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PREFACE

History of ANSA.

ANSA originated as result of fishing developments following the war, an increasing number of anglers started using modern tackle mainly bait casting rods and reels imported from the U.S., for bass, barramundi and for surfcasting. Developments are reflected clearly in magazines of the period. (Outdoors was first published in 1948, Anglers Digest in 1950).

There was an increasing recognition that the sporting value of many Australian species was not reflected in existing organisations.

From 1960 forward, a number of people had thought of the idea of a new sportfishing organisation. I do not know who was "first" to think of it but I do know that it was discussed for quite a few years by Sydney anglers and people such as myself - a country boy. I can put a finger on one such discussion, held on the roadside just south of Kiama, between myself, Jack Erskine and Ed Pratt. That was January 1964 during my first round Australia trip. I had started my exploration of Australian fishing on July 1 1963. The next couple of years, after repeated visits, I had realised that North Queensland offered the most potential for a fishing future. Others such as George Bransford had decided the same way.

I built my home in Cardwell in 1966, with the bricklaying being done by my friend Ed Pratt, who had moved north to Cairns about the same time. The ANSA concept was understood by a number of Cairns anglers, and I believe its success came because it reflected what was happening to Australian fishing. It could not have succeeded otherwise.

In February 1967 we formed the "Australian National Sportfishing Association" at a meeting in the old hall at Yorkey's Knob, just north of Cairns.

Within a few months a constitution had been drawn up and an account opened in the Cairns branch of the Bank of NSW in the name of the "Australian National Sportfishing Association" It is worth a mention that the late Wal Hardy was patron of that initial organisation.

Dick Lewers recorded that the NSW group "got the message" of the Cairns movement and responded by forming what was then the NSW division of ANSA on Saturday August 12 1967.

Three months later, in November 1967, Jack Erskine and Clyde Kelton with three NSW sport fishermen from Wollongong, John Kettle, Peter Fuller, and Bill Ferguson visited North Queensland in a light plane. Discussions took place with the Cairns group and the accepted name of ANSA was endorsed by both groups. However, it had already become clear that the NSW fraternity would not accept the Cairns constitution. Then, as now, State Divisions (branches) were more representative of regional interests. Accordingly, the Cairns ANSA group met on February 7 1968 and became instead the Cairns Sportfishing Club.

At this time there was no Queensland Division as such, however Dick Lewers and the National Organisation have always recognised that the Cairns Sportfishing Club has the unique distinction of being the first ANSA club.

The first NSW ANSA club was the St. George Sportfishing club, which had its first general meeting on November 13 1968. On December 13 1969 the first official body was formed as the "Australian National Sportfishing Association". The original A.N.S.A. badge design was selected from a competition published in "AUSTRALIAN SPORTFISHING", Summer edition 1969. The winning design was submitted by John Renolds, Liverpool, NSW.

It was agreed to form the first record chart from the then existing Queensland and N.S.W. record charts. ANSA's first official Queensland division was formed on August 5 1970 with only three clubs - Cairns, Maryborough, and Cardwell, with a State total of 150 members.

So far as ANSA goes the story since has been one of steady growth. We now have more than 200 clubs Nation wide. We are represented on every State fishing council, at Federal level, and on IGFA. Looking back we can see that the hassles over constitutions and rules, even point scores, were part of the process of developing sportfishing on a truly representative and wholly Australian basis.

One of the nicest thoughts is that many of those people who contributed to the forming of the association are still with us today.

Vic McCristal

The above talk was given by Vic at a Queensland State wide meeting held in Cairns, (1988).



NATIONAL BOARD 2010 – 2011

Chairman	Ron Poole
Executive Director	John Burgess
Business Director	Shane Jasprizza
Membership Director	Joe Garufi
Financial Director	Alan Hall
Research & Development Director	Bill Sawynok
Promotions Director/Webmaster	Ron Poole
National Masters Keeper	Knut Gassmanis
National Recorder (Line Class)	Phil Turner
National Recorder (Length Only)	Bob Avery
National Safety Officer	Stan Konstantaras

MEMBER BRANCHES

New South Wales
Northern Territory (Defunked)
Queensland
South Australia
Tasmania
Victoria
Western Australia

LIFE MEMBERS

1979	*Eric Moller	Queensland
1980	Vic McCristal	Queensland
1982	John O'Sullivan	Queensland
1983	Dick Lewers	New South Wales
1983	Pat Hunter	New South Wales
1983	*Hank Newman	New South Wales
1983	*Alex Blair	Victoria
1983	*Robert Dunn	New South Wales
1984	Mick Dohnt	Queensland
1984	Geoff Hawkins	New South Wales
1984	Bill Glasson	Victoria
1992	Steve Theofanes	Queensland
1992	Ron Poole	Queensland
1992	Joe Leonard	Victoria
1992	Tom Mohr	Victoria
1992	*Les Brown	South Australia
1995	Nik Phizacklea	Victoria
2001	Bill Harvey	New South Wales
2006	John Burgess	New South Wales
2007	Bill Sawynok	Queensland
2007	Stan Konstantaras	New South Wales

*Deceased

National Chairman's Report

Long time National executive member and past President and Chairman Geoff Hawkins reluctantly retired from the chairman position in October 2010 necessitating the need for a replacement mid term. I was volunteered by Geoff to take over in the interim and the Executive agreed. I accepted and have strived to justify Geoff's trust and found the job relatively easy as the Association still has John Burgess as Executive Officer and, as he is based in Sydney close to the ever growing Federal action my duties have been somewhat subdued.

Geoff Hawkins has been National president and chairman since 1993 until 2010 with only once stepping down for a year in 2002.

I attended the first meeting of the new Recreational Fishing Roundtable held in Canberra in February together with about 22 other people actively engaged in recreational fishing industry in some form. The Hon. Dr. Mike Kelly opened the meeting and outlined the purpose of the meeting. Most of the meeting was taken up by explanations by departmental presenters explaining future Government management plans, in particular the Recreational Fishing Development Strategy and proposed projects to be funded by the Federal Government.

Future Roundtable meetings were proposed but with fewer attendees. The Parliamentary Secretary's proposal was for a maximum of 12 core representatives from the recreational fishing industry. The National Executive nominated John Burgess to attend future meetings as he is well versed in recreational anglers issues particularly in the Southern States where most of the marine park/reserves areas are proposed.

ANSA has in the past been a major player in the negotiations with Governments both state and federal in the protection of our recreational fishing resources. ANSA is not fundamentally opposed to well planned and managed marine parks and the benefits they will have, we do however have somewhat differing views to some of the demands by the various extreme environmental groups who wish to close all recreational fishing and destroy this very enjoyable family activity.

As a member of Recfish, ANSA continues to be one of the recognised peak bodies in the recreational fishing industry in consultation with Government on marine parks and reserves. Plans are in place for both Western Australia and the Northern Territory and negotiations are still continuing with expected outcomes sometime in 2012 or early 2013.

ANSA supportive of the preservation of the Grey Nurse shark and is continuing to advise on other shark species such as Mako and Thresher sharks. Well planned management plans, if implemented, will not greatly affect recreational anglers and will hopefully result in increases of shark specie numbers.

ANSA National assists branches and clubs with problems that may occur with local councils or local anti fishing environmental groups that wish to impose restrictions on recognised fishing hot spots. This is happening in highly populated areas and again affects individuals and families.

The Angel Ring project has increased to include all states in Australia and is now being implemented. Studies and meetings with interested parties are first made to determine the sites where the rings are to be installed. Installation methods are now locked in concrete. (literally). Many confirmed lives have been saved by this ANSA initiated project and principal driver of the project, Stan Konstantaras, ANSA National's Safety Officer, must be congratulated and applauded for his dedication and many hours of volunteer work installing and maintaining these proven life saving devices. Joe Garufi has looked after our membership and ANSAWARE as well as his NSW state duties and is a very valued member of National.

Our record keepers, Phil Turner and Bob Avery have kept me busy updating the many records held by our members and though the record chart is the largest in the world these two members keep their portfolios well up to date. ANSA records also now includes a length only record chart and we note with some pride that IGFA closely followed our methods in their length only system.

Knut Gassmanis keeps the Masters records up to date and handles all the Masters claims promptly and with little assistance from the executive. His long serving navigator Lyn also retired as out Treasurer in October 2010 and Alan Hall took over the finances after he volunteered for the position.

Bill Sawynok continues as our Research Director and though he is often extremely busy with his Infish business both in Australia and overseas he rarely fails to submit a report for our meetings.

Shane Jasprizza continued as our business director and has been active in many areas including the production of our very popular brag mat.

I wish to thank the entire Executive for the assistance given to me during the brief period I have been chairman. Particularly John Burgess who keeps in contact whenever the need arise. He is always ready to write a few pages on any ANSA subject relating to recreational fishing.



Ron Poole
Chairman
ANSA National

National Executive Director's Report

Another challenging and busy year for ANSA at both a National and Branch level. Our sport continues to be under constant threat from all manner of forces, be they well intentioned but often misguided environmental groups or government at a commonwealth, state or local level that more than often have little meaningful understanding or appreciation of what recreational fishing is all about. The constant message being pedalled is that presumably everyone else knows more and cares more about fishing and the marine environment than we fishers do. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Marine parks continue to be a major source of angst for most recreational fishers. Every State already has a proliferation of State government established and managed marine parks/reserves and marine protected areas. Most States are already impacted upon by Commonwealth marine parks / reserves and by 2013 there will be no Australian coastal waterway or ocean that will not be affected by a mixture of both Commonwealth and State marine parks and reserves. ANSA is not opposed to the idea of marine parks and can see the merit of preserving and managing our marine resources for future generations. What we do vigorously object to and oppose though are the outrageous demands and campaigning methods of some extreme groups hell bent on locking away all or most of our productive fisheries under the pretext of protecting our national fishing resources based on questionable science. The underlying agenda for many of these ideological zealots is to bring an early and conclusive end to all forms of fishing not just locally but globally.

ANSA continues to be engaged with the Commonwealth and other peak bodies as part of the consultative process for the roll out of the National marine park/ reserve network. The South West Marine park network in Western Australia and the proposed Northern marine park which will encompass the top corner of WA and extend through to the Territory are the next to be finalised. The extent of public consultation has been extensive for the WA marine parks and we are hopeful and reasonably confident that the impact on recreational fishing will be minimal. It is expected that the South West park plan will be finalised early 2012 and the Northern park plan later in the year. We are also engaged in the consultative process for the Eastern Marine park network which will embrace the east coast from the bottom of NSW to the tip of Cape York. There is still much to be deliberated upon in respect of the Eastern park with a roll out possibly occurring sometime late 2012 or early 2013. The Coral Sea marine Park/ Reserve is another issue that needs to be looked at in terms of future management and it can be anticipated there will be widespread conflict between fishers and conservationists as to what may or may not be allowed in the reserve. However, that's a fight for another day.

In NSW it is encouraging that after much recreational fisher lobbying, the recently elected NSW Coalition government has placed a 5 year moratorium on the creation of additional or new state marine parks. This contrasts to the previous government which historically chose to ignore most of the recommendations made by ANSA in terms of improved fishing access and safety within marine parks. The Coalition government also overturned review outcomes in respect of the Solitary Island and Jervis Bay marine parks that were rushed through just prior to the NSW elections. The government has also established an independent audit panel to review all NSW state marine parks to ensure there is a correct balance between sustainable use of the marine environment and the conservation of marine biodiversity and to implement a marine park policy that is based on science. ANSA will continue to work with all governments in a spirit of cooperation to fulfil these deserving goals and deliver the best outcome for recreational fishers.

