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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 talk on the previous page was given by Vic at a Queensland State wide meeting held in Cairns, (1988).



NATIONAL BOARD 2011 – 2012

Chairman
Executive Director
Business Director
Membership Director
Financial Director
Research & Development Director
Promotions Director/Webmaster
National Masters Keeper
National Recorder (Line Class)
National Recorder (Length Only)
National Safety Officer

Ron Poole
John Burgess
Shane Jasprizza
Joe Garufi
Sue Malton
Bill Sawynok
Ron Poole
Knut Gassmanis
Phil Turner
Bob Avery
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

There has been quite a lot happening on the recreational fishing scene as far as ANSA is concerned. I will cover briefly a few of those matters. The report from John Burgess, ANSA Executive Officer will provide more detail.

The proposed roll out of Commonwealth marine reserves along the Australian coastlines has caused some concern with both recreational anglers as well as the commercial fishing industry. In reality most of the proposed marine reserves are of little concern to the average recreational angler as in most cases travel to these reserves requires large vessels and a very long journey. The reserves in North Queensland and Western Australia are probably the most contentious with some relatively close reefs closed to recreational fishing. Marine reserve management plans have still to be finalized and constructive proposals from the major recreational fishing peak bodies have been put to the Government which if adopted will see a more favorable outcome for recreational anglers. All branches have been kept advised of the National executive actions in terms of the marine reserve proposals.

The ANSA Angel Ring project is now going National with Stan Konstantaras at the helm. His project now has Commonwealth government funding for a roll out of Angel Rings and Rock Fishing Safety Education across all Australian States. After reading his detailed plans I can only say his efforts are outstanding and if more lives are saved it is a project that is worth every dollar. Stan reluctantly accepts the fact he has already saved quite a few lives with the Angel Ring project. Stan won the "Volunteer of the year award" at the 2012 recreational fishing conference recently held at the Gold Coast in Queensland for his Angel Ring and Fishing Safety projects. Stan also spoke about the projects at the conference. I congratulate Stan for this well deserved award.

The 2012 review of the ANSA rulebook was successfully completed and a number of changes were implemented with agreement from the branches. A new All Tackle Length Only Species Masters award was introduced. Printing was completed on time and the big task of distribution to branches has been completed.

Joe Garufi finished the final drawings and quotes for the new brag mat and these have also been ordered and are now available on the web site for the same price plus postage. Download the form to order. ANSA brag mats are a high quality product and one of the very few on the market to remain accurate after exposure to the elements.

ANSA participated in the ACMA (Australian Communication Management Agency) review of marine radio operations and the ongoing need for licenses to operate VHF radios. Our recommendation was that there was little advantage in maintaining a VHF licensing regime of which only a small proportion of boat operators actually complied with and that resources could be better utilized on the development and distribution of educational material on marine radio use and operational protocols. While our case for disbandment of VHF licensing was not accepted, ACMA did act on our recommendations for educational material and an excellent range of printed and video user education material is now available which can be accessed on the ANSA website.

There were a couple of changes to the National executive during the year with Alan Hall retiring from the Finance Director's role. Sue Malton from WA branch has taken on the role. Sue is now working with John Burgess in coming to terms with ANSA's finances including a switch to electronic banking. This should make transactions much easier and quicker for the running of the National accounts.

Bob Avery also left us to do some travelling. Our new Length Only National recorder is Ken Johnson from Victoria branch. Ken has taken on the job and seems to enjoy the challenge. Ken and Phil Turner the Line Class National Recorder keep sending regular updates of the record charts to me as the web manager.

The National Executive voted to change the auditor of our financial affairs. The change should result in a saving of some \$2000.00 a year. The previous auditor was located in Tasmania and the changes to a Sydney based auditor make life much easier for John and Sue.

Several other important issues have arisen during the year however the one that has probably taken the general population and us by storm was the imminent arrival of the super trawler "Margiris" (aptly renamed the "Abel Tasman") to fish for small pelagic in our southern waters. As a consequence of an intense anti trawler campaign by ANSA and most other peak recreational fishing bodies and conservation groups we were at the last moment able to stop the vessel's fishing operations for at least the next 2 years. As I write this report changes to the EPBC Act are being implemented and there will be an independent inquiry into the management of our Commonwealth Fisheries.

A new peak body representing recreational fishing has been formed. The new body which has been called the "Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation" (ARFF) will bring together industry such as AFTA (Australian Fishing Trade Association) and all the major National and State peak recreational fishing bodies including ANSA and Recfish Australia. John Burgess has taken on the task of representing ANSA on the new peak body. Recfish Australia will still continue to exist and will work alongside ARFF. ANSA will retain its membership of Recfish Australia and maintain a Board position. The collaborative involvement of ARFF and all National and State peak bodies was an instrumental factor in the successful campaign to stop the Margiris and to have the EPBC Act amended to provide a legal process to stop other similar fishing operations in Australian waters.

I would like to thank the other board members for their assistance and for doing their job with few complaints. Our Executive Officer, John Burgess is tireless in his dedication to ANSA and for that matter all recreational anglers and boat owners.

Being a volunteer of any association can sometimes very time consuming. Sometimes I wonder how I ever found time to go to work. How members of the National Executive members can find the time to work fulltime and support their families and do everything they do for ANSA is remarkable and commendable.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R Poole".

Ron Poole
Chairman
ANSA National

National Executive Director's Report

Another challenging and busy year for ANSA at both a Branch and National level. Listed below are snapshots of some of the many issues confronting recreational fishing that ANSA has been involved with over the past year. Some have produced positive outcomes - others not so and many are still being dealt with as part of the ongoing consultative process.

New ANSA Rule Book. 2012 was the year for review and update of the ANSA rule book. This is something which ANSA does only every 4 years to coincide with a leap year. A number of important changes were made to the rule book to make it more user friendly and to clear up some areas of possible ambiguity. A new Length Based Species Masters Award was introduced to reflect the enormous appeal and popularity this capture and release focussed style of fishing has with ANSA members. New rule books have been printed and sufficient quantities have been distributed to every state branch to ensure that every ANSA member has a copy. The new rule book is also accessible on the ANSA website www.ansa.com.au.

Commonwealth Marine Reserves. The commonwealth government has remained committed to its planned time table for a roll out of the national network of marine reserves by 2013. ANSA has been actively engaged in the marine reserve process and has participated in several meetings with Minister Burke and Minister Ludwig and senior officials from the Department of Sustainability, Environment Water Population and Communities (DSEWPC) and other involved government agencies in a bid to secure the best possible deal for recreational fishers. ANSA did lodge formal submissions in respect of the original bioregional planning proposals for the Coral Sea and Temperate East marine reserves and gave its support to the submissions prepared by Recfishwest for the Southwest and Northwest reserves. More recently, ANSA again lodged submissions in respect of the proposed final boundaries and zoning of the Coral Sea, Temperate East, North, South West and North West marine reserve networks – These can be viewed on the ANSA website.

The majority of recreational fishers will not be affected by the proposed commonwealth marine reserve roll out as most of those areas within the reserves where recreational fishing is likely to be restricted are a long way off shore and not readily accessible by most recreational fishers. While DSEWPC and the Ministers have generally listened to and responded sensibly to the submissions made by ANSA and other peak bodies in terms of where the no fish zones should or should not be located, there are still some areas of contention particularly in the Coral Sea and the West Australian marine reserve networks where recreational fishing access will be prohibited at a small number of iconic locations without any scientific justification. Hopefully the final boundary and zoning plans can be tweaked to accommodate recreational fishing in these locations.

ANSA and most other peak bodies are not opposed to the concept of marine reserves but we are opposed to the notion that recreational fishers be locked out of huge areas of our oceans when there is no demonstrable case that recreational fishing has any detrimental impact on marine biodiversity – this extends even to those waters distant from shore and not readily accessible by recreational fishers. We are also concerned that the overly harsh restrictions on commercial fishing within the reserves may also have economic repercussions for the nation and may lead to increased extraction, competition and conflict with recreational fishing in those zones where both forms of fishing will be allowed. ANSA together with other peak bodies will continue to have meaningful dialogue with the current government and its advisors in an ongoing endeavour to secure a better deal for recreational fishers.

State Marine Parks. ANSA has also taken an active role in the planning and review of state marine parks as these are the source of most angst and concern for recreational fishers given their close proximity to the coast and spread over much of the state's coastline. For better or worse it is now fashionable for all Australian states to now have their own networks of state marine parks and the locations of these marine parks and the zonings do have a major impact on both land and boat based recreational fishing with access to favoured and safe fishing locations frequently being declared off limits. If your state branch requires assistance and support from ANSA national in dealing with these challenges then let us know.

Murray Darling Basin. ANSA in conjunction with other peak recreational bodies has formally voiced concerns that the issue of recreational fishing was not factored into the political debate on the future management of the MDB. This has been rectified thanks very much to a socio economic study of recreational activity in the MDB commissioned by Fisheries Victoria at the request of VRFISH. There are still a lot of conflicting issues to be sorted out between the various states and the commonwealth in terms of water allocation and how our water reserves are prioritised but hopefully in the final wash up we will end up with a much healthier river system and a better and more productive vital inland fishery.

Super Trawler. ANSA has been at the forefront in the campaign of opposition to the proposal to allow the Dutch registered “Magiris” super trawler to fish in Australian waters for small pelagic species such as jack mackerel and redbait which are important food stock species for tuna and other pelagic species so important to recreational fishers. Despite claims by government agencies that science exists to ensure that the commercial take of these species will have no detrimental impacts on stock numbers or pelagic predation, this view is not shared by recreational fishing peak bodies and we expressed grave concern with the risk of local area depletion if trawling activities are concentrated in one particular area. ANSA has written to and spoken to Ministers Ludwig and Burke, members of the Coalition and the Greens and the Unions in its campaign to stop the Margiris being licensed by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) to fish in Australia. We have also voiced concerns over the process by which the quota allocations for the small pelagic fishery were doubled by the AFMA management committee and the arrangement whereby the backers of the Margiris were entitled to take 18000 tonne out of the small pelagic fishery quota of 36000 tonnes annually.

As a consequence of the unified and high profile campaign by recreational fishing peak bodies with grass root support and protests by local recreational fishers and the broad general community we were able to achieve the impossible and stop the licensing of the Margiris which as a final affront changed its name to the Abel Tasman. As at the time of writing this report the Margiris, or whatever name it is fashionable to go by, remains laid up in Port Lincoln (SA) and hopefully very shortly will sail back to Holland never to be seen again.

It is worthy of mention that Minister Burke played a vital role in stopping the Margiris as urgent changes to the EPBC Act needed to be rushed through federal parliament to give the minister the power to prevent vessels like the Margiris from fishing in Australian waters until further scientific assessments are undertaken. While initially concerned by the scope of powers afforded the Minister by virtue of the proposed EPBC Act changes we did as convince the legislators to exclude recreational fishing from the amendments – a great outcome as a consequence of a unified campaign by the major peak bodies. A root and branch review of Commonwealth fisheries management has also been initiated by Minister Ludwig and ANSA will be part of that review process.

Grey Nurse Sharks. ANSA maintains a role on the commonwealth GNS Recovery Plan project and has been pressuring the Commonwealth to publicly release the plan and supporting GNS data that was in final draft form some years ago. ANSA has also been involved with a working group established by the NSW government to review its management plans for GNS and the effectiveness of GNS protection zones. Hopefully there will be some positive progress on these issues soon.

Reducing Emissions from Non Road Spark Ignition Engines. ANSA has made submissions to the Dept of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communications recommending that much tougher emission standards be introduced for the manufacture and importation of marine engines. It was alarming for ANSA to learn that Australia has one of the most lax marine engine emissions standards in the modern world and that almost all engines currently sold within Australia do not meet USA or European emission standards. We have been a dumping ground for obsolete technology. Hopefully we will soon see the introduction of internationally accepted marine engine emission standards. The submission can be viewed on the ANSA website.

