to someone will increase their chances of survival until assistance arrives. The project team realises that there will be limitations such as access and large seas to the successful deployment, but the opportunity to save 'a' life far outweighs these drawbacks. The work the Marine Area Command, the Commissioners Inspectorate and the pioneering work by Ralph Deans is a credit to the NSW Police Force and their willingness to assist ANSA NSW in its attempt to save the lives of anglers washed in off the rocks.



Sergeant Anthony Hill from the Marine Area Command and Sergeant Jason Harrison from the Commissioners Inspectorate with the new Police Angel Ring.

Angel Rings Victoria:

After almost 16 months of planning that included consultation with Parks Victoria, Life Saving Victoria, Victoria Police, ANSA National, ANSA NSW, ANSA VIC and funding sourced from ESSO and the Victorian Fishing Licence Trust the project was finally off the ground. Eight (8) Angel Ring Life Buoys were installed at popular fishing spots at Wilson's Promontory and the Bass Coast near Phillip Is. The spots selected have had fatalities associated with rock fishing in the past. One of the biggest obstacles faced by the planning team was access to the spots, with long walks and goat tracks down the cliffs to get to these locations. With the assistance of Parks Victoria Rangers who led the way during the entire process, the only complaints were sore legs. ANSA Vic and Life Saving Victoria will now embark on an education campaign aimed at non-English speaking anglers who fish these rock platforms.

The pilot project at these locations is expected to run for 2 years, but already ANSA Vic is assessing other locations in Victoria that would benefit from an angel ring. Brian Hayes, President of ANSA Vic stated "that these rings are the last line of defence in case an angler is washed off the rocks whilst fishing. What we are focusing on is education to stop these anglers getting into a situation where there is a risk of this happening."

Many thanks to Brian and his ANSA Vic members, who picked up, stored and carried the rings in with Yanko and me. A mammoth task that involved trucks, planes and automobiles and a 700km round trip for Yanko and I to and from Melbourne Airport!



One of the eight rings installed in Victoria

Finally the program would not be able to operate without the many individuals who assist, but especially to the few members who put their hand up to help me. Yanko Serifi, Malcolm Poole, Ron Abdilla and especially Gordon Jobson make my life easier.

Special thanks to all the program supporters listed below.

Stan Konstantaras
Angel Ring Coordinator



Got a new angel ring location?

Let ANSA NSW know and we will investigate!
Phone 1800 070 009

or write to us at
PO Box 328
Masterville NSW 2036





Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW Report to ANSA NSW

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW (RFA) is keen to be recognised as the peak recreational fishing body in NSW. In pursuit of that mission the RFA has two goals:

1. To deliver leadership to the recreational fishing industry, and
2. To contribute to the sustainability of our fishing resources.

The RFA consists of a number of peak recreational fishing groups, one being ANSA - NSW.

The RFA has been active on several fronts this past year, actively informing and responding to recreational fishing issues. Some of the issues dealt with are:

1. Grey Nurse Shark (Breeding Program, Court Cases, Facts etc)
2. Western Sydney Recycled Initiative
3. Personal Flotation Devices
4. Submarine Cables (Restrictions and Access)
5. Marine Parks

In 06/07 the following correspondence was circulated amongst the members after many hours of time consuming research.

Press Releases.

06 June 2007 Grey Nurse Sharks, Green Myths & Court Cases

Letters of Response/ Submission/ Support.

12 July 2006 Proposal to sink naval vessel in Jervis Bay as dive site

20 August 2006 Marine Parks Position – Batemans Bay / Port Stephens

15 October 2006 Marine Park Response- Batemans Bay

04 December 2006 Personal Flotation Devices

08 December 2006 Western Sydney Recycled Initiative – Replacement Flows Project Environmental Assessment

23 February 2007 Grey Nurse Shark Response to the Fisheries Scientific Committee

RFA of NSW Bulletins.

06 August 2006 Bulletin No: 23 The Recreational Fishing Alliance Gets Online

20 August 2006 Bulletin No: 24 Recreational Fishing Alliance Update – Projects/Consultations/Representation in NSW

20 August 2006 Bulletin No: 25 NSW Marine Parks – Let's Get It Right

18 April 2007 Bulletin No: 26 Rock Fishing Safety

05 May 2007 Bulletin No: 27 WANTED – Recreational Fishing Leaders for the Future

15 May 2007 Bulletin No: 28 Grey Nurse Shark Presentations

30 May 2007 Bulletin No: 29 Australian Governments Environmental Fund/Coastal & Marine Round 10 App

16 June 2007 Bulletin No: 30 Grey Nurse Shark Fight Moves to the Courts

30 June 2007 Bulletin No: 31 Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority (HNCMA)

ANSA NSW members on the RFA committee are very heavily committed and involved in numerous committees and projects which support recreational fishing such as:

Recfish Australia

EGMAC – Estuary General Management Advisory Committee

EPTMAC – Estuary Prawn Trawl Management Advisory Committee

RFSTEC - Rec Fish Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee

RFSPC – Recreational Fishing Saltwater Planning Committee

SCAAC – Sydney Catchment Auth Advisory Committee

NSW Maritime – Stakeholders Advisory Committee

Projects that the RFA of NSW are involved in include;