At a commonwealth level we experienced the temporary ban on the recreational take of mako sharks as a consequence of Australia's international treaty obligations to protect migratory species classified as endangered by neighbouring nations. Fortuitously after a coordinated campaign involving all major peak recreational fishing bodies, including ANSA, we were able to have this ban lifted by the government. New ban threats have subsequently arisen in respect of mako, thresher and dusky whaler sharks and ANSA, in conjunction with other peak bodies, is again liaising with the commonwealth government to introduce management plans which will not adversely affect recreational fishing. We are also encouraging the government to respond positively to much needed change of the EPBC Act so as to provide greater flexibility for Australia to respond to obligations under international treaties.

We have also seen the previous NSW government introduce new restrictions on fishing at grey nurse aggregation sites in the misguided belief that by making it harder to fish in these locations and by restricting the types of tackle that is permissible to use, the incidental hooking of these species will be minimised and the potential risk of extinction of the species reduced. ANSA is supportive of measures to protect and preserve grey nurse sharks but what we do want to see is a less emotional and more scientifically based case for grey nurse shark protection and the means by which this can best be achieved. It is gratifying that one of the first initiatives of the incoming NSW Coalition government was to reverse the previous government's restriction decision and to call for a public review of GNS protection measures. ANSA has been actively involved in the development of the 2010 GNS Recovery plan which has yet to be released by the commonwealth and will draw upon this experience to effectively contribute towards whatever plan of management the NSW government may evaluate as best for the protection of grey nurse sharks.

At a local government level, some municipal councils are pushing to impose bans on recreational fishing at public jetties and wharves or to place access and user restrictions on public boat ramp facilities. Some councils, in response to pressure from vocal environmental groups, have also called for the creation of additional and expanded sanctuary zones at popular urban fishing locations citing that our activities are cruel, anti social and destructive of the marine habitat and fish species. The corporate sector doesn't do us many favours either with major infrastructure developments for oil, gas and shipping etc continually competing for our waterways and oceans thereby restricting access under the guise of public safety or security. Fortunately with the benefit of good persuasion we do manage to head off many of these threats or at least contain their impact but they just keep on coming.

The reality is that there are many within our broad society that have little regard for recreational fishing and its socio economic value to the wealth or the health of the nation and the well being of its citizens. The ongoing challenge for all of us is to change public perception and actively promote recreational fishing and to stand up for our rights when challenged. We need to do this in a professional manner and not succumb to the temptation to be rednecks. ANSA and its branch network together with other peak fishing bodies are well placed to meet most challenges but we do need to have grass root member involvement and support. Every ANSA club should endeavour to get involved with local issues and take every opportunity to promote via the media all social/community activities that put ANSA and recreational fishing into a positive light. If there is a local issue that warrants ANSA involvement and you need help then consult with your ANSA Branch committee or the ANSA National Executive. ANSA is well represented on most of the bodies that influence and manage the direction of recreational fishing at both a state and national level. Nationally, ANSA has representatives on the Commonwealth Recreational Fishing Round Table and the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee and is regularly consulted by commonwealth agencies on all manner of topics that have a nexus with fishing and

fisheries resource management. ANSA is also a founding member of and has a close working relationship with Recfish Australia which is the recognised national peak body for recreational fishing. At a State level, ANSA via its branch network, does have board or committee representation on most state based peak recreational fishing bodies and works closely with and provides valuable input into fisheries/marine management committees.

Our Angel Ring and fishing safety programs will be expanded nationally with the benefit of funding from the commonwealth and closer to home we will continue to actively promote the ANSA brand and the preservation of ANSA's reputation as the sporting body of choice for all active and responsible recreational fishers. Our ethos and leadership in promoting environmentally sustainable fishing via the use of biodegradable line, breakaway traces and the promotion of capture and release in competitions, length only record charts and general fishing is unique and is to be admired. It is often said that imitation is the greatest form of flattery and we can revel in the fact that IGFA this year introduced its own All Tackle – Length only record chart which closely mirrors the ANSA model introduced almost 4 years ago.

From a membership and financial perspective ANSA is travelling well. Our membership numbers have remained constant and there have been a number of new clubs that have joined the ANSA ranks. The rejuvenation of ANSA within the Northern Territory remains a challenge but we will resolve this with time and promotion. Financially our position remains very sound due to the time and effort voluntarily contributed by the national executive and astute financial management. Membership fees remain at their 2004 level and all member services such as national records, line testing and master awards are provided free. A selected range of promotional material is also provided free to the branch and club network and most ANSA ware products are well subsidised.

The coming year will present us with the opportunity to revisit the ANSA rule book and to consider other innovations to our competition and record stable. We will also be looking at ways and means to promote ANSA and keep member interest and involvement dynamic.

Thanks to all my board and committee colleagues both at a national and branch level and all ANSA members generally for making life so interesting, challenging and rewarding.

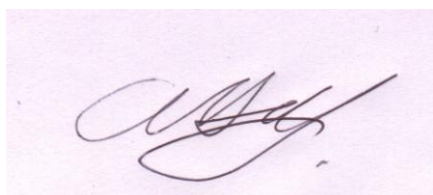


John Burgess
Executive Officer ANSA National
Vice President ANSA NSW

National Finance Director's Report

Financial statements for the financial year end 30 June 2011 together with comparative results for the preceding year are appended. The following points are highlighted:

- a) The Association traded at a surplus of \$8272 for the 2010/11 year. This compares favourably with the previous year's surplus of \$4573 and better than the forecast surplus of \$4590.
- b) Income over the 2010/11 year of \$22969 was less than the previous year's level of \$26168 and slightly more than the budget forecast of \$222000. The main variance being due to an increased level of ANSA Ware sales (\$1591) - \$591 more than budget - attributable to the introduction and sale of ANSA brag mats. Income from membership fees of \$17871 was below budget forecast of \$19000 due to a reduction in member numbers and timing of receipts. Interest earned on term deposits etc of \$3307 was also \$1300 more than budgeted for.
- c) Expenditure over the 2010/11 year was \$14697 as compared to \$21595 for the previous year and below budget forecast of \$17600. The main variances to budget were a deferral of expenditure \$2000 on promotional booklets and a \$2600 reversal of an accrual provision for auditor fees. Most other expenditure was in line with budget other than for travel and accommodation which was \$7599 – a \$1599 excess of budget
- d) The Association at year end 30 June 2011 possessed total assets of \$78616 (\$70344 @ 2010) consisting primarily of cash at bank \$13317, term deposit \$59127, ANSA Ware stock on hand \$4860 and accrued interest \$1312, The association has no external liabilities. Overall the Association had a net equity of \$78616 at 30 June 2011.
- e) A financial budget forecast for the 2010/11 is attached. For the coming year the Association is forecasting a deficit of \$4650. The deficit is predicated on income for the coming year of \$112700 which includes a \$90000 grant from the Commonwealth to cover the national roll out of the Angel Ring project – other sources of income are in line with actual receipts for 2011/11. Expenditure of \$117350 is forecast which includes \$90000 for the Angel Ring project (this may extend into the following year), \$3000 for reprint of the National rule book, \$2000 for printing of promotional booklets – deferred from last year, \$3300 for free give away Tshirts for junior members, \$1200 for free bumper stickers, \$2000 for new brag mats and \$1000 for display banners. Some of this expenditure may be partly deferred until the 2012/13 year



Alan Hall
Finance Director
10 October, 2011

Reconciliation of trading results to budget for year ending 30.6.2011
Budget forecast for 2011/12 financial year

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	2011/12	2010/11	2010/11	2009/10
Income				
Branch affiliation fees	18000	17871	19000	18909
ANSA Ware sales	1000	1591	1000	3659
Bank Interest	3500	3307	2000	2600
Govt grants - Angel Rings national	90000	0	0	800
Austag Report - reimbursement	0	0	0	0
Web Advertising	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
Total Income	<u>112700</u>	<u>22969</u>	<u>22200</u>	<u>26168</u>
Expenditure				
Travel/ Accomodation/ Meals	8000	7599	6000	6630
Recfish membership	550	550	550	550
IGFA Membership	400	0	450	0
AFTA Membership	200	0	110	110
Auditor fees	100	2860	2700	2750
Insurance	600	499	600	524
Website	800	899	500	1799
Software licence fees	0	0	0	108
Phone /internet	1500	1463	1400	1022
Bank fees	300	264	300	272
Post/ Stationery	2000	2053	2000	1814
Records/ Masters expenses	300	202	300	655
ASIC Fees	100	82	100	145
Rule Book printing	3000	0	0	0
Austag Report printing	0	0	0	0
Sundries	0	245	0	0
Computer upgrade				
Angel Ring Project	90000	0	0	0
Promo Booklets	2000	0	2000	0
Free JuniorT Shirts	3300	0	0	0
Bumper Stickers	1200	0	0	0
Banners	1000			
Donations	0	100	0	0
MS Limited Event				
Surf Life Saving - Water safety	0	0	0	2000
Reverse accrual for Auditor fees	0	-2600	0	0
Cost of Goods Sold	2000	370	500	2749
Depreciation	0	111	100	450
Misc	0	<u>0</u>		<u>17</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>117350</u>	<u>14697</u>	<u>17610</u>	<u>21595</u>
Net Profit/ (Loss)	<u>-4650</u>	<u>8272</u>	<u>4590</u>	<u>4573</u>

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Note	2011	2010
	s		\$
REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2	22969	26,168
Office and stationery expense	3	(3516)	(2,836)
Dues and subscriptions		(550)	(660)
Travel and meeting expense	3	(7599)	(6,630)
Professional fees	10	(2860)	(2,750)
Reverse Accrual for Professional Fees	7	2600	-
Bank and finance expense		(264)	(272)
Other expenses	3	(2508)	(8,447)
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PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE		8272	4,573
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INCOME TAX EXPENSE		-	-
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PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX EXPENSE		8272	4,573
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Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD	9	8272	4,573
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2011

	Note s	2011	2010
			\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		13317	10,649
Term Deposit		59127	55,897
Inventory	4	4860	5,044
Receivables	5	1312	1,243
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		78616	72,833
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Laptop Computer	6	-	111
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		-	111
TOTAL ASSETS		78616	72,944
CURRENT LIABILITES			
Payables (Professional Fees)	7	-	2,600
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	2,600
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-	2,600
NET ASSETS		78616	70,344
EQUITY			
Retained profits	9	78616	70,344
TOTAL EQUITY		78616	70,344

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Notes	2011 \$	2010 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from operations		19662	23,568
Payments to suppliers and employees		(17002)	(22,031)
Interest received		3238	2,095
	10(a)	<u>5898</u>	<u>3,632</u>
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
NET INCREASE IN CASH HELD		<u>5898</u>	<u>3,632</u>
Add opening cash brought forward		66546	62,914
CLOSING CASH CARRIED FORWARD	10 (b)	<u><u>72444</u></u>	<u><u>66,546</u></u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES OF EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Retained Profit \$	Total \$
At 1 July 2009	65771	65771
Profit for period	4573	4573
Other comprehensive income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 30 June 2010	<u>70344</u>	<u>70344</u>
At 1 July 2010	70344	70344
Profit for period	8272	8272
Other comprehensive Income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 30 June 2011	<u><u>78616</u></u>	<u><u>78616</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 JUNE 2011

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the following applicable Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views:

AASB 108:	Accounting Policies
AASB 101:	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 137:	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The report is also prepared on an accruals basis, except for membership fee income, which is recognised on a cash basis. The report is based upon historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period, unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and short-term deposits in the balance sheet, cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

(c) Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and realisable value.

(d) Trade debtors and other receivables

Trade receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount.

(e) Trade and other payables

Liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are carried at cost, which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 JUNE 2011

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(f) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Association and the revenue can be reliably measured.