Marine Radio Licencing. ANSA actively participated in the review of marine radio licensing requirements by the Australian Communication Management Agency (ACMA). ANSA’s submission included recommendations that the requirement for an ongoing licensing of VHF marine radio operation be dispensed with (as has been the case for 27 Mhz radios) and that serious effort and resources be put into the development and distribution of practical education and training material for marine radio operator use and protocols. Our recommendations for dispensation of the licensing requirement did not get up but very pleasingly ACMA did act on our recommendations for the development of practical marine radio operator education material and there are now a wide range of “how to” information brochures, stickers and video material publicly available. You can access this material from either the ANSA or ACMA website which is www.acma.gov.au/vhfmachine. Full details of the new marine radio licensing regulations and the process and requirements for obtaining a competency based marine radio qualification will be announced over 2013. ANSA will continue to work closely with ACMA in the roll out of the new licensing regime

Fishing Safety. ANSA will continue to expand on its very successful and highly profiled Angel Ring and Fishing Safety Education projects. These projects which had their roots in NSW will now be rolled out nationally with the benefit of a \$100000 funding grant from the Federal government. This will be a major challenge for all involved with these critically important life saving projects. ANSA is also actively engaged in the debate on the compulsory wearing of life jackets when rock fishing and will endeavour to push the case for a common sense and practical outcome for rock fishers should this become a regulation.

National Recreational Fishing Conference. ANSA was well represented at the 2012 conference which was held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre over August. The conference, jointly hosted by Recfish Australia and the Australian Fishing Trade Association (AFTA) and partially subsidised by FRDC, is one of the most significant events on the recreational fishing calendar and provides an excellent forum for wide ranging discussions that will chart the future for recreational fishing. Some 160 recreational fishing delegates attended the conference and were addressed by 40 speakers which included our own Stan Konstantaras and Bill Sawynok (National), Nathan Johnston and Kim Martin (Qld) and Tony Steiner (NSW). ANSA did well in the annual recreational fishing awards with Stan Konstantaras receiving the 2012 Volunteer of the Year award and Jason Stanfield (QLD) receiving the Most Successful Future Leader Graduate award. Congratulations are extended to both Stan and Jason for their well deserved awards.

Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence. ANSA is very concerned by the intention of the NSW state government to close down Cronulla Fisheries and transfer all staff to a host of regional locations as part of its decentralization programme. Quite apart from the potential loss of more than half of the fisheries research and administrative staff currently located at Cronulla who for a variety of reasons will not relocate, there exists no business case by the government to justify the closure of Cronulla and what its intentions are for this valuable piece of waterfront real estate. ANSA has been a strong supporter of Fisheries staff in their opposition to the closure and we are pleased that a Legislative Council Select Committee has been established to review the government's decision to close Cronulla. ANSA has lodged a formal submission to and publically appeared before the Select Committee to give evidence. The Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence is the nation's most eminent research establishment and we can ill afford to lose its research capabilities when our fisheries resources are under ever increasing threat and pressure.

Peak Bodies / Committees. ANSA remains a full member of Recfish Australia and is one of the foundation backers of the recently established Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) which is a new national peak body which will hopefully combine the membership of all national and state recreational fishing peak bodies and industry players including the Australian Fishing Trade Association (AFTA). This new body which will be based in Canberra will forge the future basis for collective advocacy on all national issues that have a relevance to recreational fishing. ANSA is in the process of becoming a full member of ARFF. ANSA is also a member of Minister Ludwig's Recreational Fishing Round table which meets quarterly as a forum for open discussion between the recreational sector and the Fisheries Minister and senior staff from all commonwealth fishing and environmental agencies on all issues material to recreational fishing. ANSA continues to hold positions on a wide variety of commonwealth and state government consultancy committees. ANSA is also a member of the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) and both Bill Sawynok and myself are Australian representatives on that body. You can access the IGFA website on www.igfa.org.

Membership and Financial. From a membership and financial perspective ANSA is travelling well. Our membership numbers have remained fairly constant and there have been a number of new clubs that have affiliated with ANSA over the year. Membership fees have again been kept at their 2004 level and over the year a number of promotional initiatives such as ANSA badged junior Tshirts, bumper stickers and ANSA banners have been provided free to the branch and club member network to promote the ANSA brand. ANSA ware products such as brag mats remain subsidised and over the coming year the national executive will be looking at other options to lift the public profile and image of ANSA and enhance member recruitment. Financially our position remains very sound due to the diligence of the national executive and the willingness of executive members to volunteer so much of their time freely. Thank you one and all.

There are always openings and opportunities for new faces on the national executive so take the chance and get involved. It is a rewarding commitment and the new year will undoubtedly throw up a whole new range of challenges which will require some fresh thinking.



John Burgess
Executive Officer/ Director. ANSA Ltd

National Finance Director's Report

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FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

Financial statements for the financial year end 30 June 2012 together with comparative results for the preceding year are appended. The following points are highlighted:

a) The Association traded at a surplus of \$30519 for the 2011/12 year. This compares very favourably with the previous year's surplus of \$8272 and substantially better than the forecast deficit of \$4650. The major factor behind this substantial variation was the receipt of \$22000 in FRDC grant money for the Angel Ring National roll out project against which no expenditure was recorded for the 2011/12 financial year. Budget forecast for 11/12 included an amount of \$90000 in FRDC grant receipts and an identical amount for expenditure. The remaining \$68000 of the FRDC grant will be received and expended over the current and 2013/14 financial years. Notional exclusion of the grant money from the 2011/12 results would have seen the company generate a surplus of \$8519

b) Income over the 2011/12 year of \$47482 was greater than the previous year's level of \$22969 and substantially less than the budget forecast of \$112700. Other than for the timing and amount of the FRDC grant money, the main variance was due to an increased level of membership fees \$22458 (\$17871 10/11) as a result of the late payment of fees due from the 2010/11 year. ANSA Ware sales were down to \$586 (\$1591 10/11) due to a run out of ANSA brag mats. Interest earned on term deposits etc of \$2498 (\$3307 10/11) was also \$1002 less than budgeted for due to a lower rate environment.

c) Expenditure over the 2011/12 year was \$17323 as compared to \$17002 for the previous year and substantially below budget forecast of \$117350. Other than for the impact of the FRDC grant moneys, the main variances to budget were a deferral of expenditure \$3000 on rule book printing, \$2000 on promotional booklets and \$1000 on ANSA banners. Travel and accommodation expenditure was \$5457 (\$7599 10/11) as opposed to budget \$8000 due to a reduction in the number of face to face board meetings – now using teleconferencing. An unbudgeted expense of \$1367 was incurred with legal expenses to register the Angel Ring trademark

d) The Association at year end 30 June 2012 possessed total assets of \$109135 (\$78616 @ 2011) consisting primarily of cash at bank \$42532, term deposit \$61654, ANSA Ware stock on hand \$3666 and accrued but unpaid interest \$1283. The association has no external liabilities. Overall the Association had a net equity of \$109135 at 30 June 2012 but this includes \$22000 of FRDC grant moneys.

e) A financial budget forecast for the 2012/13 is attached. For the coming year the company is forecasting a modest surplus of \$200. This surplus is predicated on income for the coming year of \$118000 which includes the \$68000 balance of the FRDC grant to cover the national roll out of the Angel Ring project – other sources of income are generally in line with actual receipts for 2011/12.

Expenditure of \$117800 is forecast for 2012/13 which includes \$90000 for the Angel Ring project (this may extend into the following year), \$5100 for reprint of the rule book (actual cost), \$3000 for printing of promotional booklets and \$1000 for display banners– deferred from last year. Audit fees of \$1200 have been allowed for which includes \$550 already paid for the 2010/11 audit and a like amount for the 2011/12 year.



Sue Malton

Finance Director

10 October, 2012

Reconciliation of trading results to budget for year ending 30.6.2012

Budget forecast for 2012/13 financial year

	Budget 2012/13	Actual 2011/12	Budget 2011/12	Actual 2010/11
Income				
Branch affiliation fees	20000	22458	18000	17871
ANSA Ware sales	1000	586	1000	1591
Bank Interest	2500	2498	3500	3307
Govt grants - Angel Rings national	68000	22000	90000	0
Austag Report - reimbursement	0	0	0	0
Web Advertising	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
Total Income	<u>118000</u>	<u>47842</u>	<u>112700</u>	<u>22969</u>
Expenditure				
Travel/ Accomodation/ Meals	8000	5457	8000	7599
Recfish membership	550	550	550	550
IGFA Membership	0	386	400	0
AFTA Membership	250	220	200	0
Auditor fees	1200	0	100	2860
Insurance	500	480	600	499
Website	300	242	800	899
Software licence fees	0	0	0	0
Phone /internet	900	735	1500	1463
Bank fees	0	15	300	264
Post/ Stationery	2000	1428	2000	2053
Records/ Masters expenses	400	396	300	202
ASIC Fees	100	84	100	82
Rule Book printing	5100	0	3000	0
Austag Report printing	0	0	0	0
Sundries				
Computer upgrade	0	0	0	245
Angel Ring Project	90000	0	90000	0
Promo Booklets	3000	0	2000	0
Promo' Junior T Shirts	0	3300	3300	0
Promo' ANSA Stickers	0	1420	1200	0
Banners	1000	0	1000	0
Angel Ring Legals	0	1367	0	0
Donations				
MS Limited Event	0	0	0	100
Reverse accrual for Auditor fees	0	0	0	-2600
Cost of Goods Sold	4500	1243	2000	370
Depreciation	0	0	0	111
Misc	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>117800</u>	<u>17323</u>	<u>117350</u>	<u>14697</u>
Net Profit/ (Loss)	<u>200</u>	<u>30519</u>	<u>-4650</u>	<u>8272</u>

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Notes	2012	2011
REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2	47842	22969
Office and stationery expense	3	(2163)	(3516)
Dues and subscriptions		(1156)	(550)
Travel and meeting expense	3	(5457)	(7599)
Professional fees	10	0	(2860)
Legal Fees	3	(1367)	0
Reverse Accrual for Professional Fees	7	0	2600
Bank and finance expense		(15)	(264)
Other expenses	3	(7165)	(2508)
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PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE		30519	8272
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INCOME TAX EXPENSE		0	0
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PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX EXPENSE		30519	8272
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Other Comprehensive Income		0	0
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD	8	30519	8272
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2012

	Notes	2012	2011
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		42532	13317
Term Deposit		61654	59127
Inventory	4	3666	4860
Receivables	5	1283	1312
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		109135	78616
 NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Laptop Computer	6	0	0
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		0	0
TOTAL ASSETS		109135	78616
 CURRENT LIABILITES			
Payables (Professional Fees)	7	0	0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES		0	0
NET ASSETS		109135	78616
 EQUITY			
Retained profits	8	109135	78616
TOTAL EQUITY		109135	78616

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Notes	2012	2011
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from operations		45344	19662
Payments to suppliers and employees		(16129)	(17002)
Interest received		2527	3238
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	10(a)	<u>31742</u>	<u>5898</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH HELD		31742	5898
Add opening cash brought forward		<u>72444</u>	<u>66546</u>
CLOSING CASH CARRIED FORWARD	10 (b)	<u><u>104186</u></u>	<u><u>72444</u></u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES OF EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Retained Profit
	\$
At 1 July 2010	70344
Profit for period	8272
Other comprehensive income	<u>0</u>
At 30 June 2011	<u>78616</u>
At 1 July 2011	78616
Profit for period	30519
Other comprehensive Income	<u>0</u>
At 30 June 2012	<u><u>109135</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 JUNE 2012

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 2012

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.

