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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 2013 – 2014

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

Ron Poole
 John Burgess
 Vacant
 Joe Garufi
 Sue Malton
 Bill Sawynok
 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

This year has not been particularly busy for myself, as our Executive Officer, John Burgess has very ably taken care of most items that have arisen during the 2013/14 reporting period.

Below are just some of the items that required input from ANSA National.

- Review of Commonwealth Marine Reserves
- Commonwealth Management of the Small Pelagic Fishery
- Dumping Dredged Spoil at Sea
- Southern Blue Fin Tuna – Recreational Fishing Restrictions
- Commonwealth Threatened Species Scientific Committee
- Hammerhead Shark Threatened Species Listing Consultation
- Conservation of Migratory Species
- Cultural Heritage of Recreational Fishing
- National Roll out of the ANSA Angel Ring / Fishing Safety project
- NSW Commercial Fisheries Reform

The costs of travel from my home base in Townsville to southern cities for any meetings associated with recreational fishing are excessive and ANSA members are fortunate to have Sydney's John Burgess available to travel to Canberra and other locations for important Recreational fishing meetings. This saves ANSA National considerable travel expenses. John is widely acknowledged for his detailed knowledge and understanding of recreational fishing related issues and makes valuable ANSA contribution whenever and wherever needed. John is a Board member of the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) and Recfish Australia and represents ANSA on a number of Commonwealth and State Fishing Committees and Councils.

Members will have noticed that ANSA now has a revamped web site put together by Peter Gibson from NSW. The site is much less colorful than the old one however the revamp has resulted in easier navigation when looking for information our members want to view. I no longer manage the website and after more than 15 years I felt it was time to hand the web management to someone else. The savings in not having to pay for hosting the site with a hosting service will save ANSA funds in the future.

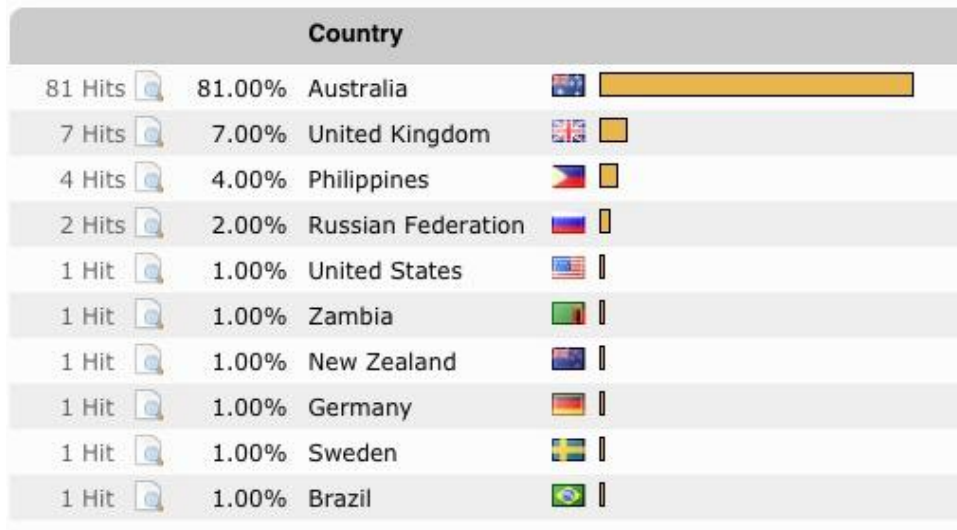
Electronic purchase transactions have finally been included on the web site making sale of ANSA Ware easier for clubs and members. Joe Garufi seems a much happier Membership Director since this e/banking inception.

Web advertising is at a low level and members are encouraged to direct potential advertisers to John Burgess or myself for consideration. Advertising rates are very low and the ANSA website has a very broad national market reach.

Web site updates have been kept pretty well up to date with those responsible for records and masters now having direct web access for updates. ANSA National also assisted with the replacement of some important certificates that were lost in Cyclone

Yasi. The home of an ANSA member was severely damaged and with it the certificates. The owner was presented with replacements thanks to the help of National recorders.

For interest below are a few bits of data available from the new web site.



The above shows the site hits for a three-day period in September.

	Page Views	Unique Visits	First Time Visits	Returning Visits
Sept 2014	1,279	706	638	68
Aug 2014	1,343	704	622	82
July 2014	1,417	736	639	97
June 2014	1,305	688	604	84
May 2014	1,901	886	795	91

The above shows hits per month since the counter was installed on the new site. September still had six days to go at the time of the above data.

To the entire ANSA Executive I extend my sincere thanks for all the time and effort they voluntarily contribute to keep ANSA at the forefront of recreational fishing. We are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated and active National Executive that keeps the ANSA spirit and brand prominent in the public arena.

Signed

Ron Poole
Chairman
ANSA National

National Executive Director's Report

2013/14 was another busy year for ANSA at a National level and Branch level. Listed below is a snapshot of some of the many issues concerning recreational fishing that ANSA has been actively involved with over the past year.

Peak Body Representation. At a national level ANSA is a full member of Recfish Australia and the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) which is continuing to emerge as the leading national peak recreational body with membership embracing industry bodies such as AFTA and the BIAA and most all of the established peak recreational bodies such as Recfish, GFAA, USFA , ANSA and the various state based recreational peak bodies. Via these bodies we are in constant engagement with the Federal Government and the various Commonwealth agencies on all matters that have a nexus with recreational fishing. ANSA holds Board positions on both Recfish and ARFF. ANSA is also a long time member of IGFA and both Bill Sawynok and John Burgess are Australian Representatives of that international game fishing sporting body.

Recreational Fishing Council. One of the goals of ARFF and its members is to establish a National Recreational Fishing Council. The Federal Government has given a commitment to resource the Council and it is intended that ARFF will provide a Secretariat service to the Council which will be the focal point for 2 way dialogue between the Australian Government and recreational fishers and will replace the now redundant Recreational Fishing Roundtable established under Labor. Other goals of the ARFF and a priority for the Council include the early establishment of a National Charter for Recreational Fishing in Australia, recognition of the significant importance and value of recreational fishing in the broad economy, inclusion of recreational fishing in the Commonwealth Fisheries Act and a guaranteed source of long term sustainable funding from both the government and private sectors for recreational peak body representation and advocacy.

Small Pelagic Fishery. While ANSA and other recreational fisher peak bodies and conservation groups were successful in putting a stop to the Margiris supertrawler fishing for small pelagic species such as Jack Mackerel and Redbait in our southern waters , the current restriction on the use of large commercial freezer trawler vessels for the SPF fishery lapse in October 2014. An expert scientific panel was established by the previous Labor Government to make an objective assessment of the environmental impacts of large mid water trawl/freezer vessels operating in the small pelagic fishery. The expert committee is due to release its report and recommendations before October 2014. ANSA has met with the expert panel and presented its concerns with this scale of fishing operation. While it is unlikely that the Margiris will return to Australian waters there may be a case for other forms of large scale fishing activities to be undertaken in a manner which will minimise environmental impacts. We now await the panel report and the direction the Coalition government takes on this very controversial issue.

Commonwealth Marine Reserves. Since the change of Federal government very little has happened in terms of the roll out of the network of Commonwealth Marine Reserves. The Coalition is still to announce appointments to Scientific and Management Advisory Committees for each of the Marine Reserves and what relaxations, if any, to commercial and recreational fishing activities that were to be restricted under the proposed Labor plans of management. Based on assurances given by the Coalition it is very likely that greater access for commercial and recreational fishing will be allowed in areas previously designated as no fish zones. It is hopeful that the government will make these announcements shortly. ANSA in conjunction with

other peak bodies will continue to push the case for preservation of recreational fisher access to all Australian territorial waters.

Dumping Dredged Spoil at Sea. Unfortunately ANSA was unable to convince State and Federal Agencies to disallow Caltex to dredge its Kurnell Port and Berthing facilities and to dump highly toxic TBT (Tributyltin) anti foul contaminated dredged spoil both in Botany Bay and in ocean waters about 10 km east of South Head. This dredging project has now been completed and it can only be hoped that no long term environmental damage or health risks have been incurred as a result of the spoil dumping. More recently Caltex, in March 2014, also experienced a major oil spill into Botany Bay from its Caltex plant which contaminated much of the northern shore of the Bay and may have drifted into Sydney Harbour as well a result of strong southerly winds prevailing on the day and large tidal movements. ANSA has met with the EPA which is investigating the circumstances and extent and impact of the spill as a lead up to the likely prosecution of Caltex in the Land and Environment Court. ANSA has also taken its own samples for assessment of the type of oil involved and likely environmental impacts. It is ANSA's preference that any financial penalty imposed on Caltex be expended on fish habitat rehabilitation projects within Botany Bay and Sydney Harbour.