(g) Income tax

The Association is exempt from paying income tax due to it being a not for profit entity under s50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(h) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparatives have been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

2. REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Revenues from operating activities		
Membership dues	17871	18,909
Merchandise	1591	3,659
Advertising	200	200
Water Safety Grant	0	800
Total revenue from operating activities	<u>19662</u>	<u>23,568</u>
Revenues from non-operating activities		
Interest	3307	2,600
Total revenue from non-operating activities	<u>3307</u>	<u>2,600</u>
Total revenues from ordinary activities	<u>22969</u>	<u>26,168</u>
3. EXPENSES		
(a) Expenses		
Travel and meeting expense	<u>7599</u>	<u>6,630</u>
	<u>7599</u>	<u>6,630</u>
Office and stationery expense		
Telephone and email	1463	1,022
Postage, delivery, office supplies	2053	1,814
	<u>3516</u>	<u>2,836</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 JUNE 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
3. EXPENSES (continued)		
Other expenses from ordinary activities		
Insurance	499	524
Cost of goods sold	370	2,749
Website	899	1,907
Depreciation	111	450
ASIC fees	82	145
Records & Masters expense	202	655
Donations	100	2000
Computer Upgrade	245	-
Other Expenditure	-	17
	2508	8,447
4. INVENTORY		
	4842	5,044
	4842	5,044
Goods held for sale		
5. RECEIVABLES		
Accrued Interest	1312	1,243
	1312	1,243
6. NON CURRENT ASSETS		
	1363	1,363
Laptop Computer at cost		
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	1363	(1,252)
	-	111
7. PAYABLES		
	-	2,600
Sundry creditors		
	-	2,600
8. RETAINED PROFITS		
Balance at the beginning of the year	70344	65,771
Net profit attributable to the members of the Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd	8272	4,573
Balance at end of year	78616	70,344

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 JUNE 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
9. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
(a) Reconciliation of the operating profit after tax		
To the net cash flows from operations		
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after tax	8272	4,573
Adjustment for		
Depreciation	111	450
Adjustments for Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(69)	(205)
(Increase)/decrease in inventory	(184)	(1,186)
Increase/(decrease) in payables	(2600)	-
Net cash flow from/(used in) operating activities	<u>5898</u>	<u>3,632</u>
(b) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash balance comprises:		
- Cash on hand	13317	10,649
- Term Deposit	59127	55,897
Closing cash balance	<u>72444</u>	<u>66,546</u>

10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Amounts received or due and receivable to Wise Lord & Ferguson for an audit of the entity and other services.

-	2,750
-	<u>2,750</u>

11. COMPANY DETAILS

The registered office of the company is:

6 Byrne Crescent,
Maroubra NSW 2035

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity. The directors have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

(a) the financial statements and notes of the company financial report:

(i) comply with Accounting Standards as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Act 2001; and

(ii) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

(b) In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



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Director



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Director

Dated: 10 October 2011

Directors' Report

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2010

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Chairman	Mr Ron Poole 9 Jeannie Court Rasmussan Qld 4815
Executive Officer/Director	Mr John Burgess 6 Byrne Crescent Maroubra NSW 2035
Business Director	Mr Shane Jasprizza 8 Eldershaw Cresecent Dunlop ACT 2615
Finance Director/Treasurer	Mr Alan Hall 62 McRitchie Crescent Whyalla Stuart SA 5608
Membership Services Director	Mr Joe Garufi 2/8 Brittain Crescent Hillsdale NSW 2036
Research Director	Mr Bill Sawynok PO Box 9793 Frenchville QLD 4701
Promotions Director	Mr Ron Poole 9 Jeannie Court Rasmussan QLD 4815
Director/ National Masters Keeper	Mr Knut Gassmanis 41 David Terrace Morphett Vale SA 5162
National Recorders	Mr Phil Turner 2A Old Bush Road Yarrawarra NSW 2233
	Mr Bob Avery 19 Camden Court Annandale QLD 4814
National Safety Officer	Mr Stan Konstantaras 13 Keysor Road Pagewood NSW 2035

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

The company made a profit for the financial year of \$ 8272

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

The principal activity of the company during the financial year was to provide encouragement and support to Sportfishing in Australia.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the company.

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Meetings of Directors

During the financial year, 3 meetings of Directors were held. Attendances were:

Mr Geoff Hawkins	1
Mr John Burgess	3
Mr Alan Hall	2
Mrs Lyn Gassmanis	1
Mr Joe Garufi	3
Mr Bill Sawynok	1
Mr Ron Poole	3
Mr Knut Gassmanis	2
Mr Shane Jasprizza	2
Mr Phil Turner	3
Mr Bob Avery	2
Mr Stan Konstantaras	2

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



Director

Dated this 10th day of October 2011

National Membership Director's Report

ANSA National's total membership at the year ending 30.6.2011 was 2786. This comprised of Queensland 1123, New South Wales 1116, Victoria 352, Western Australia 103, South Australia 64, Tasmania 28, and Northern Territory 0. These numbers are down compared to last years membership tally of 3018 with the larger State branches showing small increases in membership. South Australia showed an decrease of approximately 59; Victoria down 67 members; Western Australia down 108 members and Tasmania down by 14 members. The Northern Territory unfortunately has now become defunked.

As a whole, ANSA National's membership flutters about the 3000 mark. ANSA National and Branch membership was expected to improve, especially as ANSA moves further into catch and release, length only, tag and release, braid lines and bio lines. Conservation and protection of our current fish stocks is of great importance to ANSA Australia wide. Unfortunately this does not seem to be the case.

It was very pleasing to see that Branch census and membership forms were completed pretty much correctly and by their due dates for each quarter. Census and membership form submissions by most States as a whole have improved significantly. A little reminder is needed sometimes, but overall I believe the Branch executives do a great job. If there are Branches that need any sort of assistance each quarter, please contact me and collectively we can work things out.

Communication and promotion has come a long way. Comments received from most Branches confirms that ANSA National's outbound level of communication is working. If you are not receiving ANSA National information please contact me and I can sort this out with you or your Branch or Club.

Promotion of ANSA at a National, Branch and Club level is a high priority, particularly as a means of sourcing new members. ANSA National still has a limited amount of high quality promotional brochures available that can be tailored to suit the unique needs of individual Branches and Clubs. ANSA National is looking at reproducing this promotional brochure in the coming year, bringing it up to speed with the ANSA movement. The current brochures are available free to Branches and Clubs upon request. Contact me if you require a supply.

Finally, our range of ANSA ware is still moving steadily and we have plenty of stock. We also have approved ANSA brag matts, which many members have already taken advantage of and have purchased several. ANSA ware can be used to promote ANSA and your club and serve as an effective membership recruitment tool. Prices are very reasonable across the entire product range. To place an order go to www.ansa.com.au, fill in the order form and mail the form to me, together with a cheque. Electronic purchasing is definitely in the grape vine, so please bare with the curent system for the time being.



Joe Garufi
Membership Services Director

National Research/Development Director's Report

Austag

There has been no Austag Research Report produced for the past 4 years as, apart from Suntag and Westag, most other State programs are operating at very low levels, and some not at all. The production of a national report cannot be justified on that basis as for most States there is little to report.

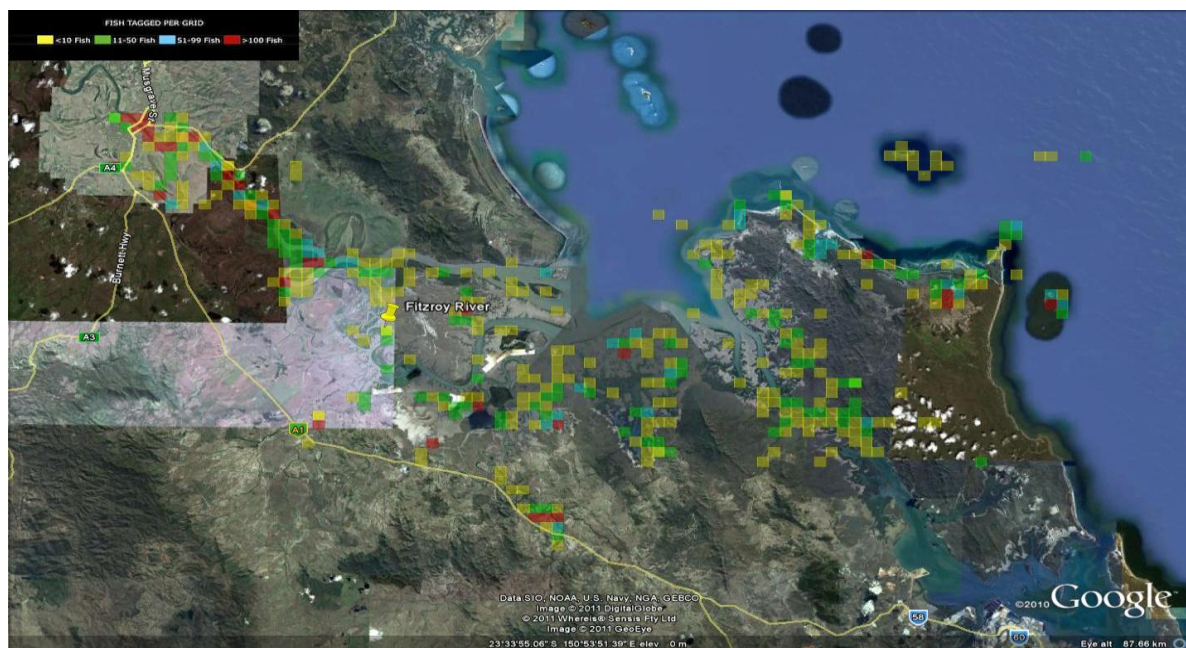
Suntag is now one of the largest, if not the largest, recreational tagging databases in the world based on numbers of fish tagged. During the year Westag was upgraded to operate using the online Infotag 2011 database and a new website was established to improve the level of service.

Saftag continues to operate at a low level and Victag remains in limbo without a co-ordinator while Newtag and Tastag are not operational.

Suntag



The most significant advance for 2010/11 was the linking of the Suntag database to Google Earth. Google Earth is now widely used by fishers and provides a new tool for the visualisation of Suntag data. The Google Earth image shows locations where numbers of fish were tagged in the Fitzroy River area from 2000-11.



The database was also upgraded to allow photos or video of individual tagged or recaptured fish to be stored along with the text data.

The other significant advance was the upgrade of reporting recaptures through the website. Fishers reporting recaptures can now lookup Suntag grid maps to more accurately record where they caught the fish. If all details are entered correctly and the fish is in the database the website will provide the history of all captures of the fish, any photos of the fish in the database and a Google map showing where the fish was tagged and recaptured as shown in the figure below.

infofish

If all the tag details of the fish are available in the Suntag database, you will receive a **Tag and Recapture Certificate** in the mail within 10 working days providing you with the history of your fish. A summary of the current information follows.