	2012	2011
2. REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
Revenues from operating activities		
Membership dues	22458	17871
Merchandise	586	1591
Advertising	300	200
Total revenue from operating activities	<u>23344</u>	<u>19662</u>
Revenues from non-operating activities		
Interest	2498	3307
Angel Ring/Water Safety Grant	22000	0
	<u>24498</u>	<u>3307</u>
Total revenues from ordinary activities	<u>47842</u>	<u>22969</u>
3. EXPENSES		
Travel and meeting expense	5457	7599
Legal Expenses – Angel Ring Project	1367	0
	<u>6824</u>	<u>7599</u>
Office and stationery expense		
Telephone and email	735	1463
Postage, delivery, office supplies	1428	2053
	<u>2163</u>	<u>3516</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 JUNE 2012

	2012	2011
3. EXPENSES (continued)		
Other expenses from ordinary activities		
Insurance	480	499
Cost of goods sold	1243	370
Website	242	899
Depreciation	0	111
ASIC fees	84	82
Records & Masters expense	396	202
Donations	0	100
Computer Upgrade	0	245
Promotion Kids T shirts	3300	0
Promotion ANSA Stickers	1420	0
	<u>7165</u>	<u>2508</u>
4. INVENTORY		
	3666	4860
	<u>3666</u>	<u>4860</u>
Goods held for sale		
5. RECEIVABLES		
Accrued Interest	1283	1312
	<u>1283</u>	<u>1312</u>
6. NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Laptop Computer at cost	0	1363
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	0	(1363)
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
7. PAYABLES		
Sundry creditors	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
8. RETAINED PROFITS		
Balance at the beginning of the year	78616	70344
Net profit attributable to the members of the Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd	30519	8272
Balance at end of year	<u>109135</u>	<u>78616</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 JUNE 2012

2012 2011

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	30519	8272
Adjustment for		
Depreciation	0	111
Adjustments for Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	29	(69)
(Increase)/decrease in inventory	1194	184
Increase/(decrease) in payables	0	(2600)
Net cash flow from/(used in) operating activities	<u>31742</u>	<u>5898</u>

(b) Reconciliation of cash

Cash balance comprises:

- Cash on hand	42532	13317
- Term Deposit	61654	59127
Closing cash balance	<u>104186</u>	<u>72444</u>

10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

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

0	0
<u>0</u>	<u>0</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 2012 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 2012

Directors' Report

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

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	Mrs Suzanne Malton 41 Smith Street Kalbarri WA 6536
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 \$ 30519

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 John Burgess	3
Mrs Sue Malton	2
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 2012

National Membership Director's Report

ANSA National's total membership at the year ending 30.6.2012 was 3040. This comprised of New South Wales 1178, Queensland 1037, Victoria 416, Western Australia 299, South Australia 62 and Tasmania 48. These numbers are up compared to last years membership tally of 2786. New South Wales increased it's membership by 62. Queensland's membership decreased by 86 members. South Australia's membership decrease by 2 members; Victoria's membership increased by 64 members; Western Australia's membership increased by 196 members and Tasmania's membership increased by 20 members. Overall ANSA National's membership increased by 254 members nationally. A good result.

As a whole, ANSA National's membership flutters above the 3000 mark. ANSA National and Branch membership has improved, 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. These improvements and proactive activities undertaken by ANSA and its member branches seem to be generating interest, hence members. ANSA is well known nation wide.

Branch census and membership forms are very important. Completing the census form correctly and receiving the quarterly membership by the due dates for each quarter is essential. To date all branch census forms have been received and our contact email database is up to date. If details change it is imperative that a new census form be completed and submitted to ANSA National. This ensures the flow of information is reaching the desired contacts in each State. 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.

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. Although 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, discussions for a new promotional brochure are underway. We hope this new brochure will be available in early 2013. The current brochures are available free to Branches and Clubs upon request. Contact me if you require a supply.

Other promotional tools such as ANSA ware is still available and is moving steadily. ANSA National has plenty of stock so ensure your members know. It's just another way your State or clubs within your State can promote ANSA. As you are aware the new stock of approved ANSA brag matts has arrived and already several orders have been received and dispatched.

Remember, 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 or money order. Electronic purchasing is definitely in the grape vine, so please bare with the curent system for the time being.

Finally, I was preverlaged to attend the 2012 National Recreational Fishing Conference held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre in August 2012. The ANSA movement, through the activities our members participate and/or initiate was very well represented at the 2012 conference.

The conference was a definite eye opener to what other associations and movements are doing for the betterment of recreational fishing in Australia. There were many presentations from different associations which showed how much passion and commitment there is to recreational fishing in this country. ANSA had represenatives as speakers as well which included Stan Konstantaras and Bill Sawynok (ANSA National) , Nathan Johnston and Kim Martin (Qld) and Tony Steiner (NSW). Their presentations were brilliant and really demonstrated what ANSA is all about.

ANSA representatives were also rewarded for their efforts with Stan Konstantaras receiving the 2012 Volunteer of the Year award and Jason Stanfield (QLD)receiving the Most Successful Future Leader Graduate award at the annual recreational fishing awards dinner. Truly inspirational. Congratulations to you both.

It was also especially interesting to learn about what other countries are doing with recreational fishing. The international speakers from the UK and America were inspirational. They seem to be well on top of recreational fishing issues and are very proactive in the maintenance of fishing habitats, the surrounding environment and are implementing conservative measures to ensure rejuvenation and sustainability of all aspects of recreational fishing at a top level. In all cases their governments were listening and watching their progress. It was very interesting to learn that non government institutions were the main funding sources in most cases for there projects.

If there was a common theme that came out of the conference it was definitely that a united voice and approach is needed by all parties interested in recreational fishing and its protection. Let's hope that our newly found national peak body, ARFF can achieve this and in turn gain the funding required to make our members voices heard.

Tightlines,

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

Joe Garufi
Membership Services Director

National Research/Development Director's Report

ANSA RESEARCH REPORT 2011/12

Austag



There has been no Austag Research Report produced for the past 5 years as, apart from Suntag and Westag, most other State programs are operating at very low levels, and some not at all. This year the Toptag program in the Northern Territory was wound up and data provided to Suntag. 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. Westag continues to be supported by Infofish Australia with it being upgraded to operate using the online Infofish 2012 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



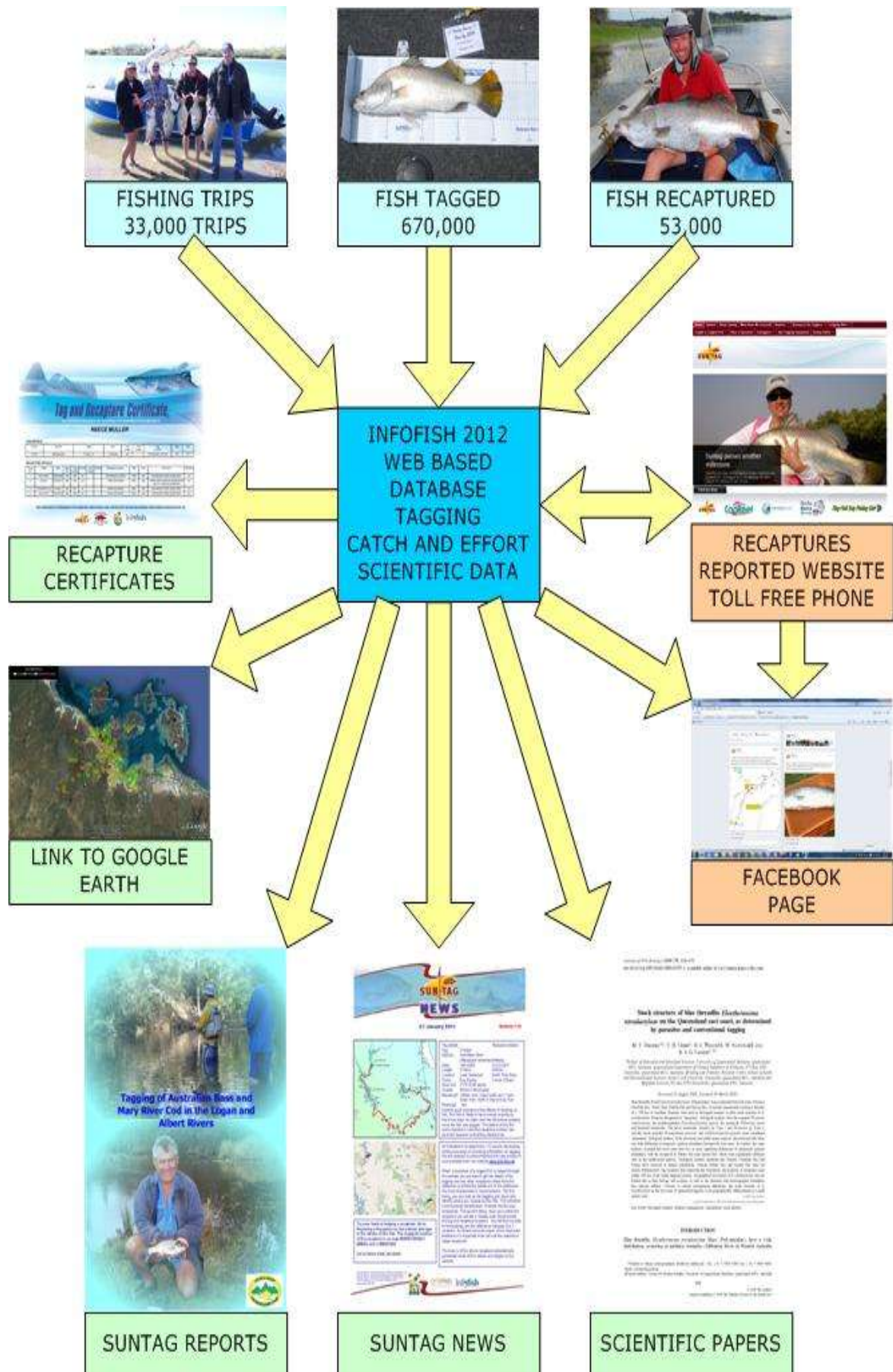
After over 25 years of a tagging program in Queensland and 16 years since ANSA took over its management, the new Queensland Government and Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFFQ) have ceased funding for Suntag. What makes this most difficult to accept is that it has been funded through the PPV levy on boat registrations and was supposed to be used for the enhancement of recreational fishing. However recreational fishers have no say in what is to their benefit. I am sure Suntag would be up there in the list of things they would want funded.

So while Suntag has had another very positive year with lots of improvements to the service the future is very uncertain. The overwhelming support provided by fishers in Queensland means that Suntag will continue and alternative funding is currently being sought.

Suntag tagging and fishing trip highlights for the year were:

- ❑ A total of over 9,280 taggers have now participated in Suntag and 16,150 fishers have reported the recapture of a tagged fish
- ❑ Total tagged fish and crabs in the database is now over 671,000 and over 53,200 recaptures
- ❑ 95 Frequent Taggers account for 39% of the total number of fish tagged while the remaining 9,200 account for 37% of the fish tagged.
- ❑ Barramundi is the most tagged species with over 222,000 tagged and 15,500 recaptures (over 18,600 including multiple recaptures)
- ❑ The overall recapture rate for all fish and crabs is 8.0% with a 7.3% recapture rate for the year
- ❑ The release rate of recaptured fish for the past 9 years was over 60% and over 70% from 2007/08 to 2009/11
- ❑ Barry Oxford was the top individual tagger for 2011/12 with 1,009 fish tagged for the year while Mick Dohnt remains the top tagger overall having tagged a total of 23,870 fish
- ❑ Images of over 200 tagged and recaptured fish are now stored in the database

The diagram below shows how Suntag operates.