ANSA has also campaigned with other peak bodies and community groups against the controversial Abbott Point coal port dredging project which potentially will see 3 million cubic metres of material dredged from the ocean floor and dumped next to the Great Barrier Reef. Although we have been assured that the environmental conditions and regulations for the dumping of this spoil will not affect the marine environment or the Great Barrier Reef, ANSA and most recreational fishers and conservationists have grave reservation about the reliability of these assurances. Very recently there has been a shift of attitude by the North Qld Bulk Ports, GVK Hancock and the Adani Group (project stakeholders) and consideration is now being given to dumping the dredged spoil on land which would be a far more acceptable outcome. The Federal Government is yet to receive a modified dumping proposal from the stakeholders and hopefully a more acceptable solution can be negotiated. ANSA will continue to keep involved with this project.

Hammerhead Sharks. ANSA engaged in consultations with the Commonwealth Threatened Species Committee for potential inclusion of Scalloped, Smooth and Great hammerhead Sharks as Threatened Species under the EPBC Act which would preclude any form of recreational fisher interaction with these species in Australian waters. While ANSA is concerned with the serious decline in Hammerhead species globally due to excessive and uncontrolled commercial fishing activities by many of our northern neighbours the extent of impact by Australian commercial and recreational fishers was very minor and the status of the local Hammerhead shark population was not under any immediate threat. ANSA did not support the case for listing of all 3 species of Hammerhead as Vulnerable but did concede a case existed for the species to be listed as Conservation Dependent and made subject to an agreed recovery plan. Under this status recreational fisher interaction with Hammerheads would be allowable. Unfortunately in NSW all recreational fisher interaction with Hammerhead sharks is illegal as these species were listed as Endangered/ Vulnerable by the NSW Fisheries Scientific Committee in 2012. An investigation of the circumstances which lead to the NSW listing of Hammerheads is currently in process and hopefully we may be able to review the 2012 listings.

Fishing Safety/Education. ANSA continues to take the lead on fishing safety issues both in NSW and Nationally. The Angel Ring project which has saved countless lives in NSW is being successfully rolled out in other states and our safe fishing education programme material remains in popular demand. ANSA is also involved with a

number of other peak bodies in the development of a National Fishing Education programme for all Australians. This is a major programme which is backed by FRDC and should come to a positive conclusion sometime next year. On a different tack ANSA should be proud of the initiatives taken by the members of South Sydney AFA (my own club) in pioneering the Fishing 4 Therapy programme which uses recreational fishing as a means for those within the community with a broad range of disabilities to engage in a sporting activity that would otherwise not be an option for them. These are all highly acclaimed and fantastic community/ volunteer programmes..

Southern Blue Fin Tuna. ANSA strongly opposed the proposals to introduce a NSW SBT recreational bag and possession limit of one fish and to impose a daily boat limit of two SBT. It was ANSA's position that the scientific evidence did not support the case for such draconian management measures. ANSA's recommendation was that a daily bag limit of 2 SBT was reasonable and that the introduction of a boat limit could not be justified and would have the potential to encourage up sizing and dumping of fish. It was also ANSA's recommendation that SBT be taken out of the generic Tuna bag and size limits and be established as a stand alone species. It was encouraging that most other state and national recreational fishing peak bodies fell in behind the ANSA position. The concern was that if NSW was compelled to accept a one fish bag limit and a boat limit of 2 it would be only a matter of time before the other states would be under pressure to follow NSW. If the ANSA recommendations are adopted then all states where SBT are evident will have a common daily bag limit of 2 SBT per person

Gemfish. ANSA participated in the review by the NSW Fisheries Scientific Committee which proposed to list Gemfish as Vulnerable under the Fisheries management Act. If Gemfish do get listed as Vulnerable then recreational fisher interaction with the species will be illegal in NSW and adjacent Commonwealth waters. Gemfish are already subject to a modest 2 fish bag limit and a 10 fish boat limit. It was ANSA's position that scientific evidence presented did not justify a Vulnerable Species listing and a consequential total ban on the recreational take of Gemfish. The recreational take of Gemfish is not known but considered to be very minor and anecdotal evidence would seem to indicate that the species is in a positive recovery mode and certainly not under any short or medium term threat of extinction.

Mulloway. New size and bag limits were introduced late 2013. ANSA supported the case for an increase in the size limit from 45 to 70 centimetres for both the recreational and commercial sector and a recreational daily bag limit of 2 fish and this is what was adopted by the Minister. Regrettably the extent of restrictions placed on the Commercial sector did not go as far as ANSA would have liked and Estuary General fishers using meshing nets are still permitted a by catch possession allowance of 10 fish between 45 and 70 centimetres and there is a 500 kilogram limit for Ocean Haul endorsement holders. ANSA also encouraged an early reintroduction of Mulloway stocking to give nature a hand and an ongoing study of mulloway stocks. A dedicated Mulloway research programme was established and ANSA members have played an active part in providing data on captures and the submission of Mulloway frames. ANSA has also played an integral role via Newtag in tagging Mulloway across NSW.

NSW Size and Bag Limit Review. ANSA participated in the review process and questioned the science and rationale for what essentially would have seen a halving of bag limits for most bread and butter recreational species with little or no justification. The jury is still out on the outcome of the review and it is understood that a final decision now rests with the NSW Primary Industries Minister Katrina Hodgkinson.

NSW Commercial Fishing Reform. ANSA participated in the review process which involved key reforms for the State's five major commercial fisheries - the Ocean Trap and Line, Ocean Trawl, Ocean Haul, Estuary General and Estuary Prawn Trawl. While ANSA supports the case for key reform of the State's commercial fisheries to make them more efficient and viable and to provide a framework for substantial long term investment in the fishing industry, we were very concerned with the lack of public consultation and the very short time frame for making submissions on this critical review. ANSA's main concerns were the changes and sizes to vessels and the types of gear allowed and more specifically the proposals to increase the total allowable catch quotas (ITCAL's) to levels based on the highest past 15 years take. Also of grave concern was the proposal to open up many of our protected coastal estuaries to commercial fishing. Support for the reforms also met a mixed response from the commercial fishing sector with many small commercial fishers recognising that they would be forced out of the industry with adverse socio economic implications for coastal NSW communities. Minister Hodgkinson recently announced that more time was necessary to fully consider all issues and for further public consultation.

NSW Marine Parks. One of the great achievements over 2013 and the outcome of the Independent Scientific Review of Marine Parks in NSW which ANSA participated in was the NSW government agreeing to an amnesty to allow line based recreational fishing from ocean beaches and headlands within most NSW declared Sanctuary zones. The government also announced the establishment of 2 new advisory panels, the Marine Estate Management Authority and the Marine Estate Expert Panel and a moratorium on any new marine parks pending advice from these panels. ANSA will continue to work closely with these 2 panels to ensure that the interests of recreational fishing and the marine environment are best managed.

NSW Fish Habitat Partnership. This is a new body set up in 2014 for the purpose of working together to rebuild fish resources in NSW by restoring fish habitat and eco systems. The partnership is unique in its formation being made up of recreational, commercial and indigenous fishing organisations (including ANSA), the oyster industry, conservation groups and NGO's, the tackle trade, fishing cooperatives and farming groups. The partnership is the result of many years of hard work by a variety of individuals bent on doing something on a large scale to address the degradation of our aquatic habitat over the past 200 years as a consequence of misdirected land and water management practices. The partnership will be independent of government but will work collectively with all government agencies to identify strategic and specific ways to improve and restore fish habitat and to raise the profile of fish habitat conservation within the broad public arena and to enlist financial support from the private sector. The prospect of the partnership being used as an authorised body for the control and disbursement of financial penalties imposed by the Land and Environment Court for breaches such as the Caltex oil spill is under consideration.

Compensation Package. After more than a decade of wrangling with the NSW government to achieve a compensation package for the loss of fishing access and environmental damage to the Botany Bay Recreational Fishing Haven as a consequence of the Port Botany expansion and a number of other development projects directly affecting the Bay we were very pleased with the government's May 2014 announcement of a \$5million Port Boating and Fishing Infrastructure program which will see 2 new artificial reefs installed south of Botany Heads at a cost of some \$2.4 million, the installation of a fishing jetty adjacent to the Foreshore Road Boat ramp seawall at a cost of around \$.5million and the provision of additional boating access to Botany Bay at a cost of \$2.1million. This is a terrific outcome for Botany Bay recreational fishers and we are very grateful that the current NSW government finally acknowledged the merit of our case.