Tag and any previous Recapture Details

Tag Details:

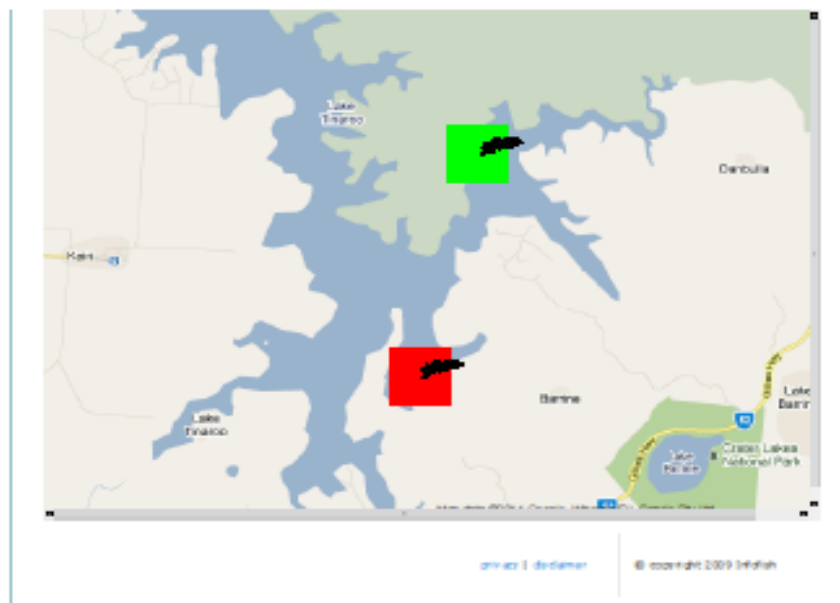
Tag No.	Species	Tagger	Date	Total Length	Fork Length	Tag Location
P45409	BARRAMUNDI	DRISHPHC	9/11/2004	1135		LAKE TINAROO

Recapture Details:

Recap No.	Angler	Date	Days Out	Total Length	Growth	Fork Length	Growth	Recapture Location	Movement	Released
1	ALLAN R	5/12/2010	2217	1220				LAKE TINAROO UP LAKE	4 198	Yes



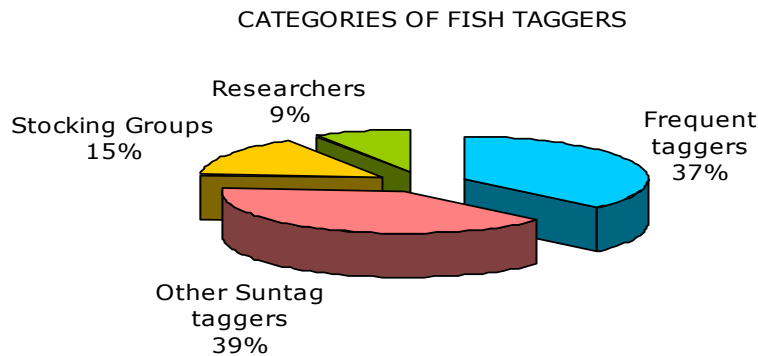
Google Maps automatically zooms to the level it thinks is best; if you wish to see more detail zoom out using the slider.



Suntag tagging highlights for the year were:

- ❑ Over 8,695 taggers have now participated in Suntag and over 15,620 fishers have reported the recapture of a tagged fish
- ❑ Total tagged fish and crabs in the database now exceeds 643,200 and 50,900 recaptures
- ❑ Barramundi is the most tagged species with over 210,900 tagged and over 17,500 recaptures
- ❑ The overall recapture rate for all fish and crabs is 7.9% with a 4.5% recapture rate for the year
- ❑ The release rate of recaptured fish for the past 8 years was over 60% and over 70% from 2007/08 to 2009/10
- ❑ One report was produced using data collected in Suntag projects and 12 Suntag News bulletins were sent out via email to around 800 subscribers
- ❑ Michael Powell was the top individual tagger with 1,464 fish tagged for the year while Mick Dohnt remains the top tagger overall having tagged a total of 23,119.

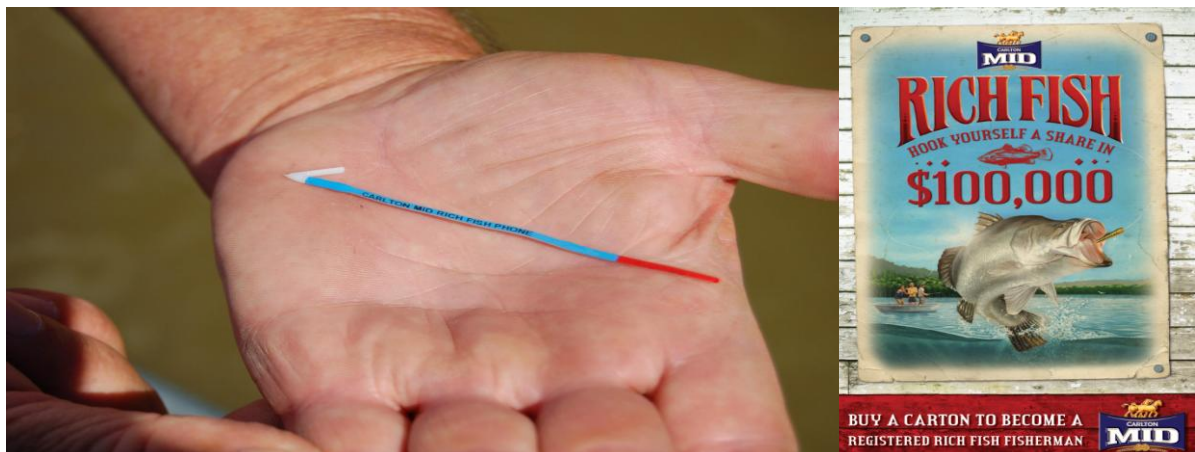
Frequent taggers are those that have reached the milestone of tagging 1,000 fish. Just 89 Frequent Taggers account for 37% (around 238,500) of all fish tagged while the remaining 8,600 taggers account for 39% (around 250,800). The figure below provides a breakdown of tagging by different groups.



The Infofish website at www.info-fish.net continues to provide access to Suntag, CapReef, Queensland Sportfishers and StockTag. An online shop is available for the purchase of tagging equipment and on line registration has been introduced for Suntaggers (individual taggers). The Suntag Research Report for 2010/11 is available from the website.

Suntag has expanded interstate with a Barramundi monitoring project on the McArthur River in the Northern Territory. This 2 year project was set up by the King Ash Bay Fishing Club (not an ANSA club) and Infofish and Suntag are providing support to that project which includes tagging of Barramundi.

Suntag also provided support for the Carlton Mid Rich Fish competition in Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia. A total of \$100,000 was offered for the recapture of tagged fish that were released in a number of locations in each State. During the competition tagged fish were recaptured in Moreton Bay, Broome, Geraldton and Bunbury. The figure below shows the distinctive red and blue tag used to tag rich fish and the poster promoting the competition.



A downside for 2010/11 was funding from Fisheries Queensland for Suntag was reduced by 27% and there was no funding provided for Stocktag. While service was maintained in all areas it was at a reduced level. Funding from other sources partially offset the loss of funding.

Bill Sawynok
 Infofish Australia
 ANSA Research Director



National Promotions Director's / Webmasters Report

Promotions

Unfortunately very little to report as promotion or sponsorship for the site has been very limited. I have tried on several occasions to convince various fishing and boating companies to promote their product on the web site and so far only Cannon Charters has resigned with us.

There are a few companies asking for more information via the contact page and I always write back with costs and more info on what we can do however nothing further happens. I do get lots of requests for paraphernalia related to ANSA and I do send the occasional rulebook for information.

With the cost of magazine advertising at thousands per page one wonders why an advertisement on a dedicated recreational fishing web site is so hard to justify.

Web

The new style web page is up and running and still requires a few changes to complete the job.





I have received quite a few positive comments on the new format. Some members have had minor problems with the menu system and investigation has proved it only occurs with one particular version of Microsoft internet explorer, all other tested web browsers have no problems. Updating to the latest version cures the problem.

Updates from the two recorders and the master keeper come fairly often and updates to the site are made within a couple of days of receipt. There have been several comments and requests from the new email contact system and these are handed on the director responsible for the mail content. Joe is the usual recipient, as his portfolio of ANSAWARE is proving popular with members.

John has written a couple of very informative articles on "how to set up a club" that have been put on the site. Another top article on tagging by Bill is also on the site. Following are a couple of graphs and some figures on who visits the site and what gets looked at the most.

We seem to be getting lots of hits on the site however quite a few are only for short periods of up to 30 seconds in time so these really cannot be counted as genuine visitors. Most of these short visits are from search engines doing daily checks (crawls) on visible web sites and their contents.

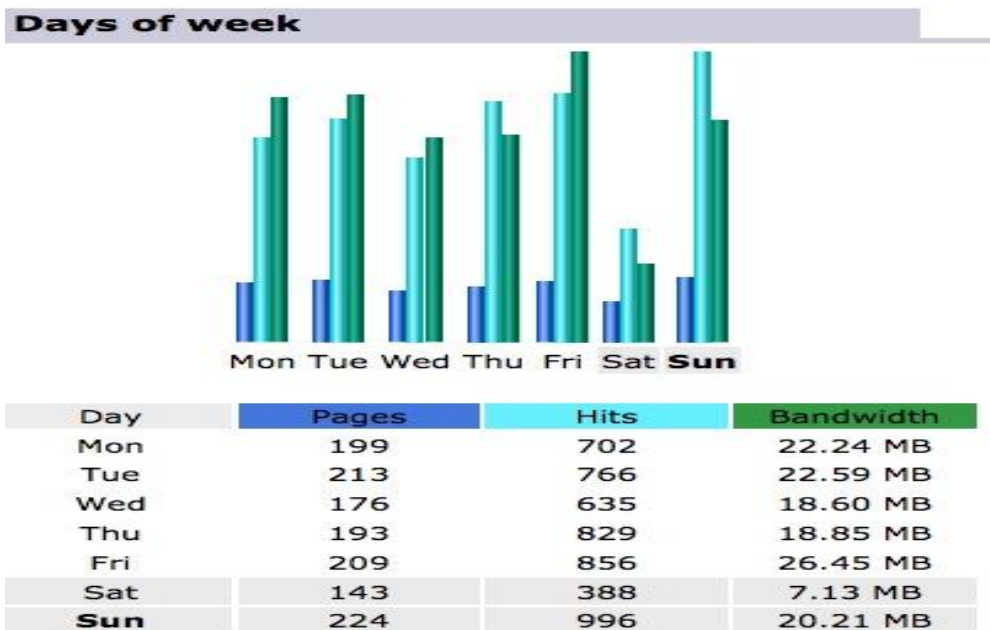
Some of the counting system graphs show these hits as 0 – 30 second visits. All the graphs are for the month of September 2011 from 1st to the 24th of September. Most months are similar in performance.

Downloads (Top 10) - Full list					
Downloads: 100		Hits	206 Hits	Bandwidth	Average size
	/demo/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Rule-Book-2008-FINAL-VERSION-08...	41	45	122.45 MB	1.42 MB
	/demo/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/sizing_chart.pdf	26	98	25.78 MB	212.89 KB
	/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/ANSA-WARE-FORM-2010.pdf	22	0	633.81 KB	28.81 KB
	/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/National-Constitution-16-.10.pdf	21	0	2.24 MB	109.15 KB
	/demo/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/latest-Masters-sept-2010.pdf	19	4	7.94 MB	353.61 KB
	/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/join.pdf	15	0	870.66 KB	58.04 KB
	/demo/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/ANSA-WARE-FORM-2011.pdf	15	0	643.70 KB	42.91 KB
	/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/IGFAJnr-Record-Claim.pdf	13	0	876.79 KB	67.45 KB
	/demo/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/NationalLine12.09.pdf	12	0	1.33 MB	113.54 KB
	/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Letter-ACMA.pdf	10	5	2.08 MB	141.78 KB

Downloads from site

Summary					
Reported period	Month Sep 2011				
First visit	01 Sep 2011 - 00:37				
Last visit	24 Sep 2011 - 22:15				
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Viewed traffic *	850	2,281 (2.68 visits/visitor)	4,852 (2.12 Pages/Visit)	18,590 (8.14 Hits/Visit)	480.87 MB (215.87 KB/Visit)






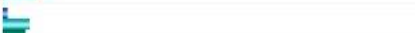

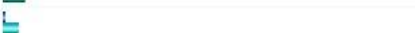



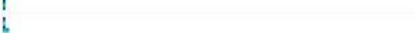

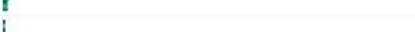






Total visits on a per visitor basis



Sunday is our best day

Day	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
01 Sep 2011	101	188	812	13.37 MB
02 Sep 2011	77	257	1,171	45.82 MB
03 Sep 2011	88	151	383	5.80 MB
04 Sep 2011	101	433	2,214	31.81 MB
05 Sep 2011	88	171	684	17.82 MB
06 Sep 2011	105	222	760	24.10 MB
07 Sep 2011	116	208	650	25.39 MB
08 Sep 2011	110	186	603	12.36 MB
09 Sep 2011	119	264	983	27.77 MB
10 Sep 2011	105	165	515	7.97 MB
11 Sep 2011	117	278	995	30.39 MB
12 Sep 2011	93	222	788	23.96 MB
13 Sep 2011	88	228	891	21.24 MB
14 Sep 2011	66	136	609	18.08 MB
15 Sep 2011	83	162	666	29.19 MB
16 Sep 2011	97	166	525	14.15 MB
17 Sep 2011	90	121	274	6.69 MB
18 Sep 2011	90	187	775	18.66 MB
19 Sep 2011	106	206	634	24.93 MB
20 Sep 2011	108	191	649	22.44 MB