Suntag uses Infofish 2012 database

The Infofish web based database introduced in 2006 significantly improved the collection of tag, recapture, catch, effort and other data. During this year the database was further upgraded to Infofish 2012. Below is a database screen showing the details of fish tagged and catch on a fishing trip.

Tag	Tag Code	Tag	Tag	Location	Release	Species	Date	Action
1	000001	000001	000001	FISHING CREEK	POWELL, M	GOLDFISH	21/12/2011	Initial Capture
2	000002	000002	000002	FISHING CREEK	POWELL, M	GOLDFISH	21/12/2011	Initial Capture
3	000003	000003	000003	FISHING CREEK	POWELL, M	GOLDFISH	21/12/2011	Initial Capture
4	000004	000004	000004	FISHING CREEK	POWELL, M	GOLDFISH	21/12/2011	Initial Capture
5	000005	000005	000005	FISHING CREEK	POWELL, M	GOLDFISH	21/12/2011	Initial Capture
6	000006	000006	000006	FISHING CREEK	POWELL, M	GOLDFISH	21/12/2011	Initial Capture
7	000007	000007	000007	FISHING CREEK	POWELL, M	GOLDFISH	21/12/2011	Initial Capture
8	000008	000008	000008	FISHING CREEK	POWELL, M	GOLDFISH	21/12/2011	Initial Capture
9	000009	000009	000009	FISHING CREEK	POWELL, M	GOLDFISH	21/12/2011	Initial Capture
10	000010	000010	000010	FISHING CREEK	POWELL, M	GOLDFISH	21/12/2011	Initial Capture


Added to the database in 2011 was the ability to store images and video of individual tagged and recaptured fish. It is expected that over time an extensive visual library will complement the textual database. The figure below shows an image of a tagged fish stored in the database.

Summary:

Longitude:

Summary:

Description:

Image: 


[Image](#)

Video:

Summary:

Description:

Video:



▶ save
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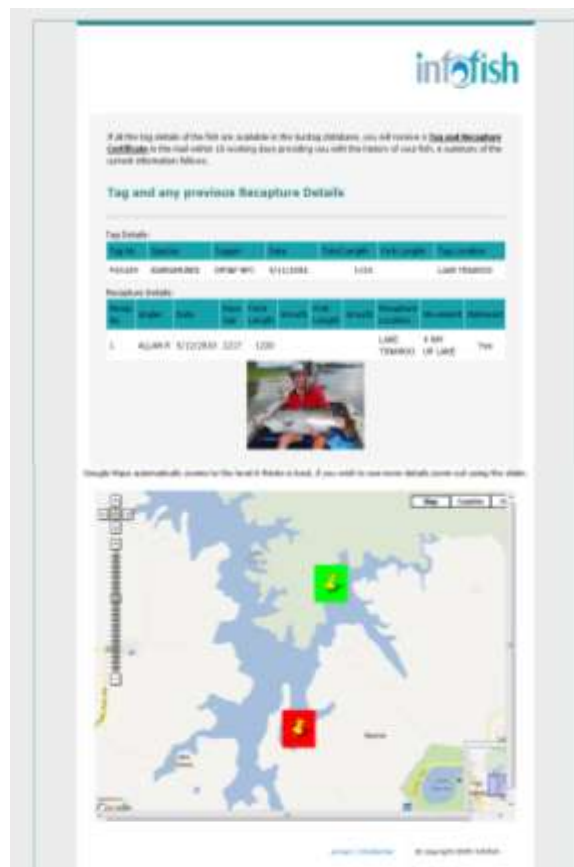
Suntag Feedback on Recaptures

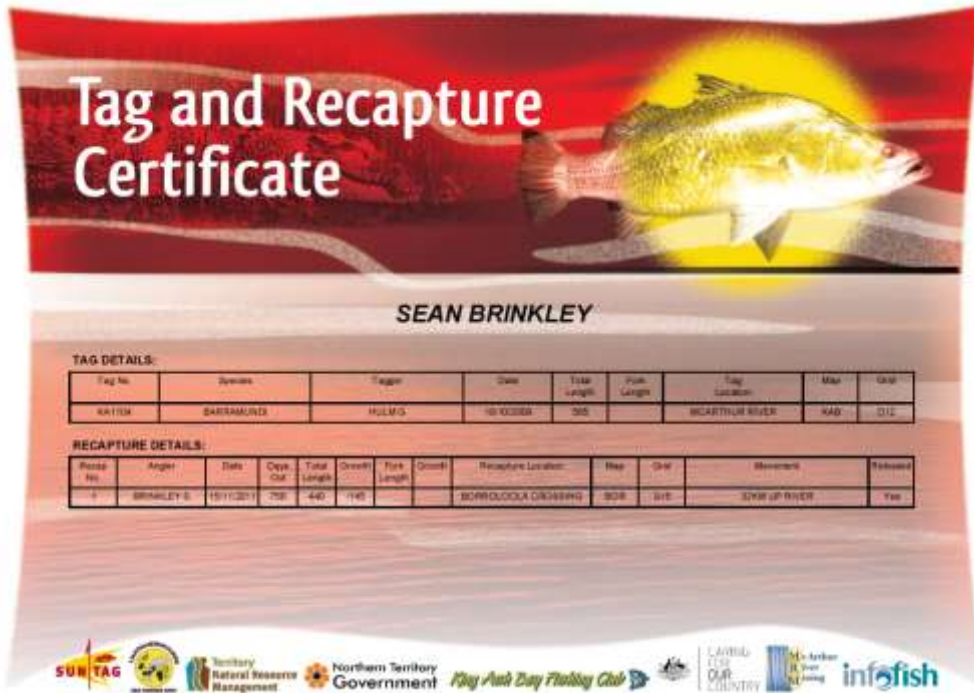
A very important aspect of Suntag is providing feedback to fishers, particularly about recaptures of fish. This service is continually being improved. Recapture details can be reported though:

- 1800 free call number printed on the tag
- Infofish websites
- Infofish etrip form
- Email
- Fax
- Mail

With the increased use of mobile phones more recaptures are being reported direct from the fishing location. With the instant world created by technology there is an expectation that feedback is available in real time. Feedback is provided in a number of ways.

- When reported by telephone the database is accessed on the spot and details of the fish are relayed verbally
- When details of a recapture are entered into the database, now that can include a photo of the fish, details of the history of the fish are generated automatically as shown below
- Custom certificates are now available for different projects and program and can be emailed to the both fishers that recaptured and tagged the fish as shown below (provided email addresses are available)



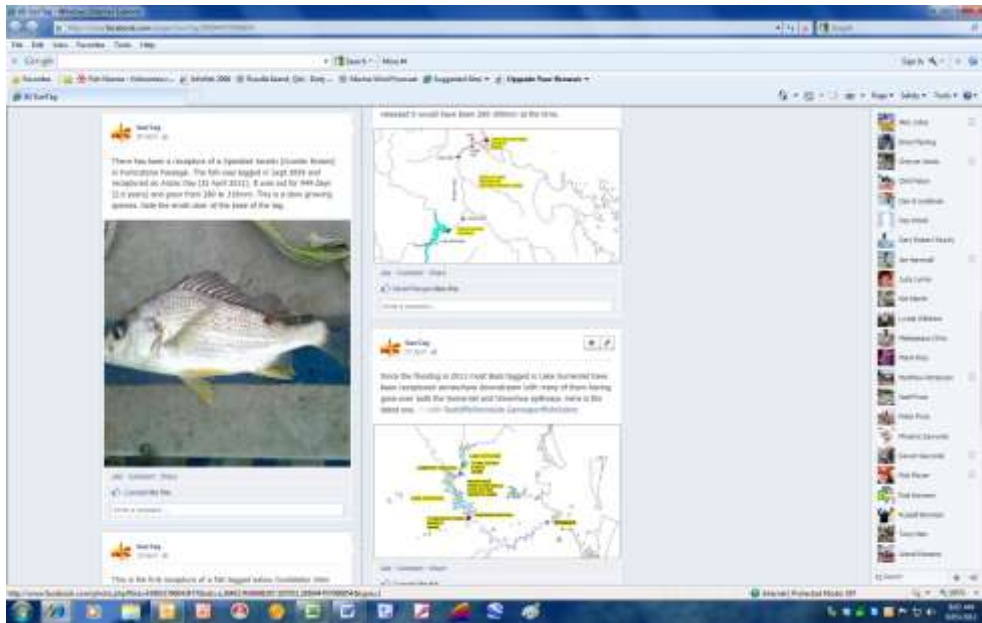


Infofish websites

In 2012 the Infofish website was revamped and separate websites were introduced along with Facebook pages. The website are:

Infofish	www.info-fish.net
Suntag	www.info-fish.net/suntag
CapReef	www.info-fish.net/capreef
Crystal Bowl	www.info-fish.net/crystal-bowl
King Ash Bay Monitoring	www.info-fish.net/king-ash-bay
Rocky Barra Bounty	www.rockybarrabounty.com

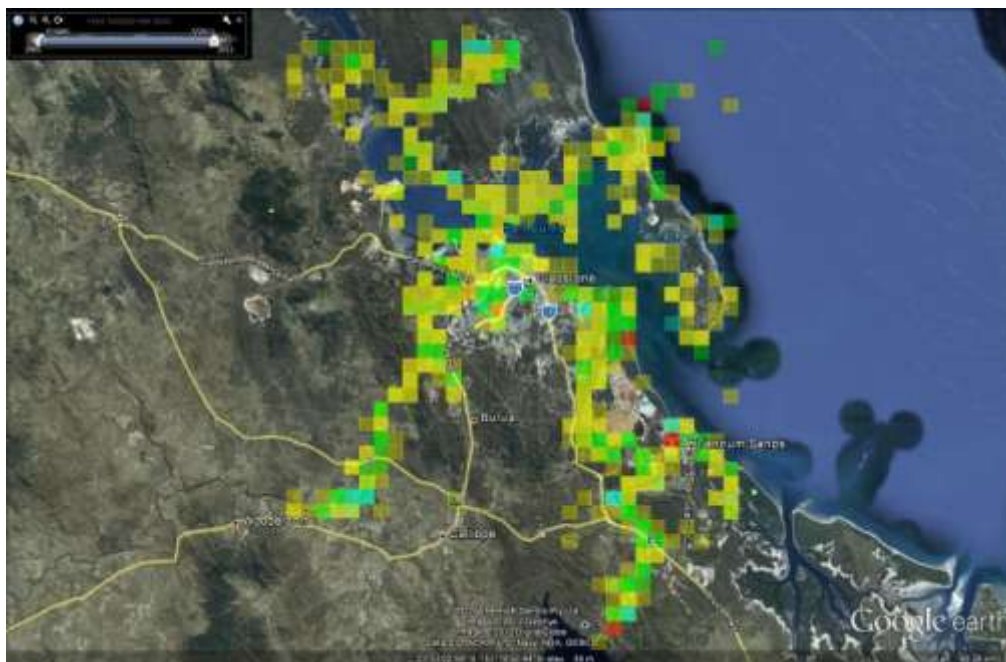




Suntag linked to Google Earth

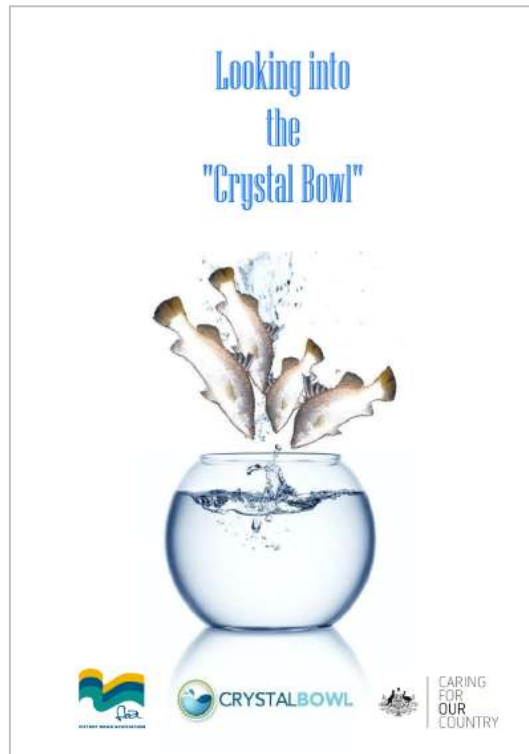
The Infotag database was linked to Google Earth in 2011 to provide improved visualisation of data within the database. Google Earth maps have continued to be developed. Standard maps are now stored in the database and can be regenerated and updated at any time to reflect new data. Google Earth maps can now be generated to display the following:

- Tag and recapture location of recaptured fish
- Tag locations showing extent of tagging using Suntag grid maps
- Extent of fishing effort in an area
- Time sequencing of tag locations showing changes in tagging effort over time
- Photographs, video, graphs and environmental data can be added to the maps



Reports using Suntag

Suntag data are also used in reports such as the report shown below. Most reports are available from the Infofish websites. Suntag data are also provided to researchers and fishing groups and that data are often used in stock assessments, testing management options, technical reports and scientific publications.