Regional Boating Plans. ANSA has participated in the current round of regional boating plan studies currently being undertaken by Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services. The object of the regional planning projects is to undertake a state wide study of existing boating facilities and safety measures for each of the major waterways of NSW and to identify actions required to enhance boating experience by improving boating safety, boat storage and boat access to our waterways. To date the draft study for Botany Bay has been completed and very pleasingly all of the concerns raised by ANSA such as the need for more boat ramps servicing Botany Bay, inadequate boat ramp parking, poor boat ramp design, shortage of mooring sites, inadequate dinghy storage, the lack of public jetties and legalities with parking trailers on public roads have all been picked up in the draft plan. Hopefully we will see some demonstrable progress coming out of these plans.

Boat Trailer Parking. In late 2013 ANSA did raise concerns with Roads Minister Duncan Gaye and Primary Industries Minister Katrina Hodgkinson about the actions of some coastal councils in enforcing section 200 of the National Road Rules which restricts all vehicles over 7.5 metres in length from stopping on a road in a built up area for more than 1 hour – this effectively prohibits most trailer boats over 6 metres from parking on urban streets and roads, even in front of your own home. Transport for NSW did set up a Boat Trailer Working Group to look into the issues relating to trailer parking on public streets and roads. Transport for NSW and the Office of Local Government are now finalising a response to the recommendations made by the working group in its report. The objective is to strike a balance between the right to park a registered boat trailer legally on a residential street for reasonable periods of time and improving parking access in congested areas with limited parking. This will include making funding available to councils willing to work with the government to establish dedicated off street trailer parking / storage facilities. It is imperative that such parking / storage facilities, if and when they eventuate, are not priced beyond the means of ordinary boat owners.

Thank you. ANSA could not undertake all of these activities if it were not for the very small team of dedicated volunteers at a National and Branch level who generously give up so much of their time to make it all happen.



John Burgess
Executive Officer/Director. ANSA National Ltd
Vice President. ANSA NSW

National Finance Director's Report

**ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

Financial statements for the financial year end 30 June 2014 together with comparative results for the preceding year are appended. The following points are highlighted:

- a) The Association traded at a deficit of \$10633 for the 2013/14 year. This was substantially better than the forecast deficit of \$32800. The major factor behind this substantial variation was the timing impact of income and expenditure in respect of the FRDC funded Angel Ring National rollout. It was projected that a further \$44000 in grant money would be taken in as income for the year and project expenditure of \$80000 incurred. The reality was that only \$13944 was expended on the project and no additional grant moneys were sought from or paid over by FRDC. Notional exclusion of the grant funding and expenditure from the 2013/14 results would have seen the association generate a surplus of \$3311.

- b) Income over the 2013/14 year of \$19337 was substantially less than budget of \$67800 due mainly to the non receipt of any further Angel Ring FRDC grant money - \$44000 was budgeted for as income. Other than for the timing and amount of the FRDC grant money, the main variance was due to a fall in the level of membership fees \$15606 (budget \$19000) which in part was due to the \$2 reduction in senior membership fees and a seeming drop off of membership in some state branches. At the time of writing this report we are checking with some branches to ensure that the membership data and fees paid over 2013/14 were correct and not understated.

- c) Expenditure over the 2013/14 year was \$29970 as compared to budget expectation of \$100600. Other than for the impact of the FRDC grant expenditure (actual \$13944 as against budget \$80000), the main variances to budget were non payment of auditor fees \$1200 and \$2000 budgeted for subsidisation of an ANSA delegate attendance at the 2014 World Recfishing Conference. These savings were offset by an \$855 increase in phone/ internet expenses.

- d) The Association at year end 30 June 2014 possessed total assets of \$113807 (\$124440 @ 2013) consisting primarily of cash at bank \$14479, term deposit \$92495, ANSA Ware stock on hand \$5946 and accrued but unpaid interest \$387. The association has no external liabilities. Overall the Association had a net equity of \$113807 at 30 June 2014 but this includes \$21977 of unexpended FRDC grant moneys.

- e) A financial budget forecast for the 2014/15 is attached. For the coming year the association is forecasting a deficit of \$25750. This deficit is predicated on income for the coming year of \$74800 which includes the \$53600 balance of the FRDC grant. Other than for affiliation fees which have been budgeted at \$17000 (to reflect the likelihood that some branches may have underpaid fees for 2013/14) all other sources of income are generally in line with actual receipts for 2013/14.

Expenditure of \$100550 is forecast for 2014/15 which includes \$75000 for the Angel Ring project which may extend into the following year.

Audit fees of \$2800 have been budgeted for which includes fees for previous years for which ANSA has not yet been invoiced for. A provisional budget allowance of \$2000 has been made for potential ANSA promotional activities.

Notional exclusion of the FRDC grant funding and related expenditure should see the association generate a traditional surplus of \$4350 over 2014/15.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Malton', with a small dot at the end.

Sue Malton

Finance Director

18 September 2014

Reconciliation of trading results to budget for year ending 30.6.2014
Budget forecast for 2014/15 financial year

	<u>Budget</u> <u>2014/15</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2013/14</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2013/14</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2012/13</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2012/13</u>
Income					
Branch affiliation fees	17000	19000	15606	20000	20051
ANSA Ware sales	1000	1500	919	1000	2120
Bank Interest	3000	3000	2612	2500	3566
Govt grants - Angel Rings national	53600	44000	0	30000	24420
Web Advertising	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Income	<u>74800</u>	<u>67800</u>	<u>19337</u>	<u>53800</u>	<u>50157</u>
Expenditure					
Travel/ Accomodation/ Meals	10000	8000	7649	8000	8031
Recfish membership	500	550	0	550	550
IGFA Membership	600	100	0	0	0
ARFF membership	500	500	500	0	500
AFTA Membership	0	250	0	250	0
Auditor fees	2800	1200	0	1200	550
Insurance	800	600	694	500	525
Website	500	1500	1117	300	160
Phone /internet	2500	1500	2355	900	1606
Bank fees	50	0	26	0	5
Post/ Stationery	2500	2500	2355	2000	2512
Records/ Masters expenses	200	200	0	400	62
ASIC Fees	100	100	88	100	86
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of goods sold	1000	1500	440	1500	1718
Sundries					
Computer upgrade/supplies	500	100	682	0	516
Angel Ring National Project	75000	80000	13944	30000	9132
ANSA Promotion	2000	0	0	0	0
ANSA Banners	0	0	0	1000	745
ANSA Promo Brochures	0	0	0	3000	2224
Trade Mark Registration	0	0	120	0	0
	<u>Budget</u> <u>2014/15</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2013/14</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2013/14</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2012/13</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2012/13</u>
Rule Book printing	0	0	0	5100	5095
Recfish Conference Expenses	1000	0	0	0	834
Donations	0	0	0	0	0
International Conference subsidy	0	2000	0	<u>0</u>	0
Total Expenditure	<u>100550</u>	<u>100600</u>	<u>29970</u>	<u>54800</u>	<u>34851</u>
Net profit/(Loss)	<u>-25750</u>	<u>-32800</u>	<u>-10633</u>	<u>-1000</u>	<u>15306</u>

ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD**ACN 063 293 514****STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME****YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	Notes	2014	2013
REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2	19337	50157
Office and stationery expense	3	(4710)	(4118)
Dues and subscriptions	3	(500)	(1050)
Travel and meeting expense	3	(7649)	(8031)
Audit fees	11	0	(550)
Legal Fees	3	0	0
Conference Fees	3	0	(834)
Bank & Finance expense	3	(26)	(5)
Other expenses.	3	(3141)	(11132)
Angel Ring Grant expenditure	3/10	(13944)	(9132)
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PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE		(10633)	15305
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INCOME TAX EXPENSE		0	0
		<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD	8	(10633)	15305
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ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

	Notes	2013	
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		14479	52284
Term Deposit		92995	65213
Inventory	4	5946	6386
Receivables	5	387	557
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>113807</u>	<u>124440</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
		0	0
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>113807</u>	<u>124440</u>
CURRENT LIABILITES			
		0	0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>113807</u>	<u>124440</u>
EQUITY			
Retained profits	8	113807	124440
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>113807</u>	<u>124440</u>

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ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from operations		16725	46591
Payments to suppliers and employees		(29530)	(37571)
Interest received		2782	4291
	9(a)	<u>(10023)</u>	<u>13311</u>
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD			
		<u>(10023)</u>	<u>13311</u>
Add opening cash brought forward		117497	104186
CLOSING CASH CARRIED FORWARD	9(b)	<u>107474</u>	<u>117497</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES OF EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Retained Profit
	\$
At 1 July 2012	109135
Profit for period	15305
Other comprehensive Income	<u>0</u>
At 30 June 2013	<u>124440</u>
At 1 July 2013	124440
Loss for period	(10633)
Other comprehensive Income	<u>0</u>
At 30 June 2014	<u>113807</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 JUNE 2014

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 JUNE 2014

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.