Always more hits than actual visits (over 30 sec)

Countries					
Countries		Pages	Hits	Bandwidth	
 Australia	au	2,801	13,904	329.28 MB	
 United States	us	1,346	1,684	26.57 MB	
 Italy	it	130	890	17.47 MB	
 Great Britain	gb	102	489	10.30 MB	
 Germany	de	100	133	1.57 MB	
 China	cn	74	173	2.55 MB	
 Ukraine	ua	66	92	1.04 MB	
 European country	eu	63	392	4.05 MB	
 Russian Federation	ru	52	95	1.19 MB	
 Czech Republic	cz	28	47	602.74 KB	

Top 10 Countries



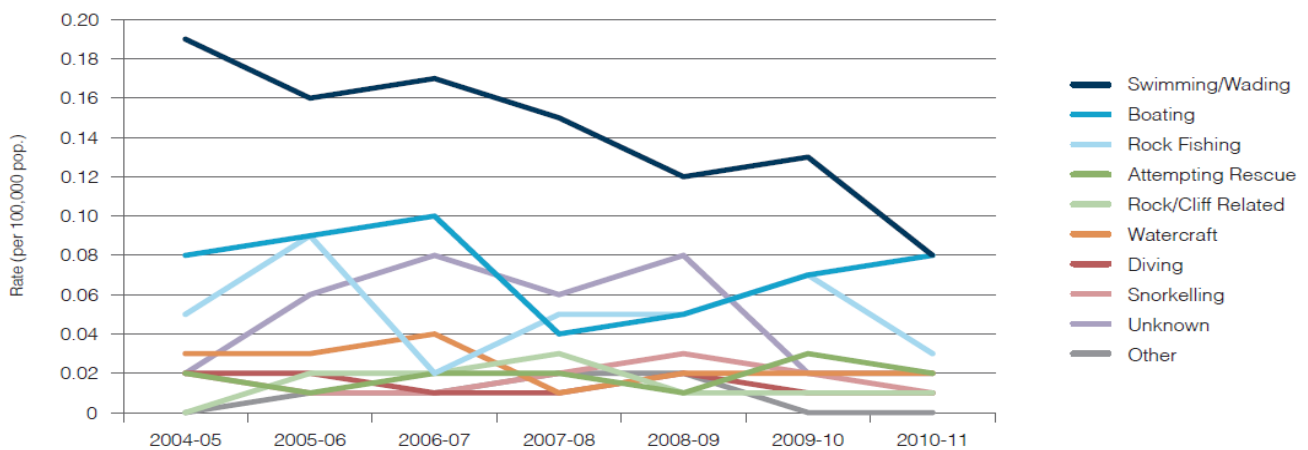
Ron Poole
Chairman/Web editor
ANSA

National Safety Officer's Report

Overview

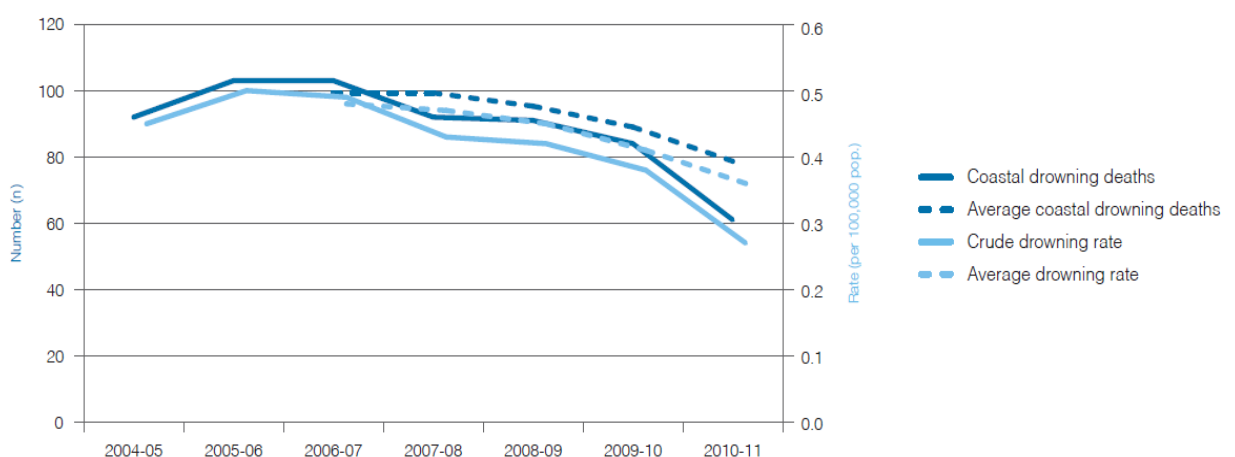
During the 2010/2011 fishing season we did see a drop in fishing related deaths across Australia, especially in terms of rockfishing which has been at the forefront of our campaign for a few years. This is the arena that seems to attract the most attention and even though the demographics indicate that males from non-English speaking backgrounds make up a huge proportion of the drowning's, ANSA would like to see all anglers staying safe when fishing in boats, rivers, beaches or the rocks. This year we did see a spike in boating fatalities, however many of these were not fishing related. Of the 61 deaths, 17 (28%) were attributed to boating and 6 (10%) were attributed to rock fishing.

Below is a snapshot from around Australia over the past few years;

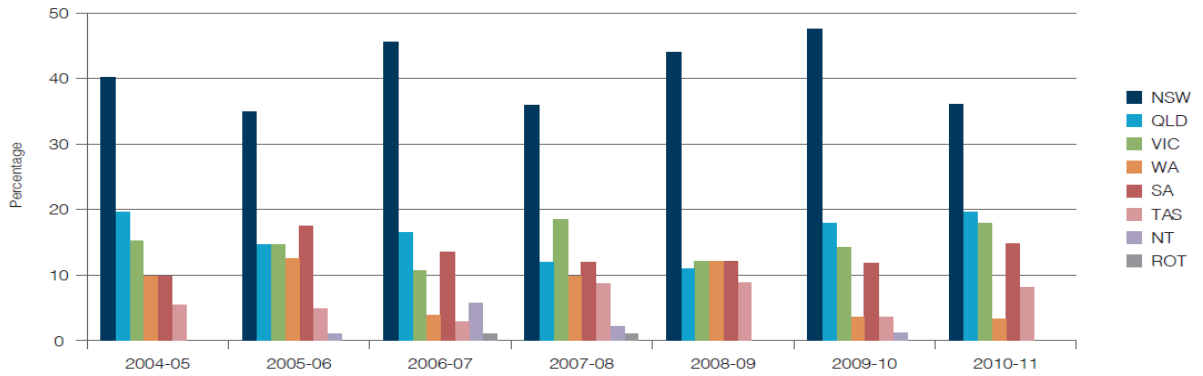


Coastal drowning deaths by activity – 2004-05 to 2010-11

Whilst this is encouraging we should not become complacent and we need to continue to work within our communities and keep our intervention strategies going forward.



Seven year trend of coastal drowning deaths



Percentage of coastal drowning deaths by state

Figure 6

With the help of other agencies like Surf Life Saving and the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW via their “Don’t Put Your Life On the Line” Campaign and the help of well-known anglers like Kaj “Bushy” Busch and Andrew “ET” Ettinghausen, ANSA has partnered this team to roll out fishing safety messages around Australia that will continue to provide assistance in reducing the drowning rate around Australia.

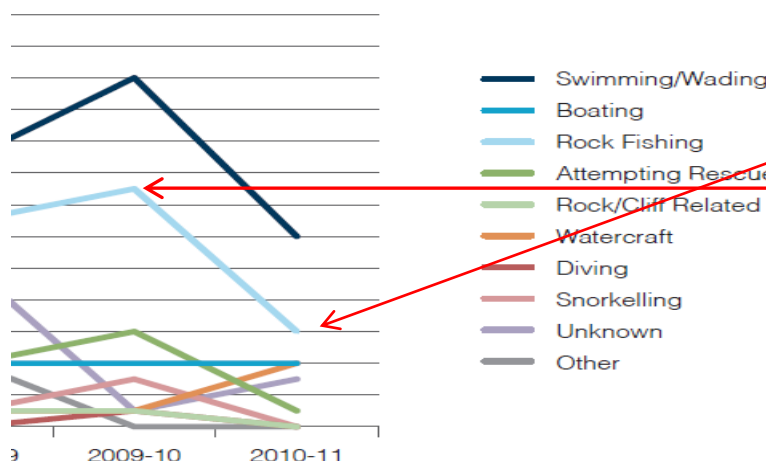


Rockfishing

As mentioned previously rockfishing seems to grab all the headlines when and an angler loses their life off the rocks. In this area ANSA has been very active in promoting safe fishing messages around Australia. With a very focus on rockfishing, it seems the messages are getting through. Australia wide we dropped from 19 deaths down to 3 in just over 12 months due to some very hard yards put in by many groups like ANSA. In NSW which is where most of these initiatives have originated from they went down from 13 to 3 deaths. It has taken a lot of effort and commitment to get these numbers down, but will take even more to keep them down.

NSW – A Case Study

These are the figures from NSW which show the dramatic decrease over the 12 month period. In May of 2010, five anglers from one family lost their lives whilst rockfishing and from that tragic incident a whole lot of initiatives were instigated within NSW to help reduce the drowning rate. A lot of hard work will be needed to keep to momentum going. Overall NSW went from 13 rockfishing deaths to 3 in the space of 12 months, testament to the fact that intervention strategies do work.



Angel Rings

Whilst the majority of work undertaken with regards to Angel Rings happens in NSW, plans are underway to rollout a National Trial of Angel Rings. The Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee (RFAC) identified the national roll-out of the Angel Rings program as a key project as part of the Recreational Fishing Industry Development Strategy (RFIDS). There was unanimous agreement that the NSW project had a demonstrated track record in saving lives at various NSW coastal rock platform locations and should be expanded nationally where there was a risk of lives being lost.

In the 2010/2011 ANSA NSW clocked up 10 confirmed rescues of anglers who had been swept off the rocks whilst rockfishing. That is potentially 10 anglers saved from drowning by being able to stay afloat whilst rescues were organised. This is above average for rescues as in 09/10 they had 3 confirmed rescues and in 08/09 they had 5 confirmed rescues. One thing that these rescues may have impacted is the NSW drowning statistics for rock fishers. In 09/10 they had a horrific year with 13 drownings, whilst in 10/11 they ended with only 3. Even 3 deaths are too many, but factor in 10 rescues during the same time and it is hard not to draw conclusions around these figures that show how important it is we maintain and slowly expand the project around Australia

ANSA NSW replaced 24 rings (from a total of 116 installations in NSW) that have gone missing in 2010/2011, meaning they have a 20% attrition rate in NSW, either from theft or big seas. With this in mind ANSA NSW has been trialling asset trackers in some of their angel rings, these are GPS trackers that use satellites to check on the rings a couple of times a day and trigger alarms if moved. There is some very good applications for this type of technology, with a classic scenario being the fact that we have asked for an angel ring to be installed at Green Cape, near the NSW / Vic border, however the distance needed to travel from the nearest town is huge, the drive out is pretty rugged and the fact that National Park rangers do not often patrol the area lends this technology as a perfect fit for all our needs. We will have the same application around Australia.