Bill Sawynok
Infofish Australia
ANSA Research Director

The logo for "infofish" is displayed in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter "o" is stylized with a white circular element inside it, resembling a fish's eye or a lens.

National Promotions Director's / Webmasters Report

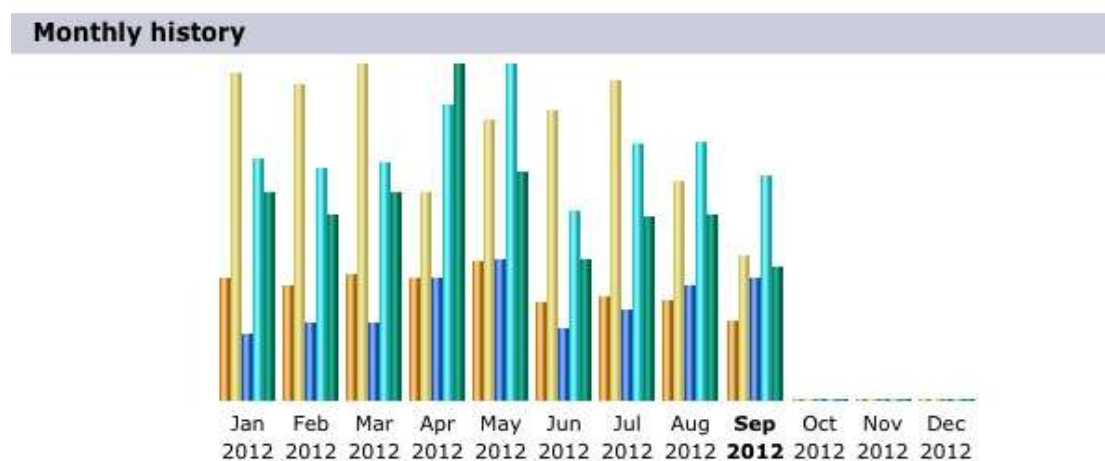
The web site is traveling along quite well with regular updates from all of the National executive members. Though not a lot can be said about promotion I still wonder why many of the national magazines have not taken up my offers of advertising on the site.

The idea of a captive audience of dedicated anglers does not seem to interest any tackle supplier. The "For Sale" page again has had few requests for more information. My quotes of \$100 to \$200 per page per year or until sold is certainly not expensive compared to a full right hand page add in a fishing magazine of around \$6000.00.

I look forward to an answer to that question.

Ron Poole
Web site and Promotions

Getting back to the web page our hit rate is still quite high and I include the following interesting graphs for the **month of August 2012**. Most months are similar in numbers. First graph shows all months up to September 24th.



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2012	1,329	3,564	7,968	29,327	732.12 MB
Feb 2012	1,249	3,455	9,439	28,242	652.86 MB
Mar 2012	1,377	3,663	9,510	28,885	734.74 MB
Apr 2012	1,328	2,271	14,967	36,004	1.16 GB
May 2012	1,515	3,070	17,247	40,855	810.19 MB
Jun 2012	1,061	3,155	8,731	23,078	494.48 MB
Jul 2012	1,136	3,488	11,097	31,123	652.47 MB
Aug 2012	1,082	2,389	13,898	31,505	652.99 MB
Sep 2012	872	1,587	14,970	27,327	470.96 MB
Oct 2012	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 2012	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 2012	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10,949	26,642	107,827	276,346	6.24 GB

Days of week



Day	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Mon	187	871	20.62 MB
Tue	1,478	2,536	28.32 MB
Wed	401	944	18.56 MB
Thu	385	877	17.92 MB
Fri	201	633	26.90 MB
Sat	440	821	17.87 MB
Sun	133	580	17.22 MB

I have no idea why Tuesday is so high. (I did not check other months).

Operating Systems (Top 10) - [Full list/Versions](#) - [Unknown](#)

Operating Systems		Hits	Percent
	Windows	18,830	59.3 %
	Macintosh	6,152	19.3 %
	Linux	3,889	12.2 %
	Unknown	2,725	8.5 %
	Java	57	0.1 %
	BlackBerry	23	0 %
	Java Mobile	20	0 %
	BSD	15	0 %
	Symbian OS	11	0 %

Browsers (Top 10) - [Full list/Versions](#) - [Unknown](#)

Browsers		Grabber	Hits	Percent
	Firefox	No	14,145	44.5 %
	MS Internet Explorer	No	9,002	28.3 %
	Google Chrome	No	2,756	8.6 %
	Safari	No	2,327	7.3 %
	Unknown	?	2,035	6.4 %
	Mozilla	No	436	1.3 %
	Netscape	No	367	1.1 %
	Android browser (PDA/Phone browser)	No	264	0.8 %
	Opera	No	126	0.3 %
	IPhone (PDA/Phone browser)	No	122	0.3 %
	Others		142	0.4 %

Not everyone uses windows and Internet explorer

Countries (Top 25) - Full list					
Countries	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth		
Colombia	co	4,674	4,676	16.21 MB	
United States	us	3,926	4,923	64.58 MB	
Australia	au	3,212	17,835	403.32 MB	
Spain	es	1,069	1,107	4.31 MB	
Russian Federation	ru	157	208	2.00 MB	
Netherlands	nl	130	226	63.60 MB	
China	cn	128	403	6.60 MB	
Philippines	ph	120	193	11.80 MB	
Germany	de	84	264	2.59 MB	
Ukraine	ua	68	110	4.00 MB	
Great Britain	gb	58	178	3.86 MB	
Italy	it	57	313	5.10 MB	
France	fr	35	55	11.93 MB	
Malaysia	my	16	71	1.38 MB	
Hong Kong	hk	16	49	440.44 KB	

Sorted by pages downloaded by country.

Search Keywords (Top 25) Full list		
183 different keywords	Search	Percent
ansa	225	27.3 %
fishing	67	8.1 %
australian	61	7.4 %
records	48	5.8 %
national	40	4.8 %
association	37	4.4 %
sportfishing	28	3.4 %
australia	16	1.9 %
recreational	12	1.4 %
sport	9	1 %
ansa.com.au	8	0.9 %

First 10 or so search words, note the site full URL search is 0.9% only 8 people used it to search in August.

Full hit list for August.

Day	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
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20 Aug 2012	71	169	805	20.25 MB
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26 Aug 2012	44	86	525	10.53 MB
27 Aug 2012	72	190	886	17.85 MB
28 Aug 2012	52	330	1,871	19.77 MB
29 Aug 2012	59	147	698	15.41 MB
30 Aug 2012	75	154	725	15.27 MB
31 Aug 2012	48	245	678	44.62 MB
Average	77	448	1,016	21.06 MB
Total	2,389	13,898	31,505	652.99 MB

Catch and release Promotion. (interest only)

On September 16th I again assisted long time ANSA member Trevor Fuller in running the "Townsville Children's fishing Classic". We had 447 children plus associated family members turn up to fish for a couple of hours from the beach at Pallarenda, a suburb of Townsville.

This year was the 25th year the classic has been run. Trevor has decided to step down from the main organizing committee and will assist the new Chief Marshall in future events. I think the best turnout we ever had was around the 600 mark with children up to the age of 16 eligible to take part. This year we had a father who had won a trophy years ago assisting his children on the beach.

As you can see the ANSA principles have always been the basis of the competition and this year very few fish were actually weighed in. Many of the kids were actively practicing catch and release. Every child, whether they catch fish or not, takes home a bag of fishing or sporting related products donated by local shops or organizations. This year each bag had four solid body minnow type lures, a pack of soft plastic lures, a cowboys football, ruler, crab measure, a classic T shirt, McDonalds vouchers, fish measuring sticker, fisheries stickers, fish size chart.

Top prizes are usually a very good quality rod and reel combination with line etc supplied by local tackle storeowner Peter Hazard. The Townsville Sportfishing Club gave 10 X \$50.00 vouchers for runners up. Fishing warehouse also gave 10 X \$50.00 vouchers. This years top prize in a raffle of entries was a \$500.00 open order at BCF and was won by a junior girl.

A sausage sizzle and free soft drinks, coffee and tea are also provided to everyone including adults after fishing finishes. Free bait is also provided to all anglers.

Fisheries and wildlife are present with St Johns ambulance staff for any problems.

Next year the major sponsor will be BHP Billiton.



Ron Poole
Chairman
ANSA National

The following short story was submitted in 2010 to

FISHERS TURNING GREEN PROJECT.

TOWNSVILLE'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FISHING CLASSIC

Most people would be aware that the Townsville region is undergoing some considerable change at a rapid rate due to DECENTRALISATION trends directed by the State Government of Queensland. One project which has been recognized as a major educational tool in the fight against environmental and fishery demise is the annual 'Children's Fishing Classic'.



Up to 600 youngsters and their family attend the annual fishing classic.

This event is basically a fishing education day for children up to 16 years of age, encompassing a vast range of initiatives, including:-

- **How to Fish (under instruction by ANSA and other volunteer members)**
- **How to Care for Your Catch**
- **How to Measure and Handle Fish and Crabs**
- **How to Catch and Release**
- **How to Share the Experience with Others**
- **Responsibility for the Environment**
- **Dangers of Environmental Neglect and Abuse**
- **How to Have Fun while doing all of the above.**

Community support has been outstanding over the 23 years of operation and involved literally thousands of children passing 'through the ranks' to finally return as officials and instructors for successive events in many cases. Support includes Townsville City Council, multiple tackle stores, corporate citizens, boating outlets, media on a large scale including naming right, 'Townsville Sun' newspaper, who in recent years, has become primary administrative organizer through Editor-in-Chief, Bruce McDonald.

Other participants are Boat and Fisheries Patrol officers, who mount educational displays etc., Department of Environment and Heritage, with displays and handouts, GBRMPA, with major support through their mascot turtle, 'Lucky T', handouts, free passes etc., profile fishers in attendance to educate and support the children and of course the volunteers, who all have lots of experience and knowledge. This is not just a fishing clinic, but a well-rounded event, incorporating many facets as mentioned, in giving between 300 and 600 'kids' each year a good educational grounding in fishing and all things that support the fishers.