	2014	2013
2. REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
Revenues from operating activities		
Membership dues	15606	20051
Merchandise	919	2120
Advertising	200	0
Total revenue from operating activities	<u>16725</u>	<u>22171</u>
Revenues from non-operating activities		
Interest	2612	3566
Angel Ring/Water Safety Grant	0	24420
	<u>2612</u>	<u>27986</u>
Total revenues from ordinary activities	<u><u>19337</u></u>	<u><u>50157</u></u>
3. EXPENSES		
Bank & Finance Expenses	26	5
Conference Expense	0	834
Travel and meeting expense	7649	8031
Dues & Subs	500	1050
Angel Ring Project Expenses	13944	9132
	<u>22119</u>	<u>19052</u>

	2014	2013
Office and Stationery expenses		
Telephone and email	2355	1606
Postage, delivery, office supplies	2355	2512
	<u>4710</u>	<u>4118</u>
Other expenses from ordinary activities		
Insurance	694	525
Cost of goods sold	440	1718
Website	1117	160
Depreciation	0	0
ASIC fees	88	86
Records & Masters expense	0	62
Donations	0	0
Computer Supplies	682	516
Promotion ANSA Brochures	0	2224
Promotion ANSA Banners	0	745
Rule Book Production	0	5095
Trade Mark Registration	120	0
	<u>3141</u>	<u>11131</u>
4. INVENTORY		
	5946	6386
	<u>5946</u>	<u>6386</u>
Goods held for sale		
5. RECEIVABLES		
Accrued Interest	387	557
	<u>387</u>	<u>557</u>
6. NON CURRENT ASSETS		
	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
7. PAYABLES		
	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
8. RETAINED PROFITS		
Balance at the beginning of the year	124440	109135
Net Profit /(Loss) attributable to the members of the Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd	(10633)	15305
Balance at end of year	<u>113807</u>	<u>124440</u>

ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

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Notes to the Financial Statements

30 JUNE 2014

	2014	2013
9. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
(a) Reconciliation of the operating profit /(loss) after tax		
To the net cash flows from operations		
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after tax	(10633)	15305
Adjustment for		
Depreciation	0	0
Adjustments for Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	170	726
(Increase)/decrease in inventory	440	(2720)
Increase/(decrease) in payables	0	0
Net cash flow from/(used in) operating activities	<u>(10023)</u>	<u>13311</u>
(b) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash balance comprises:		
- Cash on hand	14479	52284
- Term Deposit	92995	65213
Closing cash balance	<u>107474</u>	<u>117497</u>

10. NATIONAL ANGEL RING PROJECT

Grants received from FRDC -		
	2012	22000
	2013	24420
	2014	<u>0</u>
		46420
Grants yet to be received from FRDC		<u>53580</u>
Total FRDC Grant		<u>100000</u>
 Grant Expenditure –		
	2012	1367
	2013	9132
	2014	<u>13944</u>
		24443
Expenditure yet to be incurred		<u>75557</u>
Total FRDC Grant		<u>100000</u>

11. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	<u>0</u>	<u>550</u>
Amounts received or due and receivable to James Murphy &Co for an audit of the entity and other services.	<u>0</u>	<u>550</u>

12. COMPANY DETAILS

The registered office of the company is:

6 Byrne Crescent,
Maroubra NSW 2035

ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

ACN 063 293 514

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 2014 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.



Director



Director

Dated: 20 September 2014

ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

ACN 063 293 514

Directors' Report

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2014

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	Vacant
Finance Director/Treasurer	Mrs Suzanne Malton 41 Smith Street Kalbarri WA 6536
Membership Services Director	Mr Joe Garufi PO BOX 481 Matraville 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 Ken Johnson 1350 Tomahawk Creek Rd Irrewillipe Vic 3249
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 loss for the financial year of \$ 10633

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.

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

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

Director

Dated this 20th day of September 2014

National Membership Director's Report

ANSA National's total membership at the year ending 30.6.2014 was 2849. This comprised of New South Wales 1203, Queensland 988, Victoria 433, Western Australia 58, South Australia 115 and Tasmania 52. These numbers are down compared to last years membership tally of 3094. New South Wales membership increased by 61. Queensland's membership decreased by 150 members. South Australia's membership increased by 58 members; Victoria's membership increased by 45 members; Western Australia's membership decreased by 271 members and Tasmania's membership increased by 12 members. Overall ANSA National's membership decreased by 245 members nationally. Not a good result. As a whole, ANSA National's membership flutters near the 3000 mark.

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 not all branch census forms have been received and our contact email database has not been updated. I urge all States to update their committee contact details urgently. 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 not been received for the first quarter of the 2014/2015 year. The States are urged to get returns in on time. 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. ANSA National has revamped its high quality promotional brochures. These brochures have been available for some time now. The brochures can be tailored to suit the unique needs of individual Branches and Clubs. The 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 ahead in leaps and bounds since the inception of on line purchases and payments. ANSA National has plenty of stock so ensure your members know this. It's just another way your State or clubs within your State can promote ANSA. There is plenty of stock of approved ANSA brag mats. All your ANSA ware can be purchase on line by simply visiting the "ANSA Shop" on our website at www.ansa.com.au/shop/. No more forms or cheques.

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.

ANSA National's website is traveling extremely well. The website address is www.ansa.com.au.

The ANSA National facebook page is traveling very well. So far the Facebook paged has over 300 likes and rising. Make sure you promote the ANSA National Facebook page amongst your member clubs. The page itself hits hundreds of Facebook walls and is just another way ANSA is ensuring current information and events can be communicated to its members nationally, whilst raising the interests of those who are not yet ANSA members. Visit the ANSA National Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ANSA.National.

Safe Fishing,

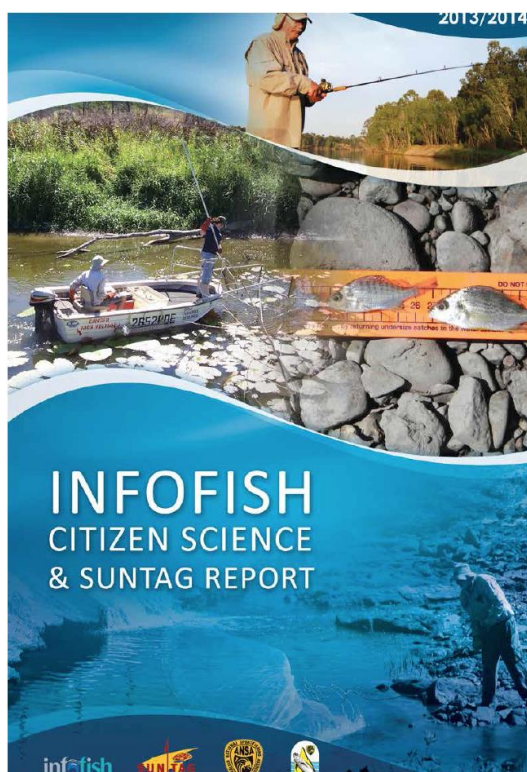


Joe Garufi
Membership Services Director
ANSA National

National Research/Development Director's Report

ANSA RESEARCH REPORT 2013/14

Suntag



Suntag, through Infofish Australia, has been providing a service to the fishing industry for 27 years since 1986/87. Early In 2013/14 Suntag passed 1,000,000 fish records in the database. It is now likely to be the largest fisheries database in Queensland outside government and research institutions and the largest volunteer tagging-fisheries database in the world. Over the 27 years of the program it is estimated that there has been \$15-20m invested or provided in kind by government, other funders, researchers, taggers and stocking groups in the data stored in the database.