As you can see below, I have just checked the ring at Lake Munmorah State Rec Area just south of Swansea in NSW from the comfort of my home, without the need to drive 150 km to see if it's still there. Whilst this technology is expensive, we are currently trialling it to see how effective it can be. Currently we are "tweaking" the software with the manufactures to make the rings more operator friendly in terms of what we can achieve with our tracking software. Imagine having a phone app with all the rings on it that tells everyone when they are moved and where they are going to.....bring it on we all say.

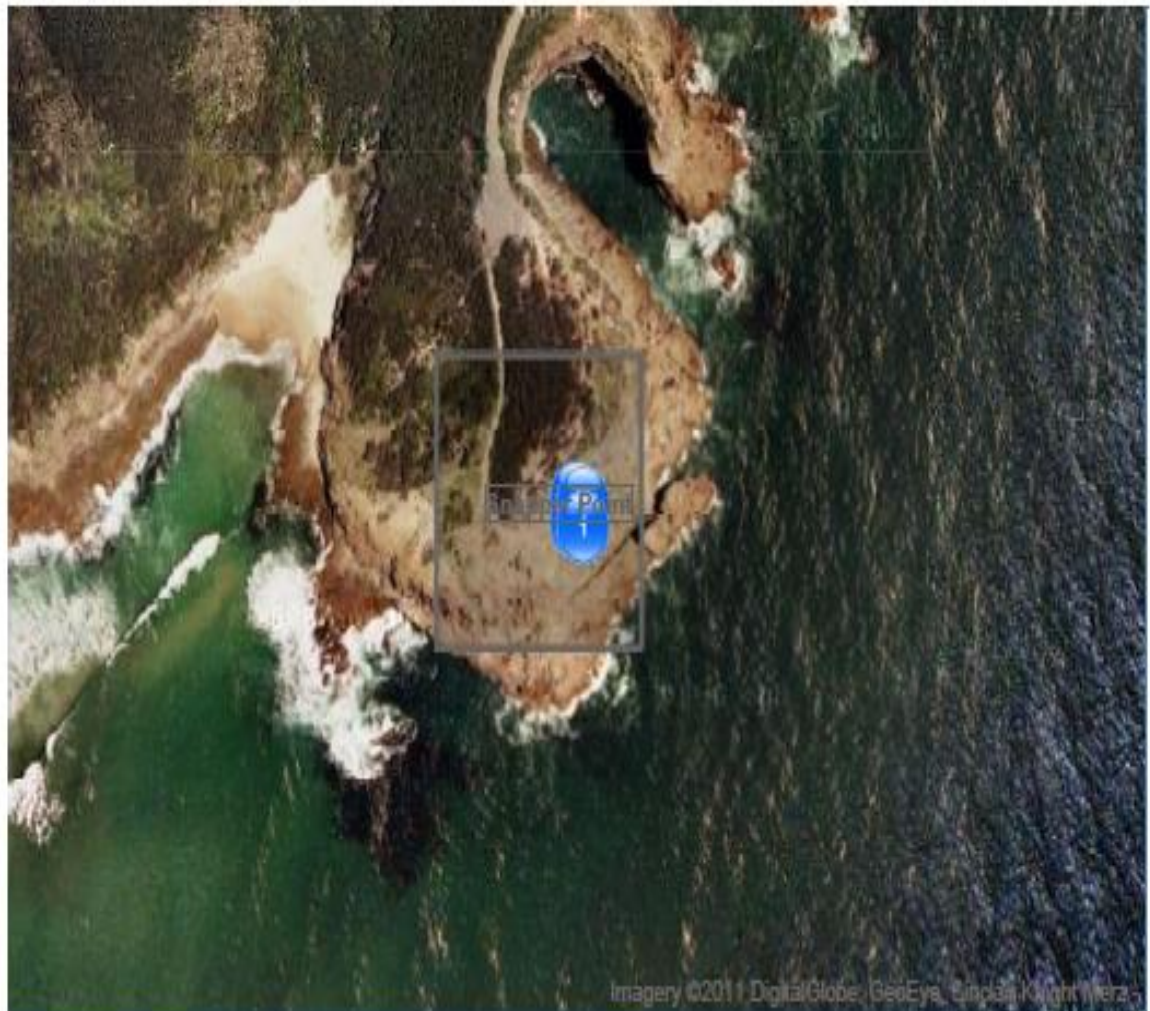
Safe fishing











Stan Konstantaras
National Safety Officer

Search Results:

View today's locations for selected **ANSA NSW** assets



Asset	Date/Time	Location [WGS84 Coordinates]
 Snapper Point	09 Oct 2011 [15:11]	Snapper Point Rd, Frazer Park NSW, AU  [-33.187208, 151.828494]
 Snapper Point	09 Oct 2011 [11:06]	Snapper Point Rd, Frazer Park NSW, AU  [-33.187122, 151.828494]
 Snapper Point	09 Oct 2011 [06:57]	Snapper Point Rd, Frazer Park NSW, AU  [-33.187187, 151.828451]
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National Recorder's Report (Line Class)

National Line Class Records

The 2010 – 2011 year has produced 85 Australian Line Class Records, 7 more than 2010-11:

N.S.W.	51
Queensland:	21
Victoria.	12
W.A.	1



Don Rayment - Tailor—4.89kg, Sportfishing on 2kg

Seventeen clubs submitted claims for Australian Records with the most successful - St George SFC with 16 Australian Records. The most successful Anglers were: Kayden Dhyon, from St George SFC with 9 Australian Records, Aaron Anderson, from Wollongong Club with 5 Australian Records and Helen Johnston, from the Bundaberg Club with 4 Australian Records.

The most prolific targeted fish were:

European Carp	- 12 records
Mulloway	- 7 records
Long Nose Trevally	- 4 records

An increase in Junior and Sub-Junior records again this year was good to see as it shows the new generation of young anglers coming through the ranks.

Congratulations to all those anglers who gained Australian records.

Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	All Tackle	Total
Senior	16	5	9	3	0	0	8	41
Junior	6	4	0	7	1	0	1	18
Sub-Junior	21	0	0	3	0	2	0	26



Frank Bluch – SB Tuna ; 14.37 kg
– Flycasting on 3 kg

Chris Stolk- Black Marlin: 171kg
- Gamefishing on 10 kg



To claim Line Class records, download the claim form from the ANSA website. In order for the claim to be valid and processed quickly, make sure **ALL** sections of the form are fully completed and necessary attachments are included. **Use the checklist at the bottom of the form.**

Phil Turner
ANSA National Line Class Records.

National Recorder's Report (Length Only)

The first 3 years in existence of the All Tackle 'Length Only' Records saw 226 successful claims received.

The successful current records have come from New South Wales (64), including Canberra, Queensland (55), Victoria (10), South Australia (5), and N.T. (2).

The records currently stand at:

Successful Claims	226
Current Records	137
Juniors	37
Sub Juniors	13
Fish Kept	154
Fish Released	72

I believe the numbers of claims that have been received this year are down, especially in Queensland, due to the various natural disasters around the country. The areas that have had floods will fish better in the future after being flushed out.

The ratio of Junior / Sub junior claims to the overall number is just over 22%. This seems to have increased in the last year and I believe this is a good trend as the future lies in our younger anglers.

Pictured is a photo of young Brock Iseppi from Bundaberg SFC with 1 of 5 record claims presented at the same time, an angler to be reckoned with in the future.



This is my last report as I will be stepping down as National All Tackle 'Length Only' Recorder. I have enjoyed my role on the National committee and will support the new recorder in his new in the future.

To claim a record, download an All Tackle 'Length Only' Record application form from the ANSA site and forward it through your club recorder to your State recorder and it will be then sent to me.

For the future of ANSA, please encourage your juniors to participate in fishing.

Good fishing

Bob Avery

All Tackle 'Length Only' Recorder

National Masters Keeper Report

The 2010/2011 season has shown a 30% increase in Masters claims. There was a significant absence in claims early in the season that seemed to co-inside with the adverse weather conditions experienced by some East Coast States but there was a rush later in the year.

This year there was a 70 and a Sub Junior Sportfishing claim processed and Victoria lodged several claims bringing the total to 32 for the year.

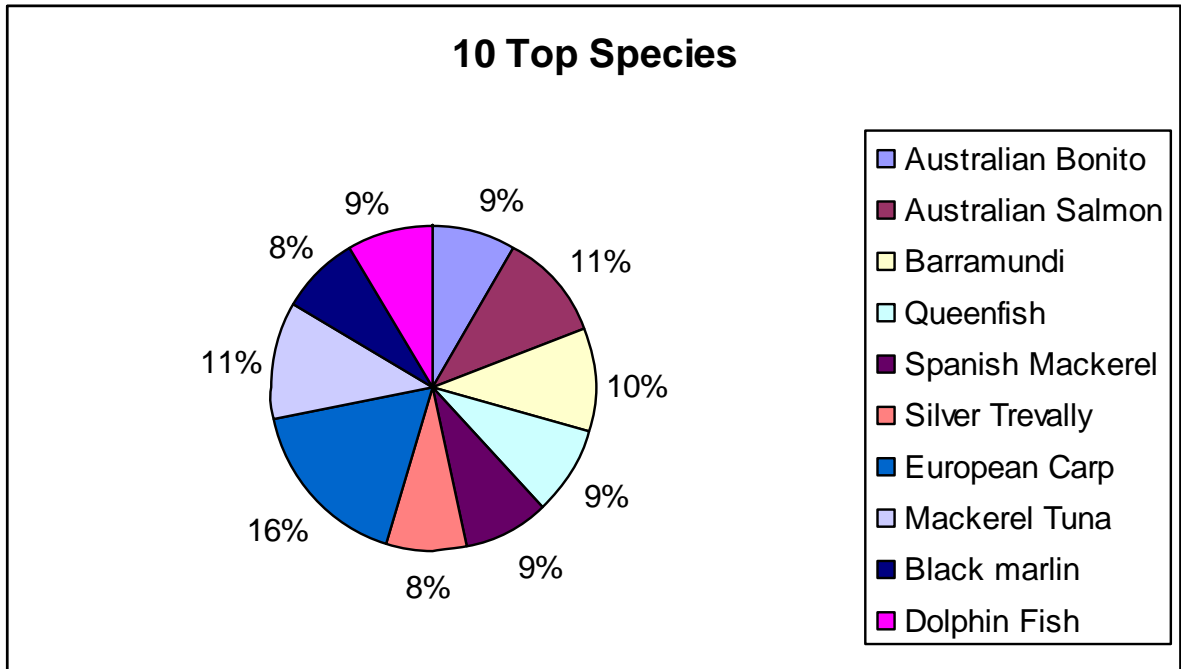
Award	Canberra	Queensland	NSW	Victoria	Totals
Sportfishing 10		5	2	1	8
Sportfishing 20		1			1
Sportfishing 40			1		1
Sportfishing 60			1		1
Sportfishing 70			1		1
Sportfishing 250		1	2		3
Sub Junior Sportfishing			1		
L/B Sportfishing			1		1
Sportfishing Junior				2	2
Lure Fishing 10		1			1
Lure Fishing 20			1		1
Lure Fishing 30		1			1
Game Fishing 10	1	1	2		4
L/B Gamefishing			2		2
Gamefishing 250			1	1	2
All Tackle Length Only		1			1
Fly Fishing		1			1
Totals	1	12	15	4	32

There has been discussion over many years regarding various line classes. During the last year, I have documented the number of line class captures that members have submitted for Masters Claims. The accompanying table shows the distribution of line classes and number of captures. It indicates that the 1Kg and 2Kg line class is used by 62% of fishers for masters captures in the last year.

These line classes are an important part of ANSA members ability to achieve their goals and should not be deleted from the rulebook, as it will disadvantage many anglers.

Line Class (Kg)	No of Captures
1	108
2	76
3	22
4	31
6	22
8	13
10	6
15	15
24	3

It appears that of the fish that make up the Masters the majority species vary over the years. The last 3 years the top species were Giant Trevally, Mackerel Tuna and Queenfish. This year the most popular one was the fresh water European Carp (16% of all captures). It seems quite a change from the marine species that have been the norm for some years.