Many thousands of dollars of infrastructure and prizes supports these very enthusiastic children and their minders in experiencing recreational fishing in a responsible, enthusiastic and caring manner. One concept which has been encouraged over the years is catch and release in a safe and responsible way, by the allocation of small but numerous prizes for catching and releasing all their catch, no matter what species. The concept is so strong now that over 90% of all captures are released in spite of prizes for legal fish kept and weighed.

Another idea that has taken off is the cleaning of the beach environment, with prizes are awarded for those who have made the effort to clean up after others.

The major event is now high on the 'to do' things in Townsville each year for literally hundreds of 'return kids', along with new-comers to the region wanting their children to learn in a controlled and fun environment. Almost all of the beach officials are ANSA members, who give of their time and expertise to ensure the next generation has a greater care and knowledge of their fishery and the environment, which supports it. Chief Marshall and Co-organizer, Trevor Fuller, has been at the helm of the event for 23 years and is supported strongly by Ron Poole, both of whom are past or current serving ANSA National members.

Trevor and Ron are both life members of the Townsville Sportfishing Club. The success of this event and the thousands of children passing through it, has been based on ANSA concepts, combined with a changing and caring attitude of responsible recreational fishing, which includes environmental awareness and support.

'A BETTER FISHING FUTURE THROUGH BETTER KNOWLEDGE AND COMMITMENT'



Ron Poole
Chairman
ANSA National

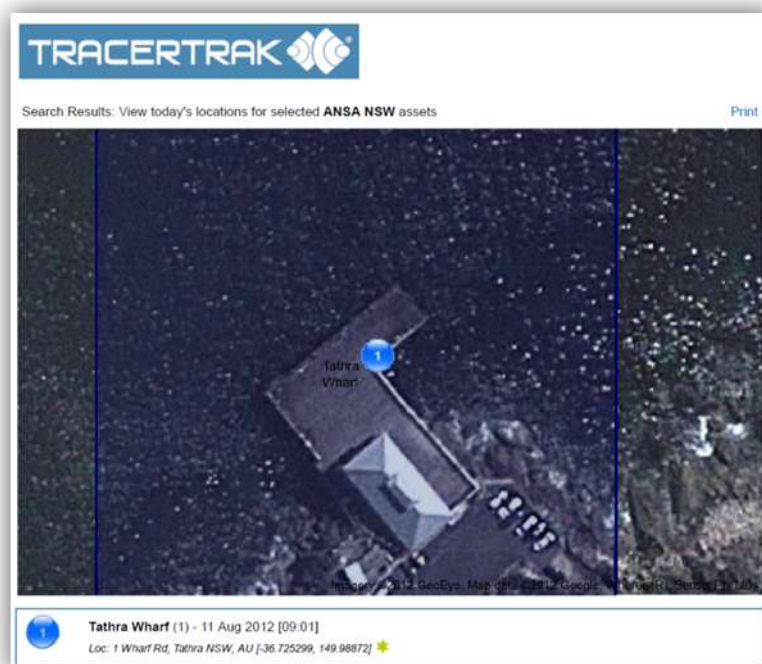
National Safety Officer's Report

The focus on fishing safety needs to be front and centre throughout all the branches of ANSA around Australia as we seem to be constantly dealing with fishing related injuries or fatalities. The reality is that there is no reason for anyone to drown whilst engaged in a fishing related activity and in almost all instances common sense should have prevailed. As ANSA members we often lead by example but the case needs to be made that we need to also engage those less experienced and pass our skills and knowledge on in an effort to reduce these fishing related drowning's.

The two easiest ways to achieve this is first and foremost is to make sure we all promote a consistent safe fishing and help get it out. To this end ANSA has been involved for many years in helping develop and drive safe fishing messages with state based groups like the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW and the NSW Branch of ANSA and we are at the stage now that the “*Don't Put Your Life On The Line*” campaign needs to be rolled out nationally and ANSA needs the rest of the State branches to get behind this. On this front I am happy to work with each state to rebrand existing resource material and assist them in rolling out key safe fishing messages within their States. Most of the hard work has been done and can be seen on the www.safefishing.com.au webpage.

The next stage involves the rolling out of angel ring pilot projects within each state. On this front the National Angel Ring Project is progressing slow but steadily. A list of iconic and well known rock fishing spots has been developed and a total of 55 new locations have been identified and I am the stage now that I have begun working with state branches, peak bodies and government agencies on confirming these locations.

During 2011 / 2012 we also tweaked and continued to trial the asset trackers in selected angel rings. Pivotal, a QLD based asset tracking and Software Company sent one of their technicians down to update the trackers embedded within the angel rings and then the rings were redeployed in the field.



This allows us to keep an eye on them from anywhere in Australia and the World from any smartphone or computer connected to the www. It is planned that many of the rings rolled out nationally will be tracker enabled due to the remoteness and distances between rings in states like WA, QLD and Victoria.

Do they work, see for yourselves below;

Stolen Merimbula life buoy found in Cooma

By NSW POLICE MEDIA July 25, 2012, 3:53 a.m.

Water Police are warning of the extreme dangers posed by the theft of life-saving equipment from coastal rock platforms after recovering a stolen 'angel ring'.

On Thursday 12 July 2012, a life buoy, known as an 'angel ring' was allegedly stolen from the wharf at Lake Street, Merimbula.

The Australian National Sportfishers Association reported the alleged theft to police from Marine Area Command.

Following extensive inquiries, police from Monaro Local Area Command executed a search warrant at a property on Hawkins Street, Cooma, about 3pm yesterday (Tuesday 24 July 2012).



Police allegedly located the 'angel ring' in a garage at the location. The item was seized and will be returned to the wharf at Merimbula.

The resident – a 21-year-old man – assisted police with their inquiries.

Marine Area Commander, Acting Superintendent Darren Schott, said the life buoys are important life-saving devices and not toys.

"These 'angel rings' are provided by the Australian National Sportfishing Association, with the support of the Department of Sport and Recreation and NSW Sporting Injuries Insurance, at known rock fishing black spots along the state's coast," A/Superintendent Schott said.

"They have been installed on rock platforms for easy accessibility in case of an emergency.

"It is disappointing that anyone would think that it is acceptable to remove an 'angel ring' for any reason, other than a rescue.

"There are a large number of rock fishing incidents where the deployment of an 'angel ring' might make the difference between a rescue and a recovery."

He urged anyone who may be in possession of an 'angel ring' to return it to where it came from or hand it in to police.

Regards
Stan Konstantaras
Safety Officer

Stan Konstantaras
National Safety Officer

National Recorder's Report (Line Class)

The 2011 – 2012 year has been quieter than usual, difficult weather conditions in the East with lots of rain and dirty water, which may have possibly reduced the number of claims. This year 35 Australian Line Class Records have been awarded, less than half of that from the previous year. Of the 38 claims received 3 failed line tests.

N.S.W.	16
W.A.	8
Queensland:	5
Victoria:	4
S.A.	2



Adam Dia - Black Marlin – LBG. 151kg on 24kg

Most successful clubs were: Nickel Bay SFC - 6 Australian Records
 ALBA - 4 Australian Records.
 Botany Bay SFC - 3 Australian Records

Congratulations to all those anglers who gained Australian records.

Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Senior	6	1	2	10	1	5	1
Junior	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Junior	1	0	0	3	0	0	0

Paul Wolfendale – Snapper – Gamefishing – 13.93kg on 2 kg



Brett Sinclair – Tiger Shark – Gamefishing
 260.6kg on 6 kg



Aaron Anderson –Dolphinfish
 Junior Sportfishing – 7.4kg on 3kg



To claim Line Class records, download the new 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)

There were 42 claims received in the 2011 / 2012 year for the All Tackle 'Length Only' Records, up until the end of May.

This was when Ken Johnson took over the recording. He has been in sunny North Queensland chasing fish but has since returned home to the cold in Victoria.

There were 11 Junior claims, 5 sub junior claims and 26 senior claims with 2 of these being upgraded within that time.

Of the 42 claims, 18 fish were released to fight another day.

The most targeted specie was the Australian Bass (5) and the Rainbow Trout second (3). The following specie have 2 claims each received. Australian Salmon, Luderick, Golden Trevally, and Long Nose Trevally.

I was pleased to be able to serve on the National committee even though it was a short time and I wish my replacement Ken Johnson and all the other committee members all the best for the future.

Cheers,

Bob Avery

National Masters Keeper Report

The 2012 season saw a 34% reduction from 32 to 21 Masters claims submitted with the two main States being Queensland and NSW.

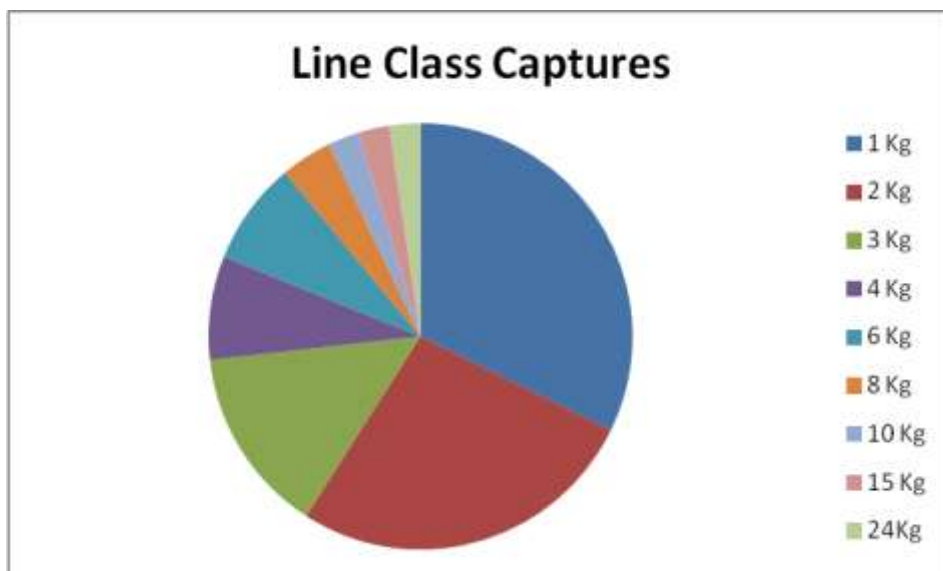
This is a significant reduction and one can only speculate as to the reasons why. The following chart indicates the breakdown of claims.

Award	Canberra	Queensland	NSW	NSW Sub Junior
All Tackle length		5		
FW Impoundment			1	
Gamefishing 10			1	
Gamefishing 20		1		
Lure Fishing 10	1	1		
Lure Fishing 20		1		
Lure Fishing 250		1		
Sportfishing 10		1	1	2
Sportfishing 20		1		
Sportfishing 30		1		
Sportfishing 40		1		
Tagging			2	
Totals	1	13	5	2

As a flow on from last year included is a chart of line class captures for Masters claims. Please note that only line class captures are included as there have been several All Tackle claims submitted.