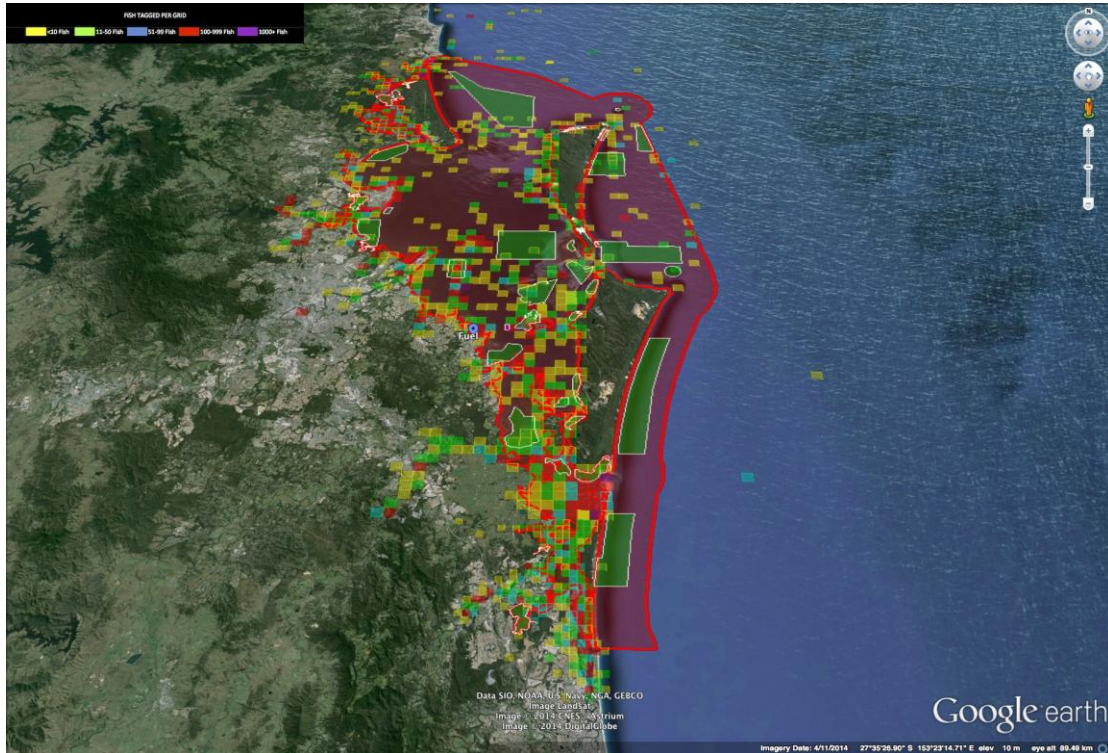
This year the Suntag grant of \$40,000 by Fisheries Queensland was the catalyst for cash and in kind investments/ contributions of \$570,540 or \$13.3 for every grant dollar. Infofish Australia and ANSAQ believe that there are few other examples of such a multiplier on investment within the Queensland fishing industry. The return on investment in improved knowledge of fish stocks is also substantial although not quantified.

be downloaded from the Suntag website www.suntag.org.au. The report includes details of Suntag and Westag.

Suntag tagging and fishing trip highlights for the year were:

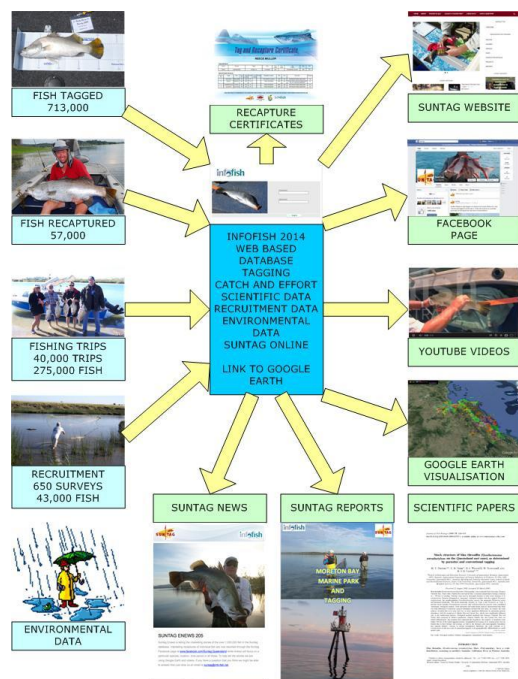
- ✦ Total fish and crab records in the database now exceed 1.05 million fish records including 712,900 tagged fish, 281,400 fish from catches and 57,000 recaptures
- ✦ 101 Frequent taggers account for 278,000 (39%) of the total number of fish tagged while the remaining 9,300 taggers account for 298,100 (41.8%) of the fish tagged
- ✦ Fish stocking groups account for 95,300 (13.4%) of the fish tagged and researchers 41,800 (5.9%)
- ✦ Fishing trips with catch and effort details now total 40,150 (3,200 this year)
- ✦ A total of over 9,400 taggers (565 this year) have now participated in Suntag and 16,900 fishers (830 this year) have reported the recapture of a tagged fish
- ✦ A total of over 1,200 fishers contributed data to Suntag this year through tagging fish, reporting recaptures and catch
- ✦ Suntag Online allows taggers to access their own data and there are now 200 registered for online access
- ✦ The database is linked to Google Earth that allows visualisation of data in 7 different views
- ✦ Barramundi is the most tagged species with over 238,200 tagged and 17,500 recaptured (over 20,900 including multiple recaptures)
- ✦ The overall recapture rate for fish, excluding crabs was 6.6% with a 6.8% recapture rate for 2010-14
- ✦ The release rate of recaptured fish for the past 9 years was over 60% and over 70% from 2007/08 to 2009/11
- ✦ Mick Dohnt remains the top tagger overall having tagged a total of 24,780 fish
- ✦ Images of almost 1,700 tagged and recaptured fish are now stored in the database

- ✦ A total of over 86,500 fish have the location where the hook was lodged in the fish recorded with 10.8% of fish caught on bait being deep hooked (throat or gut) and 2.0% for fish caught on lures



A Suntag report “Moreton Bay Marine Park and Tagging” looked at the impact of the declaration of the Marine Park on tagging. The report can be downloaded from the Suntag website www.suntag.org.au.

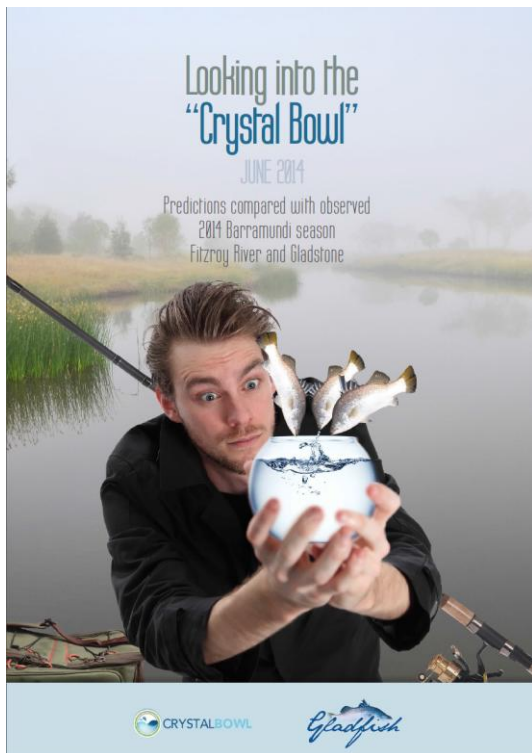
Sharing Suntag Information



Suntag uses websites, Facebook pages, online newsletter and mini-reports to share its information. This year saw significant upgrades of how the information is shared.

- ✦ Suntag at www.suntag.org.au was revamped and integrated with Suntag eNews and Suntag mini-reports
- ✦ Suntag eNews was introduced as an online newsletter with 5 editions issued to around 800 subscribers replacing the previous Suntag News which was sent out by email
- ✦ Suntag mini-reports were introduced with 8 mini-reports produced featuring a species, location, timeframe, issue or all of those with over 3,500 downloads from the website
- ✦ The Suntag Facebook page www.facebook.com/SuntagQueensland has over 1,500 likes with posts regularly reaching 1,000-2,000+ with the highest reach of over 7,500.

Crystal Bowl



The Crystal Bowl was developed to predict fish stocks in a way that would provide useful information to fishers and the broader community. It uses a range of data including recreational catch, commercial catch, tag and recaptures, stocked fish, recruitment surveys, river flows, rainfall and long-range weather forecasts in developing the predictions.

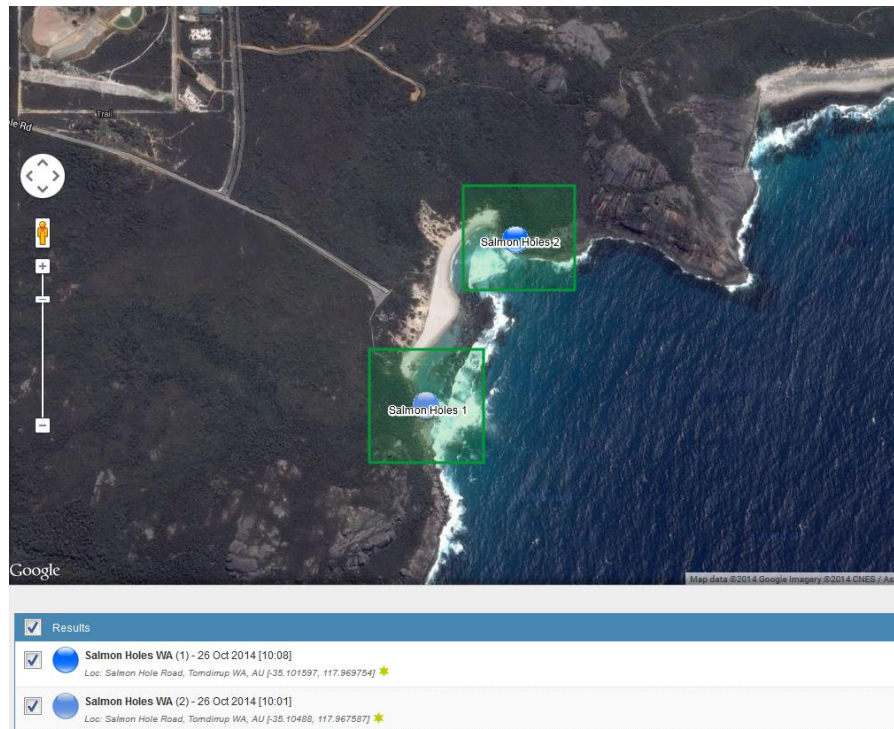
- ✦ The Crystal Bowl has developed to a point where Barramundi stocks are predicted for each season (Feb-Oct) for Gladstone and the Fitzroy River
- ✦ Predictions are compared with actual mid-season and at the end of the season when a news prediction is made for the next season
- ✦ All actual results mid-season 2014 were within the 20% range of the predictions (1 exception)
- ✦ The report 'Looking into the Crystal Bowl – June 2014 – Predictions compared with observed 2014 Barramundi season Fitzroy and Gladstone' is available from the Crystal Bowl website www.crystal-bowl.com.au