It will be interesting to see what claims this year will bring hoping that there are no more adverse weather events especially to the East Coast.

Knut Gassmanis
Master Keeper

ANSA New South Wales Report

With a change of Government in NSW we have a great chance to open fresh talks with this new Government. ANSA NSW members and clubs need to get more involved at a local level and make our voices heard. We are faced with “review” upon “review” of marine parks, bag and size limits, threatened species and environmental impacts that we need to fully deal with as clubs and individuals and not just rely on others to convey our sentiments.

Full credit to the new Government for winding back a few hastily cobbled together plans like Jervis Bay and Solitary Island Marine Parks and the Grey Nurse Shark closures at South West Rocks. However, the ball is squarely backed in our court as anglers to make sure the right messages are being heard where it matters.

The effort and time taken to keep ANSA NSW running is not a small task, in essence the jobs that guys like Mike Spitzer, Shane Jasprizza, John Burgess and Joe Garufi undertake are very involved and time consuming. The work that Max Castle, Tony Steiner and the rest of handle is also a testament to our willingness to keep ANSA NSW going as a team.

It is not an easy task, but very rewarding when you see attendance is up at conventions, membership has not fallen and has gone up slightly and almost 45% of our record claims are fish which we measure, not weigh with a fair majority of these being released.

Our sport continues to be under constant threat from all sorts of forces, be they well-intentioned but often misguided environmental groups or government at a commonwealth, state or local level. We have seen the previous NSW government introduce new restrictions on fishing at grey nurse aggregation sites in the misguided belief that by making it harder to fish in these locations and by restricting the types of tackle that is permissible to use, the incidental hooking of these species will be minimised and the potential risk of extinction of the species reduced. ANSA NSW is supportive of measures to protect and preserve grey nurse sharks but what we do want to see is a less emotional and more scientifically based case for grey nurse shark protection and the means by which this can best be achieved. It is gratifying that one of the first initiatives of the incoming NSW Coalition government was to reverse the previous government’s restriction decision and to call for a public review of GNS protection measures

Marine parks also continue to be a source of contention for most recreational fishers. While it is pleasing that the NSW Coalition government has placed a 5 year moratorium on the creation of additional or new state marine parks, it is disappointing that the outgoing government chose to ignore most of the recommendations made by ANSA NSW in terms of improved fishing access and safety as part of the recent Solitary Island and Jervis Bay marine park reviews. It is encouraging that the Coalition government also overturned the outcomes of these reviews and will be establishing an independent panel to review all state marine parks to ensure there is a correct balance between sustainable use of the marine environment and the conservation of marine biodiversity and to implement a marine park policy that is based on science. ANSA NSW will endeavour to work with the government in a spirit of cooperation to fulfil these deserving goals and deliver the best outcome for recreational fishers.

At a local level we have experienced a push by some local councils to impose bans on recreational fishing at public jetties and wharves. Some councils, in response to pressure from vocal environmental groups, have also called for the creation of additional and expanded sanctuary zones at popular fishing locations citing that our activities are cruel, anti-social and destructive of the marine habitat and species such as blue groper. Fortunately with the benefit of science and good persuasion we have managed to head off most of these challenges but they keep on coming.

ANSA NSW is well represented on most of the bodies that influence and manage the direction of recreational fishing at both a state and national level. We do have ANSA NSW members on ACoRF (Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing) and RFSTEC (Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee) and we do have representation on a variety of other committees established by NSW Fisheries, NSW Maritime, Sydney Ports and other agencies with a focus on fisheries management, environmental management, fishing and boating safety and boat ramp installation and design. ANSA NSW did present constructive evidence at the NSW Recreational Fishing Inquiry and also participated in the 2010 review of the NSW Fisheries Management Act. ANSA NSW is a founding and active member of the NSW Recreational Fishing Alliance and works closely with all recreational fishing stakeholders.

The year has finished on a high note and make no mistake; in 2011 the ANSA NSW brand is well recognised and acknowledged. The Angel Ring Project and the Fishing 4 Therapy Project may be the shining stars, but the behind the scenes work is where it matters and on this level we are providing sensible and constructive input in shaping the future of fishing within NSW.

Cheers and stay safe,

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

Stan Konstantaras
ANSA NSW President

ANSA Queensland Report

Our Club levels have remained steady this year with a total of 31 clubs being active, and a new club Sunshine Coast Blue Water Sportfishing Club Inc. joining the ranks after the end of the Financial year giving a total of 1113 members Australia wide, with the following breakdown of membership levels:

- Senior Males 623
- Senior Females 245
- Junior Males 62
- Junior Females 42
- Sub-Junior Males 73
- Sub-Junior Females 47
- Senior Students 21

The main focus for ANSA Qld's community approach has again been through Youth involvement and participation, with a number of Kids Fishing Adventure Days have been held throughout the State, with very good attendance figures by both participants and ANSA members, with many of the participants fishing and catching fish for the first time. These Days have now become an integral part of ANSA Qld and we thank Sunfish for their high input into this worthwhile endeavour, as well as the Queensland State Government for their continued sponsorship, especially in light of the high number of natural disasters that have befallen not only Queensland, but much of the Eastern States of Australia over the past 10 months, and the consequent lack of available sponsorship dollars available.

After the CAPTAG Club was awarded \$1000 by ANSA Qld to assist them in holding a Fishing Clinic for Youth in the Capricorn region last year, a number of setbacks prevented the event going ahead until early this month (September) but it finally made it off the ground and from all reports has been an outstanding success

Our biggest concern at the present time is the closure to any kind of fishing whatsoever in the Gladstone area of Central Queensland. This closure is due to health risks loosely associated with the dredging of the harbour for the new LNG plant being built, but confirmation of reasons behind the affected fish lesions and eye disorders is still to be confirmed in the coming weeks and months. This is a serious and divisive matter occurring at the bottom end of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, and as such everyone appears to be working hard for solutions. Time will tell.

Many members throughout the State continue to serve as members, and Chairpersons, on the Local Marine Advisory Committees, with some very good outcomes on a local and state level, although continued cutbacks in Federal funding have made their tasks even harder.

With this year's State Wide Conference again held at Coolwaters Resort in Yeppoon, a smaller number of attendees than normal were treated to a number of speakers talking on the theme of the Conference..."SURVIVAL"... very appropriate to the times with the natural disasters early in the year, and the disaster unfolding in Gladstone.

This event was once again sponsored by our state Department of Environment, Economic Development, and Innovation, which shows the high regard in which ANSA Qld is held. This year did see a dramatic drop in the available funding due to these disasters, but this did not deter anyone at the SWC, and with the election of some young blood into the current State Executive, we could see some interesting developments on the Funding front this year, if first indications continue as they have begun!

Suntag has changed their database and web access to Recreational Anglers, so that they can now track their captures and recaptures online in real time, including

uploading of images, as well as having advanced interactive capabilities with the internet through Google Earth for tracking capabilities.

Approximate figures for Suntag as at 21st August are:

- 641,000 fish tagged (26,300 in 2010/11)
- 51,300 recaptures (1500 in 2010/11)
- 27,800 fishing trips with catch and effort (3,000 in 2010/11)
- 72,000 hooking locations (6,600 in 2010/11)

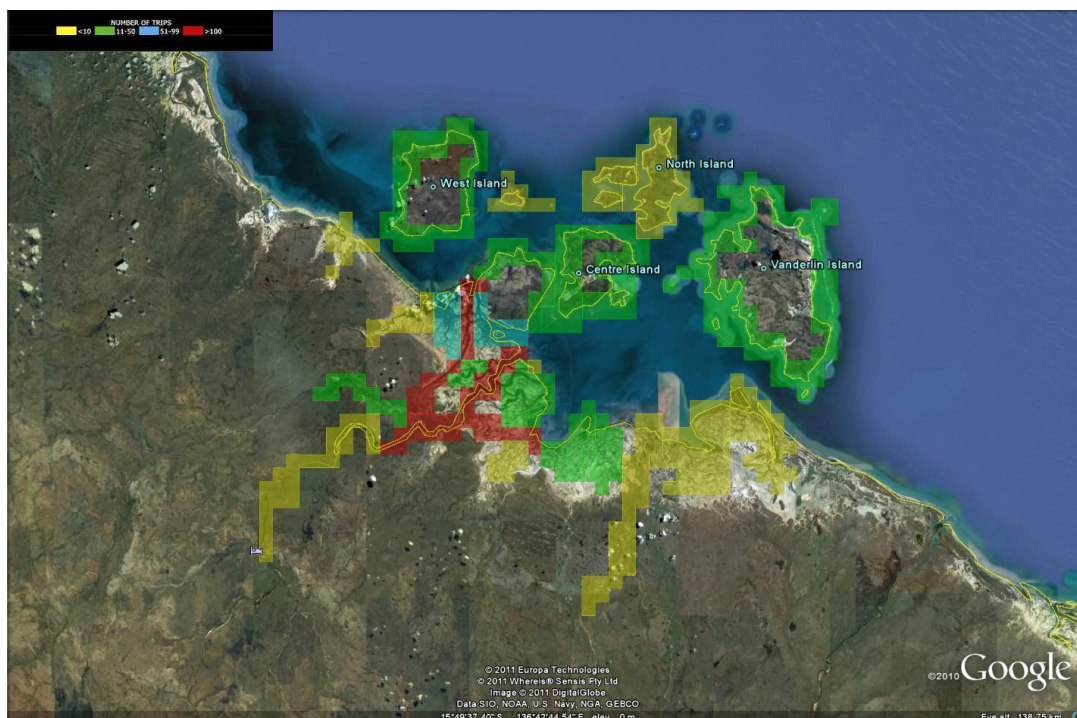
With the heavy cutback in funding by the State Government to the Suntag funding, it is becoming difficult to retain the levels of input that have been the norm for the last 23 years.

From 2010/11 individuals taking part in Suntag will be able to register online. This is a new service in response to requests that have been received for this facility and is in line with our policy of continual improvement.

For Suntag, the most significant achievement for 2010/11 was the linking of the Suntag database to Google Earth. Google Earth is now widely used by fishers and provides a new tool for the visualisation of Suntag data.

Both tagging and catch and effort data can be displayed along with photographs, video and graphs. Other datasets can also be included.

As an example the areas of greatest fishing effort in the McArthur River in the Gulf of Carpentaria are clearly shown below. When on the internet, and each area is highlighted and clicked, a graph showing the catch rates per season is displayed.



During 2010/11 the following

information and products were provided:

- 11 Suntag News bulletins (*figure 7*)
- 21 extracts of Suntag data for researchers and others
- 1 reports including Suntag data
- 7 presentations including Suntag and tagging data
- 7 scientific publications and technical reports using Suntag data

The old ANSA Qld Winter and Summer State Championships were dispensed with at the Conference, and a new format entitled the ANSA Qld Species Challenge was formed and the inaugural event held last weekend 24th and 25th September. Results are still being finalised but it appears there was at least a doubling of participation numbers due to the relaxing of rules and the differing format of the event.

The basis for the Species Challenge is the capture and release, or keep, of as many Eligible Species within the 42 hour posted timeframe.

Sounds simple? NOT! It is amazing how many anglers felt this would be a pushover, but the eventual winners had to work very hard and put in long hours to achieve their deserved wins in the inaugural Challenge. With around 13 species taking out the coveted title for the Senior Male and Female, and weather conditions quite good, it shows that this is an interesting concept. The part of the ANSA motto that calls for “Integrity” really comes to the fore, as although we would like to see photos or fish for precise identification purposes, this is not essential, and line class is no longer a factor as this is an All Tackle event. An interesting concept and we will wait to see how it develops over the next few years.