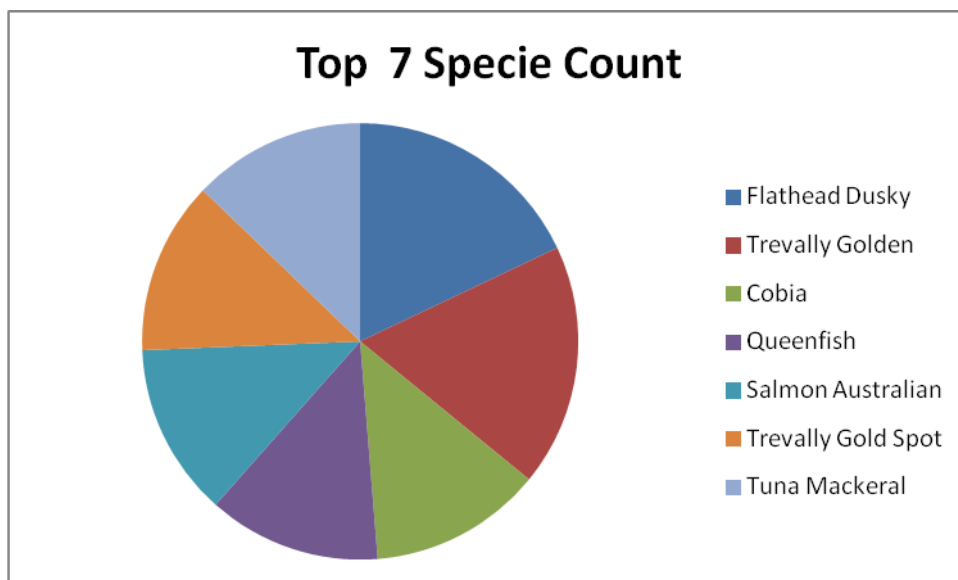
This year 59% of all line class captures came from the one and two Kg classes with single claims from the 15 and 24Kg classes. This again reinforces the argument that 1and 2Kg line classes are the backbone of all Masters claims.

I believe that over time industry will regulate the production of fishing lines and unfortunately the lower classes will fade into history.



During the last year an astonishing 76 species were captured and presented as part of their Masters claims. This is the most diversified that I have seen and it indicates the range of different options open to members.

This year Flathead and Golden Trevally must take the honours of being the most highly captured fish. The next 5 species (as indicated below) all ranked a close third equal on the number of captures.



It will be interesting to see when the first non-line class Specie Masters will appear.

Keep fishing and have a go at achieving a masters.

Knut Gassmanis
Master Keeper

ANSA New South Wales Report

A huge thanks must go out to the Committee members who keep the ANSA NSW Clubs going year and year out and the same must be said for those who have previously and currently put their hands up to take on additional roles at a State and National level. It is not an easy task, but very rewarding when you see attendance is up at conventions, membership numbers have gone up once again and the members participating and diversity of fish captured in the annual 12 Month Competition is great to see.

This all takes an effort above and beyond what is expected from us at a club level. A lot of time and effort is taken to keep the ANSA NSW brand showcased out in the community and the jobs that guys like Mike Spitzer, Shane Jasprizza, John Burgess and Joe Garufi have undertaken keep the machine ticking over and the work Max, Tony and the rest of us handle is also a testament to our willingness to keep ANSA NSW going as a team.

The Angel Ring Project and the Fishing 4 Therapy Project may get all the publicity but the behind the scenes work is where it really matters keeping recreational fishing at the forefront of the community and political thinking at the state level.

Below are some of the issues we have tackled in NSW over the past 12 months;

NSW Independent Scientific Audit of Marine Parks.

ANSA did lodge formal submissions to the audit panel and also appeared before the panel to present further evidence. It is too early to speculate on what will come out of this scientific audit but it is our hope that a more scientifically based criteria for zoning of the parks will be adopted for the future and that shore based fishing be allowed along all beach and rock faces currently zoned as no fish areas for recreational fishers

Grey Nurse Sharks.

ANSA maintains a role on the commonwealth GNS Recovery Plan project and has been pressuring the Commonwealth to publicly release the plan and supporting GNS data that was in final draft form some years ago. ANSA has also been involved with a working group established by the NSW government to review its management plans for GNS and the effectiveness of GNS protection zones. Hopefully there will be some positive progress on these issues soon.

Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence.

ANSA is very concerned by the intention of the NSW state government to close down Cronulla Fisheries and transfer all staff to a host of regional locations as part of its decentralization programme. Quite apart from the potential loss of more than half of the fisheries research and administrative staff currently located at Cronulla who for a variety of reasons will not relocate, there exists no business case by the government to justify the closure of Cronulla and what its intentions are for this valuable piece of waterfront real estate.

ANSA has been a strong supporter of Fisheries staff in their opposition to the closure and we are pleased that a Legislative Council Select Committee has been established to review the government's decision to close Cronulla. ANSA has lodged a formal submission to the Select Committee which at this stage cannot be made public until all submissions are made public.

Pittwater Recreational Fishing Haven.

ANSA has made submissions to the NSW government for the establishment of a new Recreational Fishing Haven in Pittwater and for a buyout /reduction of commercial fishing effort in the Broken Bay and Hawkesbury river systems. It is ANSA's concern that translocation of effort and take by commercial fishers who previously fished Sydney Harbour have placed undue pressure on the Hawkesbury system. ANSA has also made the case for Sydney harbour and its tributaries to also be afforded RFH status to ensure there is no return to commercial fishing should ever the toxic waste problems be remedied.

Recreational Use of Council Dams.

ANSA together with other local bodies was successful in having Goulburn Council agree to allow the continued use of electric motors on its dams including the very popular Pejar dam. ANSA will continue to push the case for recreational fishing to be allowed on all NSW freshwater dams and for the use of electric powered watercraft.

Boat Ramps and Fishing Platforms.

ANSA has strongly argued the case for additional and improved boat ramp facilities within the Sydney Metropolitan area and has had some success with modifications to the Botany and Rose bay ramps now underway. ANSA is still pushing the case for more fishing platforms within its major urban waterways and to resist pressure by some councils to restrict recreational fishing at piers and jetties.

ANSA Public Liability Insurance Scheme.

This scheme is still running very well and provides a very comprehensive level of protective coverage for clubs and members at a competitive price. All clubs are encouraged to join the scheme which when run in conjunction with the defined accident insurance scheme ANSA has with the NSW Government Sporting Insurance Committee, offers our clubs and members one of the best protective packages available.

Peak Bodies / Committees.

ANSA has maintained its presence on NSW ACORF and the Licence Expenditure Committee. These bodies provide an excellent forum for ANSA to get its point across to decision makers in NSW Fisheries on important issues such as bag and size limits and changes to regulations that may impact positively and negatively upon recreational fishing.



Stan Konstantaras
President
ANSA New South Wales

ANSA Queensland Report

Annual Update 2011-12...Fishing at the AGM a hit...the theme for our AGM was “Lets go Fishing!” – and we did! Everyone who took the opportunity to fish had a great time and it looks like the Friday of the AGM next year will be earmarked for the same activity.



ANSA Qld Shirts selling like hotcakes...ANSA Qld executive worked hard this year to prepare a new shirt and we now have it. This tournament-style fishing shirt retails for \$50 and hundreds have sold already. If you look closely at the photos above, several of our members are sporting them. These are great because they can be tailored to include the club name and logos.



Online Membership underway...the ANSAQ executive is working hard to deliver online membership options before the next fishing year. Memberships are the lifeblood of ANSA both at the state and national level. People are expecting to be able to join up online straight away and if we don't offer this service then we will lose interested members who are joining one of the hundreds of options for activities out there vying for members

ANSAQ executive reshuffling...there has been movement on the executive with 3 new faces, 8 execs trying their hand in other positions and 4 stepping down to spend more time fishing



Competitions are king...one of the pillars of ANSA's motto is sport, but what good is sport without some healthy competitions? The ANSA Qld Length Competition proved to be a hit last year with 150 entries and some great fish caught and this year is ramping up to be another good one. Our new Species Challenge saw 60 fish in 2011 and around the same number fish this year. We will be working in the next year to lift the participation rate of the Species Challenge and offer other opportunities to increase participation

We are in the Black...well that's what the auditors report said anyway, with 20K in the bank at the end of FY 2012

Tagging woes...The Qld Government has made a grave error and removed funding for the beloved Surttag Program. We are working hard to secure funds to see us through and lobbying to get the money re-instated (if not this year, then next year). As such we have put a hold on the tagging achievement award for this year.

Records, Records, Records... This year saw 17 State Line Class Records and 11 National Records, 26 All Tackle Records, 10 Masters Awards (5 national and 5 QLD)

Membership...We currently have a total of 1027members which is a slight decrease on last year's total the membership break down is 598 senior males, 222 senior females, 5 Students, 124 junior males and 78 junior females.

Future Leaders delivered...and so was the workshop! A Future Leaders in Recreational Fishing Workshop was held on North Keppel Island in November last year with a dozen young-uns shown the ropes by a bunch of old salts. This was a collaborative effort between NSW and QLD, with many thanks to the mentors, especially Kim Martin who pulled it together. The fact that the President and Secretary of ANSA Qld are two participants is testament to the success of the workshop



Future Leader Award Snagged...by the (now) ANSAQ President Jason Stanfield. This was awarded at the recent National Recreational Fishing Conference. ANSA was well represented with many presentations delivered by ANSA members at this event



Green Zone Fishing causes a stir...read all about the fishing that ANSA affiliated Keppel Bay Sportfishing Club was involved in and the stir that it created at: www.fishingworld.com.au/news/opinion-a-case-for-rec-fishing-in-green-zones

Like...well that's what our members have been doing! Our Facebook page fan-base has doubled to 166 in the last three months as we ramp up the stories and showcase the posts from our member clubs and affiliates. Why not check out what all the fuss is about? <https://www.facebook.com/pages/ANSA-Queensland/101877629878640>

Nathan Johnston
Secretary
ANSA Queensland



ANSA South Australia Report

This year it seems like it has been the busiest on record and one wonders where the time has gone.

Many ANSA members have had unprecedented time spent in a whole raft of issues that currently face us and they may finally see the light at the end of the tunnel in the near future. All ANSA members participating in various forums, meetings etc. need to be congratulated.

One of the big ticket items is the final opportunity for public comment on the proposed marine park sanctuary zones. When the first marine park and sanctuary zones were first made public there was such a State wide reaction that most were withdrawn. What we have now is a far more sensible proposal but there are still a few issues to iron out. The main one is to allow for land based fishing access that is a sticking point for many anglers. The time for comments ends this month and the minister will then proclaim the sanctuary zones.

Snapper is now a big issue that confronts all South Australian and Interstate anglers. In 2000/2001 the recreational catch (39%) was 369 tonne and the commercial was 578 tonne. In 2007/2008 the recreational catch (19.3%) was 177 tonne and commercial 743 tonne.

As you can see there was a significant reduction in the recreational catch and the latest figures indicate that the commercial catch has risen to exceed 9,000 tonne with the recreational allocation falling to around 8%.

PIRSA has published a draft snapper options paper that proposed among other options a two and a half month total ban beginning in November in areas of Spencer and Gulf St Vincent. This may not get up as there is a lot opposition to it. The whole idea is to try to protect the spawning fish as they congregate in large schools this time of year. We will need to wait to see what evolves so many of the people that book accommodation and charters know where they stand.

Shock horror we now have possession limits for some key species (snapper is not one of them) mainly targeting KG Whiting with either 72 whole fish or 7Kg of fillets in your possession. Be interesting to see how the compliance people will police this so interstate angler's take note.

There are many more issues on the boil that will take too long for this report to address.

Attached is a Tagging report that has some impressive details.

Knut Gassmanis
Secretary
ANSA South Australia



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ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Taggers, ANSA members and interested fisherpeople, it is my pleasure to present the Annual report for June 2012.

We have come quite some way since our first tag was planted, in a King George Whiting back in August of 1999 and our first recapture, also of a Whiting only 3 months later in November 1999.

Over the years we've tagged some 4500 fish in SA and recaptured over 300 with several Snapper moving out of the state into Victoria and WA.

The data has enabled us to calculate growth rates for the main species which as expected shows that younger fish grow faster and older fish slow down a bit. We've seen that juvenile Kingfish grow at phenomenal rates of up to 1mm per day and older Bream grow very slowly with some not recording significant growth for a year or more.

Apart from the Murray River we have very little serious freshwater in SA so we don't see much in the way of migration from fresh to salt like our east coast ANSA colleagues but we do see a few significant travels that have both answered some old questions and posed a few new ones.