Bill Sawynok
National Research/Development Director
ANSA National

National Safety Officer's Report

Progress has been a slow but steady on the National Angel Ring Project with some great inroads being made in Western Australia but things are seemingly stuck in the other states that have put their hands up to help and participate in the project.

WA has already installed 2 rings at the popular Salmon Holes near Albany and have 7 waiting installation at Shark Bay and 9 have just arrived in Esperance. All these rings have been approved under the guidance of Recfishwest and the expectation is that all of these 18 rings will be all up and running and trackable before the end of the year.



It has been frustrating trying to get some of the other ANSA branches and State Peak Bodies on board even to get the ball rolling with locations and some of these have been discussed for over 12 months. I was always aware that this would be a limiting factor but the expectation was this process would be easy and all my work would be in the approvals process. This has not been the case. Approvals in WA were easy compared to getting locations out of the other States.

I will continue looking at novel ways to get Angel Rings installed in the other states and asking for assistance.

Stan Konstantaras
National Safety Officer
ANSA National

National Recorder's Report (Line Class)

The 2013 – 2014 season 38 Australian Line Class Records have been claimed and 36 of those have been awarded.

Year	Australian Records
2009-10	76
2010-11	85
2011-12	35
2012-13	40
2013-14	36



Luke Malton: Pennant Fish 7.11 kg on 4 kg G

Records per State

N.S.W.	18
W.A	10
Qld.	3
Vic.	3
S.A.	2

Most successful clubs: Nickel Bay SFC - 6 Australian Records
 South Syd. - 5 Australian Records.
 Nowra SFC - 4 Australian Records
 Wollongong - 4 Australian Records.

Most successful anglers: Aaron Anderson - 4 Australian Records



Clayton Rayment
 Yellowfin Tuna
 29.5 kg on 24 JG

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



Travis Brinkhuis
 Tiger Shark 111.6 kg on 4 kg G
 on 3 G



Frank Bluch:
 Southern Bluefin Tuna
 17.06 kg on 6 F World Rec



Candace Williams
 Golden Trevally 9.22 kg

Congratulations to all those anglers who gained Australian records.

Phil Turner
 ANSA National Line Class Records.

National Recorder's Report (Length Only)

Another season has come to an end resulting in some excellent captures. The total number of records this year is 43, which is an increase from the 28 last year; South Australia 6 , Victoria 4, Queensland 26 , and NSW 7. It is great to see the Length Only Record Chart progressing so well. Of the 43 Claims, 16 of the captures were released and 27 were kept for consumption or mounting.

Some of the meritorious captures this year were;

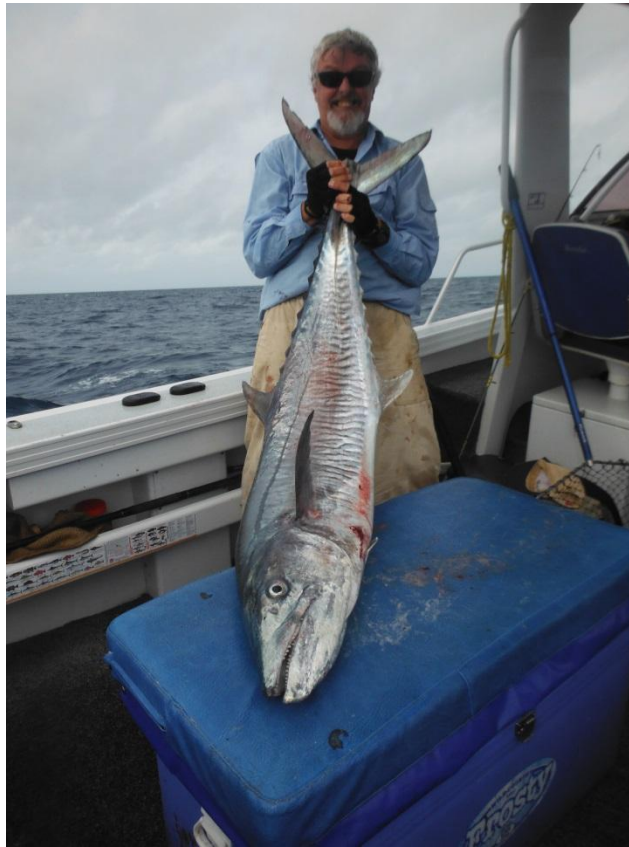
- **Beau Britton** from the Bundaberg SFC Queensland with his capture of a Mangrove Jack of 850 mm- even off shore these fish are a great fighting fish.



- **Graeme Williamson**, also of the Bundaberg SFC Queensland with a rare capture of a Bonefish measuring 700mm, taken in deep water off Bundaberg.



- **Kevin McNabb** from the Otway SFC Victoria, with an Albacore of 1170 mm taken in the southern waters of Victoria.
- **Bob Avery** of Lavarack SFC Queensland landing a Narrow Barred Spanish Mackerel of 1630 mm while fishing off Cardwell.



- **Carolyn Schulz** of Portland S&GFC Victoria with an excellent capture of a Broad Bill Swordfish measuring 2400mm.

Congratulations to all the anglers who achieved records over the past 12 months. The Claim forms were completed fairly well, however I would like to see more photos with fish on the measuring mat, with their tails in a natural position.

Unfortunately, The National Records web site is having a few problems at present, if any members have any queries re the records please do not hesitate to call me; we are in the process of rectifying it.

Over all I am happy with the increase of record submissions over this past 12 months and hope to see this trend continue next season.

Regards

Ken Johnson

National Length Only Recorder.

Kfish1955@bigpond.com or Mobile: 0417114103.

National Masters Keeper Report

2014 has been one of the busiest years to date. There has been an unprecedented 60 Masters claims this year that is good to see with five States/Territories participating this year.

This was largely due to an influx of All Tackle Length Specie submissions with Barred Javelin Fish on top of the leader board.

There is still reasonable participation with line class Masters with some 28 claims processed that represents around 50% of the overall count.

The chart below gives the breakdown of submitted claims and what State submitted them.

2014 Masters

	SA	Vic	NSW	Qld	Canberra	Totals
All Tackle Length	2	1		4	1	8
All Tackle Length 20		1		2		3
All Tackle Length 30				1		1
All Tackle Specie Australian Bass				1		1
All Tackle Specie Australian Salmon	2					2
All Tackle Specie Cobia				1		1
All Tackle Specie Crimson Snapper				2		2
All Tackle Specie Crimson Snapper 20				1		1
All Tackle Specie Flathead dusky				1		1
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred 10				3		3
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred 20				2		2
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred 30				1		1
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred 40				1		1
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred 50				1		1
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred Jnr				1		1
All Tackle Specie Snapper	1					1
All Tackle Specie Spangled Emperor				1		1
All Tackle Specie Spanish Mackerel				1		1
Freshwater Impoundment					1	1
Gamefishing		1	3			4
Gamefishing 20		1	1			2
Lure Fishing			2	2		4
Lure Fishing 20			1			1
Sportfishing		3	2			5
Sportfishing 20	1	1	2			4
Sportfishing 20						0
Sportfishing 250		4				4
Sportfishing 30		1				1
Sportfishing 40		1				1
Tagging (NSW)			1			1
Totals	6	14	12	26	2	60