- Fishing Safely in NSW DVD series.
- Future Leaders Workshops.
- Raising community awareness of fishing related topics.
- Developing protocols for a representative fishing body.
- Angle rings.
- Rock fishing safety.
- GNS issues.
- Marine protected areas.
- Water sharing on coast and inland.
- Access to waterways.
- Improving facilities for fishing.
- Desalination plant issues.
- Port Botany Expansion.
- ACMA Communications Cables.
- Threatened species.
- Environment concerns.
- Artificial reefs and freshwater habitat issues.
- Code of Conduct (DPI- Fisheries)

RFA members are participating with the Bureau of Meteorology in regards to swell monitoring and the team at www.coastalwatch.com who is just about to host the RFA award winning rock fishing safety DVD. Web site www.coastalwatch.com receives 300,000 unique visitors a month and receives 4,200,000 hits per month. RFA is also developing some new and exciting fishing safety initiatives with the Coastal watch Team and planning for another DVD covering boating safely.

The RFA of NSW sits on Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority (HNCMA) Theme Team. This team looks at the environmental aims that are in the regional plan for the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment. The team also work out projects that can be implemented to achieve those aims. Some of the aims in the regional plan are to improve the health of rivers and riverbanks, improve habitat for native fish and improve native vegetation.

The RFA of NSW is interested in your project ideas – anything that makes the link between recreational fishing interests and the Catchment Management Authority's conservation aims. Or

you can also list your project ideas using the form or email address on the HNCMA website at www.hn.cma.nsw.gov.au Look in the “What’s new – let us know your ideas for action” link. Healthy rivers mean healthy fish.

Rivers in the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment include the Wollondilly, Cox, Kowmung, Nepean, Grose, Colo, Macdonald, Mangrove, Mooney Mooney, Mullet, Berowra, Cowan, Pittwater and of course, the mighty Hawkesbury its whole length.

The RFA of NSW also sits on the Regional Irrigation Business Partnerships (RIBP) that provides a vehicle for direct business opportunities with more sustainable natural resource management. RIBP is a new concept; it has been developed by the Irrigation Futures (CRC) to explicitly recognise the importance of business in developing improvements in multi-purpose water use productivity. It’s about looking at the environmental, economic and social systems in which irrigation dependent businesses operate and deliver better irrigation for a better environment and a better future.

The RFA also has two representatives on the NSW Maritime - Recreational Vessel Advisory Group. A bi-monthly meeting of waterway users meet with the GM of NSW Maritime to discuss issues of concern to waterway users.

Participants include. NSW Police, Boat Owners Assoc., Seaplanes Pilots Assoc., Sailing NSW, Coast Guard, Coastal Patrol, RFA of NSW and the like.

Special issues covered include boating accidents, new waterways restrictions or restrictions for special events. No wash zone issues, safety equipment, crossing bars, recreational boating client survey, size of vessel registration numbers, boat ramps and repairs and impoundment safety.

The RFA of NSW has also continued it’s involvement with community education, in the field of rock fishing safety. We have and still are distributing “Rock Fishing Safety Packs”. These packs are an extension of our “Rock Fishing Safety DVD Campaign” These packs are free of charge, as were the DVDs. If you required a pack, please visit the RFA of NSW website (www.rfansw.com.au) and simply email our Publicity Officer, Joe Garufi with a mailing address and your pack will be mailed to you. If you would like to see what’s inside the pack before you order, visit the RFA of NSW website, go to “Achieves” and click on “Bulletin No: 26.”

To date the RFA of NSW has successfully applied for funding in the following areas;

Rock fishing Safety Project, inc production of a free DVD	\$88,000
Additional DVD Reproduction	\$8,000
DVD Distribution	\$3,000
DVD Distribution with Shimano	\$24,000
DVD Distribution with Fishing World	\$23,000

The RFA of NSW several current applications being assessed. These include;

Future Leaders Project	\$120,000
Fishing Safety DVD Series	\$100,000
Peak Body Study	\$55,000
Presentation at World Water Safety Conference in Portugal	\$10,000

Finally, presenting a united front on many of these battles far outweighs some of the individual fights and political machinations that some recreational fishing associations continue to play out within NSW. More gains can be made by trying to negotiate a better deal or outcome for NSW anglers with the NSW Government and its Departments/Agencies.

One thing we have accepted is that you win some and you loose some battles, however the efforts of the RFA of NSW Executive and membership should always be focused on sustainable fishing and access for all.

Max Castle - Vice President
Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW
25th August 2007

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
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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

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
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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

Most Versatile Angler Trophy

1981	Ian Campbell	Wollongong SFC
1982	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

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

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 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 Siarakis	South Sydney AFA
2005	David Busuttil	Botany Bay
2006	Arman Cokun	Botany Bay SFC
2007	Jason Simpson	South Sydney