Snapper, for instance, have traditionally been thought of as a single stock that moves into our gulfs each spring to spawn and back out to sea each autumn. Tag recaptures have suggested that our gulf Snapper tend to remain in each gulf, yet fish from the east and west of the state do migrate up to 1000 km to Port Philip bay in the east and Esperance in the west. This leads us to assume that we may have 4 distinct stocks of Snapper.

- 1- East, from around Victor Harbor into Victoria.
- 2- West, from around Port Lincoln into WA.
- 3- Spencer Gulf, from around Arno Bay up to Whyalla and Port Augusta
- 4- Gulf of St. Vincent, from Marion Bay up through Adelaide north to the Ardrossan area.

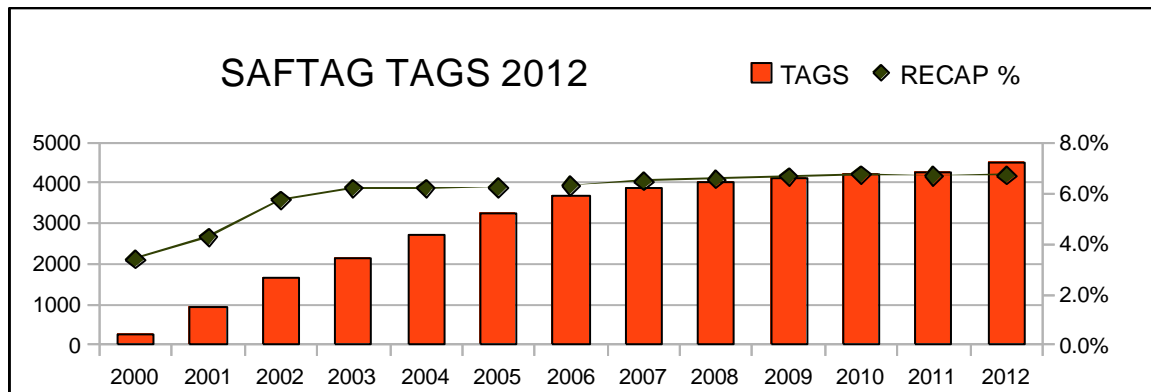
Modern DNA testing has apparently backed this theory up to some degree and researchers have come to similar conclusions. Although tagging hasn't provided any migration data between the stocks it might be reasonable to think that there would be at least some mixing of stocks because there are no physical or environmental barriers to stop fish swimming where they fancied and Snapper are caught around the whole South Australian coast.

Kingfish and Salmon have also proven to migrate, at least, in Spencer gulf where we've tagged both species at the northern shallows and recaptured them off the Southern tip. Over time we'll be able to find out whether they migrate back up on a seasonal basis or whether they just spend their lives moving west as some Salmon theories suggest.

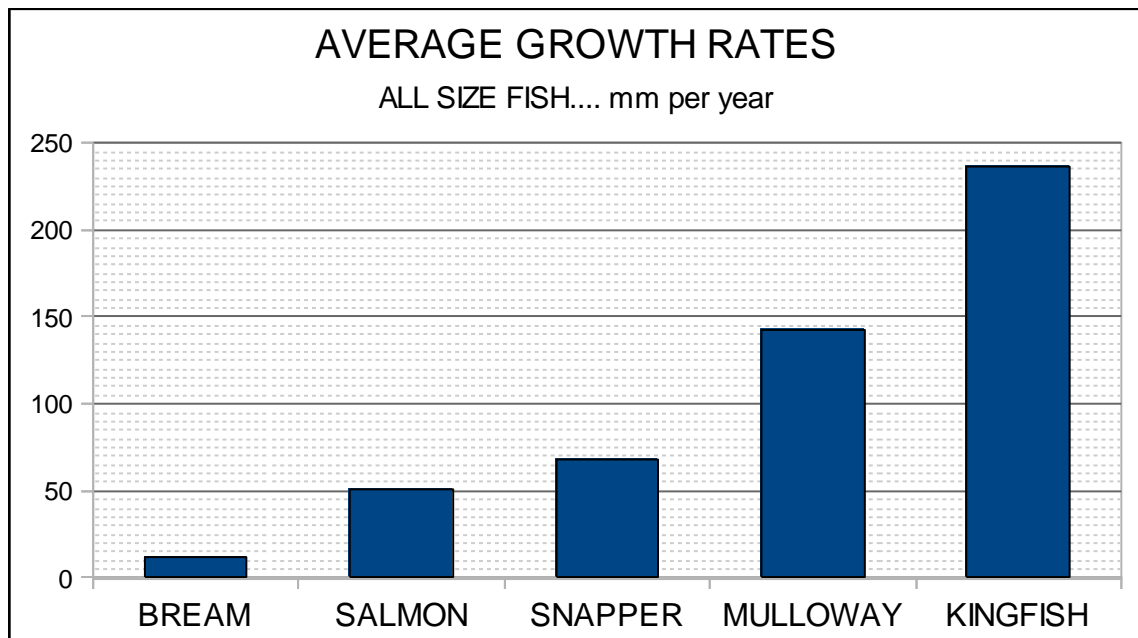
Mulloway also have shown some movement but to date they seem quite unpredictable. We have logged fish travelling west from the Coorong to Adelaide and east from Robe to Nelson but again the vast majority of fish seem to be recaptured not far from the tag site. We've seen fish in the Port River at Adelaide recaptured in much the same area 5 years later. Most fish tagged around the Coorong or Murray Mouth also are recaptured along the same stretch of beach. Time and more tags will enable us to answer the questions about where the fish caught along the West Coast and top of both gulfs come from or go to.

This is not the place to comment on the Pros and Cons of Marine Parks in SA but I think most anglers agree that current proposals are not based on very good science. We sincerely hope that over time our tagging data will be able to provide or enhance more and more of the science that such decisions are based on thus providing fairer outcomes for both fish and fishers alike.

For the number crunchers out there, below are some tables that summarize selected data put together by SAFTAG over the years.

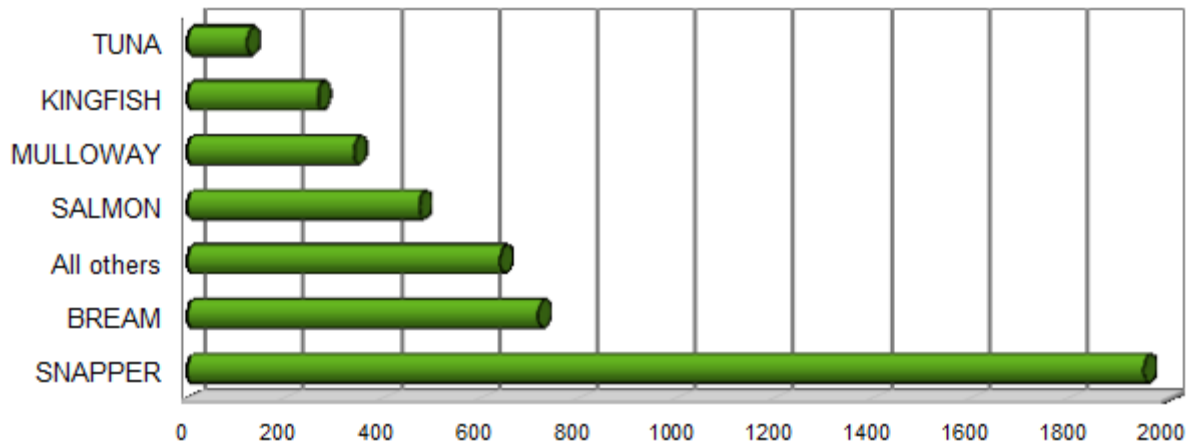


Our recapture percentage has stabilized at about 6.7%



Growth rates vary wildly for different species

TAGS by SPECIES



SA is the Snapper state.

It is essential that we thank our keen ANSA taggers because without them the tagging program would cease to exist.

And to those keen anglers who are reading a tagging report for the first time, think about joining an ANSA club and joining the growing number of contributors who've stepped up from "catch and release" to "tag and release".

Thanks for your interest.

Marcel Vandergoot
SAFTAG Co-ordinator

ANSA Tasmania Report

ANSA Tas Inc. experienced a varied year (2011-2012) of fishing experiences for its members, ranging from fresh to sea water fishing, and boat to shore. This year there saw 6 arranged weekend Club Events and organising of a public fishing competition at the Hobart Regatta.

The annual pilgrimage to Derwent Bridge (central west) proved popular with additional accommodation needing to be sourced as the club enjoyed the attendance of some of its interstate members. The weekend saw a number of fish caught and a few stories worthy of the one that got away.

Competitions extended beyond ANSA Tas Inc. to include the Bridgewater Anglers Club and discussions with other freshwater clubs who may be interested in participating in friendly weekend competitions. The interaction with other clubs is proving to be popular and it is hoped to see this expand in future years.

In the area of policy and action, Tasmania this year has provided representations into various fisheries including the recent debate about the "Super Trawler" (fishing in Tasmanian waters for small pelagic fish). This debate has involved government, commercial, recreational and the non-consumptive sector. ANSA Tas recognising that the interests of all participants need to be considered in any debate.

ANSA Tas has been mindful in all of these debates that the sustainability discussion rests with information and availability of the tools required to determine fish resources. ANSA Tas Branch Inc. has continually called for information on population dynamics, ecosystem modelling, various fisheries management practices (e.g. fish reserves, restrictions on gear, effort, latency, and catches). It believes that informed discussion and understanding allows for a better outcome.

This year has seen a growth in younger members and their skills in catching fish put a number of older members to the test. This area of growth is seen as a positive sign, and together with an extension of competitions and interactions with other clubs lends itself towards a bright future for the Club.

Andrew Edwards
Treasurer/Secretary
ANSA Tasmania

ANSA Victoria Report

Well another fishing year has come to a close; they seem to go faster each year with less fishing in between.

The past year has seen the membership numbers for Victoria increase for a second consecutive year. This has also included another club becoming registered with ANSA Vic. This is a good result considering many clubs of various sports finding members harder to hold.

Over the last year ANSA Vic has had a successful year starting of with the Eildon Convention. This was once again hosted by the Exec with the main focus being on adding a social side to the event. The convention again had very good numbers which shows that people enjoy the banter between each other and what better way to catch up with people from other clubs than around a fire to discuss various types of fishing we all do.

On a negative note this year saw the winding up of the Vic Tag program after years of consistently trying to secure funding to keep the program alive. But after numerous failed attempts to secure funding and after the last couple of years in limbo we were left with no other choice but to wind the program up.

The Victorian branch as with others made all efforts in endeavouring to stop the Dutch registered super trawler from fishing for small pelagic species in our waters. Congratulations should be given to all involved for stopping this trawler from fishing off our coast.

Tight lines

Darren Dyson
President
ANSA Victoria

ANSA Western Australia Report

Events:

Since last year's AGM we have all been aware of the need to consider very carefully proposals being put forward for restrictions to fishing, fishing grounds, catches etc and the list goes on, our members are now becoming more aware and more active, this is very pleasing and gives me hope for the future. 2014 will see the ANGEL RINGS come west, at long last someone is listening, watch this space and our news on the web.

Members:

With the active web sites our membership is growing from Bunbury in the South to Headland in the North.

Contact details www.ansawa.org

www.westag.info-fish.com

Juniors:

Once again Kalbarri has been very active with juniors; ANSAWA is always looking for and willing to help out with junior clinics.



The Next Year:

This coming year's projects include the launch of our quarterly WESTAG news and the push back to attending Boat Shows in WA to bring back the awareness of ANSA and our WESTAG program.

Steve Wiseman
President
ANSA Western Australia