This year’s Rocky Barra Bounty, another Catch and Release comp fully supported by ANSA Qld, was an outstanding success with over 1000 of these iconic species captured in the 2 days of competition by only 140+ anglers. Recruitment in the Fitzroy this year has been astounding, and the “Crystal Bowl” as set up by Info Fish to interpret the upcoming fish stocks for the Basin was showing that this would be a bumper comp as far as numbers were concerned, but I think it caught even some of the organisers by surprise.

One of our most ambitious projects for the coming year will be the development and implementation of an online payment system for all ANSA Qld members. Members will be able to find their local club, their associated fee structures, pay securely, and behind the scenes distribution of funding will take place, with auto recording and forwarding of data to clubs also happening in the background. An innovation that should keep us up with the Technological age, and hopefully entice new members.

Good luck to ANSA National and those members standing for positions, and we thank you in advance for your participation. And of course, good luck to all other ANSA State Branches for the coming year.

Geoff Hodge
Secretary
ANSA Queensland

ANSA South Australia Report

This has been a busy year with lots happening regarding our fishery.

There are concerns regarding Snapper stocks as the commercial sector has no quota and there are at times gold rush mentalities (pre and post closed season) that drive the commercial price from around \$13 per kilo down to \$2 per kilo. Similarly Garfish are being fished commercially to around 75% of the biomass and are in serious trouble with a possible of total collapse

A new club has joined ANSA SA with its prime purpose to participate in tagging Snapper. We wish them well and look forward to seeing their results.

Tagging is an ongoing activity that numerous members participate in with a minimal budget.

SARFAC (South Australian Recreational Advisory Council) has recently lost its executive officer due to retirement and has been replaced with Gary Flack who has been a board member for several years. The organisation is undergoing change with new members sitting on the board.

There is a raft of challenges that we are currently faced with that will affect all SA and visiting recreational anglers. ANSA SA currently has members both directly and indirectly involved in various committees resulting in almost full time activity. To give you a broad view of the diversity of activities involved I have listed some of the issues we have input to.

- Native Title
- Recreational Fishing Strategic Plan
- Recreational Fishing Management Plan

SA Water Memorandum Of Understanding

SARFAC has been involved with SA water for years to get recreational fishing assess to freshwater impoundments. There has recently been a breakthrough with a MOU allowing access to the Warren reservoir with potentially several more coming on line.

Marine Parks/Sanctuary Zones

These zones will not allow any fishing activity. The SA Government has indicated it wants 10% of waters protected. This is the largest grab in the country and the more realistic figure in 3% to 5%. The second consulting round is due November/December this year and will be subject to the outcome of a Senate enquiry and public comments.

Aquaculture

This is spreading like a cancer in loss of access, water pollution and flotsam.

Possession limits

There is a draft submission paper currently in circulation inviting comments. This can only work if there is a commercial TAC, as it would contravene the recreational fishing act if there were a re-allocation of resource

Recreational size and bag limit review

This will be released soon for public comment.

Recreational Fishing License

We do not have a recreational fishing licence and as such the funding allocated for fishing is minimal and insufficient for even basic needs. There is a new premier about to hit the streets in October and it will be an opportunity to progress this for the benefit of all recreational fishers.

Recreational Fishing Engine Room

This series has been organised by PIRSA Fisheries to canvas the thoughts and views of recreational fishers on various aspects fisheries management.

Recreational Fishing Social and Economic Research

This series is funded by FRDC in collaboration with Queensland to quantify the value recreational fishers have in the community. It has been said that this is the first research of its kind and will be a world first.

This level of activity is expected to continue for the next few years until there is sufficient funding to employ people to act on our behalf.

Knut Gassmanis
Secretary

ANSA Tasmania Report

2010/11 has been a great year and as this is my final report as Branch President I will take the opportunity to cover some of the more important issues:

- We have seen some new members join;
- We have undertaken some new trips;
- Provided input to the debates on Recreational Fishing
- Started a web site; and
- Friendship.

Membership has increased this year and with the development of our junior's policy we can expect a dividend of increased families in the coming year. The ANSA message appeals to young fishers that have been raised on catch and release. We can attract these families and grow the Association in the right direction. The Branch has given briefings to several other clubs in past months and will revisit the club membership category with a view to inducting existing non-ANSA clubs into the branch.

Our funds and assets are in a healthy position with sufficient of the former to maintain Branch activities and finance planed events for the coming twelve months.

Branch trips are a significant undertaking but are without a doubt one of the key activities for the branch. They, after all, get us fishing. They provide ANSA a public profile and inject much needed funds into the bottom line. All the trips are great fun and give us the chance to fish around the state. Some of the trips, such as Bruny Island and Derwent Bridge are now firmly etched into the Branch's annual plans. The steady stream of trips has been made possible by the various people that take on the role of trip organisers and they have all done a magnificent job over the past year.

ANSA Tasmania has punched well above its weight in the area of fishery management with participation in most of the many advisory committees, research groups, Ministerial and Peak bodies. ANSA's input has seen many positive changes to the recreational fishery over the last twenty years. Amongst these there are some that I take particular pride in for my personal involvement, bag and size limits, netting restrictions, recreational only areas and the protection of some areas from marine farming are some that come to mind.

There have also been some long battles that continue, a fair share for the recreational rock lobster fisher, the fight against the introduction of a saltwater rod and line license, the need for estuarine species to be available to sea fishers without the need for an inland fishing licence amongst the more important ones.

You can make a difference through your involvement in ANSA and we have seen this in action with all political parties seeking our input into their recreational fishing policies at the last election. Likewise we have seen some in the upper echelons of power fall foul of the Recreational Fishing sector and pay the price. Members' involvement and advice has allowed ANSA Tas to improve the Recreational Fishery and its profile in the community.

We are now represented on the Ministers advisory council by TARFish, it is important to maintain our membership of TARFish whilst ensuring that our views are also promoted more widely. As a founding Board Member, ANSA has considerable

investment in the peak body and we must ensure that it stays on message. Andrew Edwards has done just that and his work on the TARFish board is appreciated.

Over the next few years we must ensure that we remain steadfast in our support of the principles that are ANSA - Sport, Conservation and Integrity. In order that we promote these principles we must talk the talk and walk the walk. Tell people at every opportunity about ANSA and our views on the bigger issues.

The Web Page has been undertaken by Peter Ladaniwskyj and he has done a top job. This will become a vital part of the Association's profile and communications tool box. It also holds the Executive email accounts creating an easy point of contact for members. Peter has worked with Ron Poole on this important project and thanks to Ron on that front.

To those on National please keep up the good work. As one of the smaller states we appreciate the voice that we have and hope that ANSA will remain truly reflective of all the Branches.

And so that is it, well really there is a lot more that I could say about what a fantastic time I have had as President over the many years and the many wonderful people I have met, the great times I have had fishing with some very skilled fishos as well as those just learning to fish.

My new roles of policy development and membership will see me in all of your ears on a regular basis.

Regards and good fishing.

Nick Crawford
President
ANSA Tasmania

ANSA Victoria Report

During the last 12 months the Victorian branch has again enjoyed a successful State Championships held around the state. This again proved to be a hotly contested championship which ensured steady numbers to all the rounds. The state executives ran a round of the state championships at Lake Eildon with more of a push for a social side of the weekend and encourage the interaction of all members from different clubs to get together. This proved to be a success and the weekend was enjoyed by all.

Memberships dropped slightly over the past year but on a brighter note one of the new clubs that joined last year have embraced the ANSA scene and are taking the next step and running a round of the state championship this year.

The branch has again been active throughout the past year with the new boat regulations that is now almost finalized after close to 2 years of consultation with the Dept of Transport. These proposed regulations have now at least a degree of common sense, a long way from what was originally proposed.

Another area that the state branch is watching closely is any future changes to the Southern Bluefin Tuna species. This is a fishery that has gone ahead in leaps and bounds over the last 5 years. There has been extensive research and data collected over the past Tuna season. There has been some changes to size and bag limits in the past few weeks but I am sure we will see other changes in the not to distant future. This is something that I am sure other states are also watching closely.

The branch held its AGM recently and again has managed to fill all the positions on the executive so this again allows the branch to be active in the areas required and to continue to service its members going forward during the coming 12 months.

Tight Lines,

Darren Dyson
President ANSA Victoria

ANSA Western Australia Report

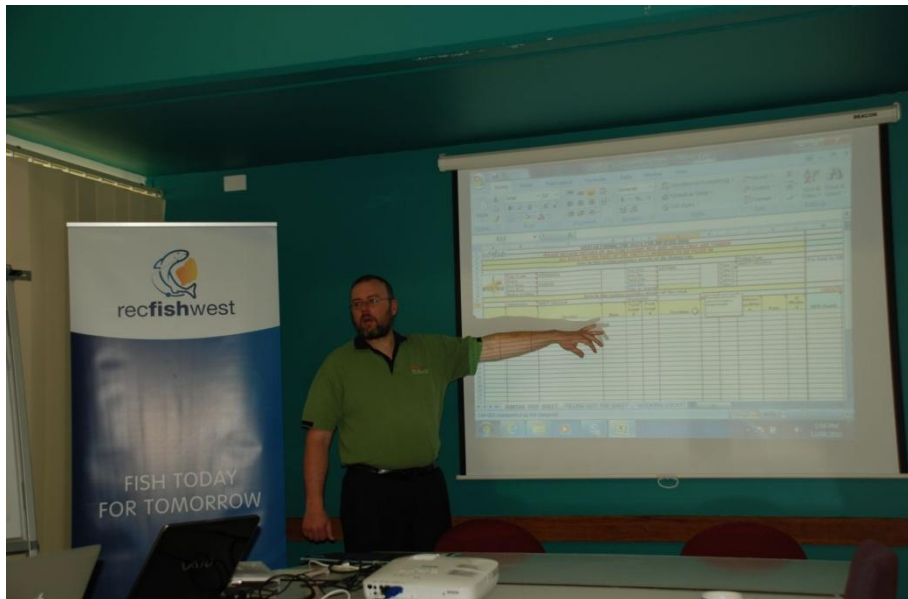
Events:

Recreational fishing is on a turn around with more fish being released now than ever before, more people are asking about the tagging programme and how they can join in. The use of the release weight for demersal fish may give us some new data to work with in regards to fish survival.

Membership:

Our members are on the increase in the Metro area with a new dedicated scaly bunch tagging large numbers of DHUFISH, and PINK SNAPPER

Tagging: Presentation by Stefan Sawynok



This years launch of the **WESTAG** web site is great to see, many of the new members have already uploaded TRIP SHEETS and data is available almost straight away, recaptured fish can be entered into the web sheet and provided the original data is there you get instant response as to when the fish was first caught. With a special presentation by Stefan Sawynok to members I feel reassured that data will now get onto the data base a lot quicker. All old members that may have tag sheets at home are encouraged to check and see if their info is loaded

Records:

No submissions from Peter Grasso this year, he believes that more people are looking to length records and release. Peter has expressed his need to move on from the position as recorder and I believe that ANSAWA must also move on by way of change, this can be addressed through the year by the incoming committee.

Juniors:



Elephant Fish

KOAC was again the “benifishory” of some sponsorship from ANSA WA for the kids whiting comp during the school holidays in October. Junior promotion and education is our safe guard for the fishing future.

The Next Year:

Tagging of fish for research data is our way forward and the recent proposal by Recfishwest which included ANSA WA and the developed web site for the STATE collection of data is of reassurance; with our elected nominee Ben Malton to the board of Recfishwest we can work together and make things happen.

At the helm:

The ANSAWA web is up and running & so is the WESTAG site.

www.ansawa.org

www.westag.info-fish.com

RECFISH WEST has big plans on the table and we are to be part of it again.

Marine Park considerations have been reviewed and with the input from members we have made submissions jointly with Recfishwest.

As most members are aware there are a number of issues with respect to the fishing licence laws and regulations, Recfishwest have a working committee reviewing these so if you have any questions please make contact so that we can address your concerns in our joint review recommendations for consideration by the department of Fisheries. My case is still unresolved!

Steve Wiseman
President
ANSA Western Australia