The earliest Masters on record was submitted in January 1970 followed by another one in November the same year. Since then there has been a steady growth in awards that saw 15 claims in 1975. During the last 5 years one can see a comparison of the type of claims awarded. It is unfortunate that some of the earlier records went missing due to a glitch in some software. Work is continuing to try to locate missing records and any progress will be updated in the National Masters database.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Totals
All Tackle Length	2	1	3	2	8	16
All Tackle Length 20				1	3	4
All Tackle Length 30					1	1
All Tackle Specie Australian Bass			1		1	2
All Tackle Specie Australian Salmon				1	2	3
All Tackle Specie Cobia					1	1
All Tackle Specie Crimson Snapper					2	2
All Tackle Specie Crimson Snapper 20					1	1
All Tackle Specie Flathead dusky					1	1
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred 10					3	3
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred 20					2	2
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred 30					1	1
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred 40					1	1
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred 50					1	1
All Tackle Specie Javelin Barred Jnr					1	1
All Tackle Specie Snapper					1	1
All Tackle Specie Spangled Emperor					1	1
All Tackle Specie Spanish Mackerel					1	1
Fly Fishing		1	1	1		3
Freshwater Impoundment			1		1	2
Gamefishing	3	4	1	1	4	13
Gamefishing 20			1		2	3
Gamefishing 250		2				2
Gamefishing Land Based		2				2
Lure Fishing	2	1		2	4	9
Lure Fishing 20	1	1	1		1	4
Lure Fishing 250				1		1
Lure Fishing 30		1				1
Sportfishing	6	9	3	11	5	34
Sportfishing 20	1	1		1	4	7
Sportfishing 250	1	3			4	8
Sportfishing 30	1			1	1	3
Sportfishing 40	1	1	1		1	4
Sportfishing 60	1	1				2
Sportfishing 70		1				1
Sportfishing Junior		2				2
Sportfishing Land based		1				1
Sportfishing Sub-Junior			2			2
Tagging (NSW)	1			2	1	4
Totals	20	32	15	24	60	151

Knut Gassmanis
Master Keeper
ANSA National

ANSA New South Wales Report

From a NSW perspective first off let me thank the members of ANSA NSW, the Clubs that make it all happen and the State Executive and Committee who bring it all together every year. This year was no different and a growing membership is a testament to all our hard work and a reward for all of us. It is this strength we have at a State level that strengthens us at a National level.

The most important thing that we all have to keep in mind is ensuring that the name and brand that is ANSA is held in high regard within the Government and media and once again we can safely say that all the work we undertake on behalf of ANSA NSW members and by default the State's other anglers is being heard. Threats to fishing like the lack of science driving bag and size limits, mako, SBT and gemfish reviews and marine parks mean we need to be level headed when arguing our cases when it is just as easy to constantly attack and criticise. Well researched submissions, logical arguments and vigorous debates with all sides of politics has ensured ANSA NSW gets a front row seat at the table on the issues that matter to us as anglers and will hopefully mean we get satisfactory outcomes. It also means that when the science is right, we need to consider all the options on the tables.

Our flagship Fishing 4 Therapy, Mulloway Tagging and Angel Ring Projects have seen our stocks raise within the community due to our willingness to roll up our sleeves and get our hands dirty so to speak, something that I am extremely proud to be a part of and so should all ANSA NSW members.

I also want to add my 2 cents into the flavour of the month which is and how we should be using this great medium to communicate and keep things fresh and fluid. ANSA NSW use our page to post every relevant bit of news we think the membership should be aware of, my own club uses it to have instant updates on events and live fishing reports and as a means of keeping in touch over the course of the week

Some of the issues we have addressed this year include;

NSW Size and Bag Limit Review. Participation in the review process and questioned the science and rationale for what essentially would have seen a halving of bag limits for most bread and butter recreational species with little or no justification.

Mulloway. New size and bag limits were introduced late 2013. We supported the case for an increase in the size limit from 45 to 70 centimetres for both the recreational and commercial sector and a recreational daily bag limit of 2 fish and this is what was adopted by the Minister. Regrettably the extent of restrictions placed on the Commercial sector did not go as far as ANSA NSW would have liked and Estuary General fishers using meshing nets are still permitted a by catch possession allowance of 10 fish between 45 and 70 centimetres and there is a 500 kilogram limit for Ocean Haul endorsement holders. ANSA NSW also encouraged an early reintroduction of Mulloway stocking to give nature a hand and an ongoing study of mulloway stocks. A dedicated Mulloway research programme was established and ANSA NSW members have played an active part in providing data on captures and the submission of Mulloway frames. ANSA NSW has also played an integral role via NEWTAG in tagging Mulloway across NSW.

NSW Commercial Fishing Reform. Participation in the review process which involved key reforms for the State's five major commercial fisheries - the Ocean Trap and Line, Ocean Trawl, Ocean Haul, Estuary General and Estuary Prawn Trawl. We did not support the the proposal to open up many of our protected coastal estuaries to commercial fishing.

Southern Blue Fin Tuna. We strongly opposed the proposals to introduce a NSW SBT recreational bag and possession limit of one fish and to impose a daily boat limit of two SBT. It was ANSA NSW's position that the scientific evidence did not support the case for such draconian management measures. ANSA NSW's recommendation was that a daily bag limit of 2 SBT was reasonable and that the introduction of a boat limit could not be justified and would have the potential to encourage up sizing and dumping of fish.

Gemfish. Participation in the review by the NSW Fisheries Scientific Committee which proposed to list Gemfish as Vulnerable under the Fisheries management Act. If Gemfish do get listed as Vulnerable then recreational fisher interaction with the species will be illegal in NSW and adjacent Commonwealth waters. Gemfish are already subject to a modest 2 fish bag limit and a 10 fish boat limit..

NSW Marine Parks. One of the great achievements over 2013 and the outcome of the Independent Scientific Review of Marine Parks in NSW which ANSA NSW participated in was the NSW government agreeing to an amnesty to allow line based recreational fishing from ocean beaches and headlands within most NSW declared Sanctuary zones. The government also announced the establishment of 2 new advisory panels, the Marine Estate Management Authority and the Marine Estate Expert Panel and a moratorium on any new marine parks pending advice from these panels. ANSA NSW will continue to work closely with these 2 panels to ensure that the interests of recreational fishing and the marine environment are best managed.

Caltex. Unfortunately ANSA NSW was unable to convince State and Federal Agencies to disallow Caltex to dredge its Kurnell Port and Berthing facilities and to dump highly toxic TBT (Tributyltin / anti foul) contaminated dredged spoil both in Botany Bay and in ocean waters about 10 km east of South Head. This dredging project has now been completed and it can only be hoped that no long term environmental damage or health risks have been incurred as a result of the spoil dumping. More recently Caltex, in March 2014, also experienced a major oil spill into Botany Bay from its Caltex plant which contaminated much of the northern shore of the Bay and may have drifted into Sydney Harbour as well a result of strong southerly winds prevailing on the day and large tidal movements. ANSA NSW has met with the EPA which is investigating the circumstances and extent and impact of the spill as a lead up to the likely prosecution of Caltex in the Land and Environment Court. ANSA NSW has also taken its own samples for assessment of the type of oil involved and likely environmental impacts. It is ANSA NSW's preference that any financial penalty imposed on Caltex be expended on fish habitat rehabilitation projects within Botany Bay and Sydney Harbour.

NSW Fish Habitat Partnership. This is a new body set up in 2014 for the purpose of working together to rebuild fish resources in NSW by restoring fish habitat and eco systems. The partnership is unique in its formation being made up of recreational, commercial and indigenous fishing organisations (including ANSA NSW) , the oyster industry, conservation groups and NGO's, the tackle trade, fishing cooperatives and farming groups. The partnership is the result of many years of hard work by a variety of individuals bent on doing something on a large scale to address the degradation of our aquatic habitat over the past 200 years as a consequence of misdirected land and water management practices. The partnership will be independent of government but will work collectively with all government agencies to identify strategic and specific ways to improve and restore fish habitat and to raise the profile of fish habitat conservation within the broad public arena and to enlist financial support from the private sector. The prospect of the partnership being used as an authorised body for the control and disbursement of financial penalties imposed by the Land and Environment Court for breaches such as the Caltex oil spill is under consideration.

Compensation Package. After more than a decade of wrangling with the NSW government to achieve a compensation package for the loss of fishing access and environmental damage to the Botany Bay Recreational Fishing Haven as a consequence of the Port Botany expansion and a number of other development projects directly affecting the Bay we were very pleased with the government's May 2014 announcement of a \$5million Port Boating and Fishing Infrastructure program which will see 2 new artificial reefs installed south of Botany Heads at a cost of some \$2.4 million, the installation of a fishing jetty adjacent to the Foreshore Road Boat ramp seawall at a cost of around \$.5million and the provision of additional boating access to Botany Bay at a cost of \$2.1million. This is a terrific outcome for Botany Bay recreational fishers and we are very grateful that the current NSW government finally acknowledged the merit of our case. ANSA NSW was the only driver in this compensation package and has been acknowledged in the way the funds are expended.

Regional Boating Plans. Participation in the current round of regional boating plan studies currently being undertaken by Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services. The object of the regional planning projects is to undertake a state wide study of existing boating facilities and safety measures for each of the major waterways of NSW and to identify actions required to enhance boating experience by improving boating safety, boat storage and boat access to our waterways. To date the draft study for Botany Bay has been completed and very pleasingly all of the concerns raised by ANSA NSW such as the need for more boat ramps servicing Botany Bay, inadequate boat ramp parking, poor boat ramp design, shortage of mooring sites, inadequate dinghy storage, the lack of public jetties and legalities with parking trailers on public roads have all been picked up in the draft plan. Hopefully we will see some demonstrable progress coming out of these plans.

Boat Trailer Parking. In late 2013 ANSA NSW did raise concerns with Roads Minister Duncan Gay and Primary Industries Minister Katrina Hodgkinson about the actions of some coastal councils in enforcing section 200 of the National Road Rules which restricts all vehicles over 7.5 metres in length from stopping on a road in a built up area for more than 1 hour – this effectively prohibits most trailer boats over 6 metres from parking on urban streets and roads, even in front of your own home. Transport for NSW did set up a Boat Trailer Working Group to look into the issues relating to trailer parking on public streets and roads. Transport for NSW and the Office of Local Government are now finalising a response to the recommendations made by the working group in its report. The objective is to strike a balance between the right to park a registered boat trailer legally on a residential street for reasonable periods of time and improving parking access in congested areas with limited parking. This will include making funding available to councils willing to work with the government to establish dedicated off street trailer parking / storage facilities. It is imperative that such parking / storage facilities, if and when they eventuate, are not priced beyond the means of ordinary boat owners.

Fishing Safety/Education. ANSA NSW continues to take the lead on fishing safety issues both in NSW and Nationally. The Angel Ring project which has saved countless lives in NSW is being successfully rolled out in other states and our safe fishing education programme material remains in popular demand. On a different tack ANSA should be proud of the initiatives taken by the guys from South Sydney AFA (my own club) in pioneering the Fishing 4 Therapy programme which uses recreational fishing as a means for those within the community with a broad range of disabilities to engage in a sporting activity that would otherwise not be an option for them. These are both highly acclaimed and fantastic community/ volunteer programmes..

Peak Body Representation. ANSA NSW has maintained a presence on NSW ACORF and the NSW Licence Trust Expenditure Committees and continues to be a driving force behind the NSW Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA NSW) which is the widely recognised recreational fishing peak body in NSW.

It has been a busy year,

Tight Lines,



Stan Konstantaras
President
ANSA New South Wales

ANSA Queensland Report

New Members

ANSA Queensland membership has been in decline over the past few years. For the first time, targeting of younger members in Brisbane and South East Queensland is starting to bare fruit and we have a group of younger members that we hope will form the future of the organization in the area. With luck this will be extended out wider and we will make inroads into North Queensland.

New faces on the executive

This year saw further reshuffling of the faces on the executive. Once again we have new blood coming in and some older members able to step away. The current executive has a stronger blend of youth and wisdom which will be needed as the organization continues to progress.

Competitions

As well as many club events that are held during the year, our Length Only Competition and Species Challenge were well supported. The Rocky Barra Bounty also goes from strength to strength and is now one of the biggest fishing events in the calendar. There are new concepts being trialed in 2014/5 and we are hopeful that the annual calendar will start to fill up with inter-club activities once more.

Records

The last 12 months have seen 32 new or upgraded record captures made. These are:

All Tackle Length Only x 27
Helen Johnson Sportfishing x 4, and Flyfishing x 1.

The Bundaberg SFC has obtained 24 of the 32 records and the angler with the most (7) is Helen Johnson.

Masters

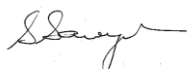
The number of Masters Awards in the same period is 29. These are:
Length Based Specie Masters x 20 All Tackle Length Only x 8, and Gamefishing x 1.

Once again, Bundaberg SFC is the leader with 27 of the 29 Masters awarded. The angler with the most Masters awards is Paul Box with 10 and the only Junior to achieve a Masters is Jacob Box with 2.

Paul has reached his Length Based Barred Javelin Masters 70. That is 70 Javelin equal to or longer than the Trophy length. He also achieved his Length Based Dusky Flathead 20 Masters.

Tagging

At last count, 22 anglers achieved a Tagging Achievement Award.



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ANSA South Australia Report

ANSA SA has continued to grow this past 12 months all be it rather slowly Interest in tagging hasn't waned and continues to be one of the main reasons for gaining new members to ANSA in South Australia.

I must say Marcel Vandergoot does an outstanding job at maintaining records and keeping the tagging program going.

Recreational fishing in South Australia has seen some major changes in the past 12 months with the introduction of Marine Parks and sanctuary zones within the Marine Parks. It remains to be seen if they will be beneficial to recreational fishing. It is envisaged that Adelaide itself will benefit with a major sanctuary zone just north of Adelaide in St Vincent Gulf where most of the bread and butter species taken in metro Adelaide breed.

The introduction of spatial closures on major snapper hot spots during the spawning season was introduced earlier this year and can only be of benefit to recreational fishers as it allow mature snapper to complete their spawning without interruption.

RechFish SA is currently doing a survey to gauge how closures have directly affected fishing? RecFish SA has been consulting on the social and economic impacts of these closures on the recreational fishing sector.

Fresh water fishers are soon to benefit in South Australia due to the opening up of 5 offline reservoirs located around Adelaide and further north at Baroota. RechFish SA has been instrumental in gaining access to these reservoirs and will in the future look at stocking programs.

Recreational fishing licences are once again on the agenda and RechFish SA has organised a survey to gauge support for a Recreational fishing licence. If it can be proven that it is favourable to have a licence S A Government will seriously consider it. I personally think recfishing in South Australia is about to get a long over due shot in the arm so to speak.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Taggers, ANSA members and interested fisherpeople, it is my pleasure to present the Annual report for 2014.

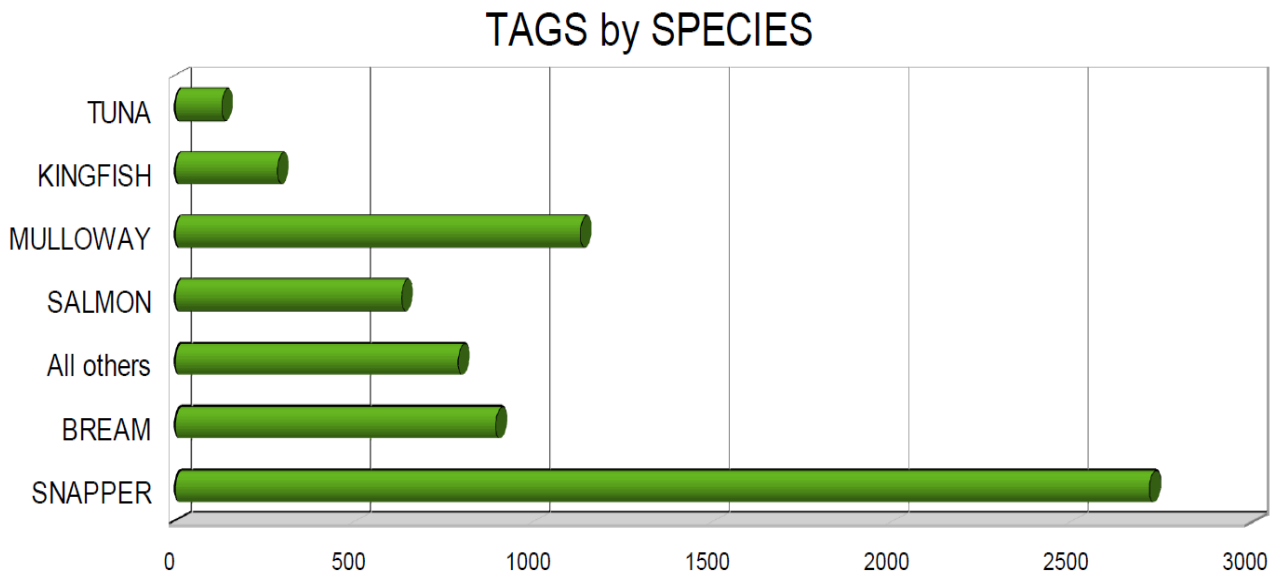
2014 was yet another milestone year for SAFTAG as we placed our 6000th tag this year.

From last year's focus on Snapper we've seen a switch to Mulloway due mainly to the influence of one of last year's newbie clubs - Mulloway Taggers SA. THE MTSA boys (and girls) have tagged near 1000 Mulloway due partly to several excellent spawning seasons but also largely from dedication and persistence.

One of these tagged Mulloway has eclipsed the old movement record by being tagged in the Coorong SA and recaptured in the Glenelg River upstream from Nelson, Victoria.

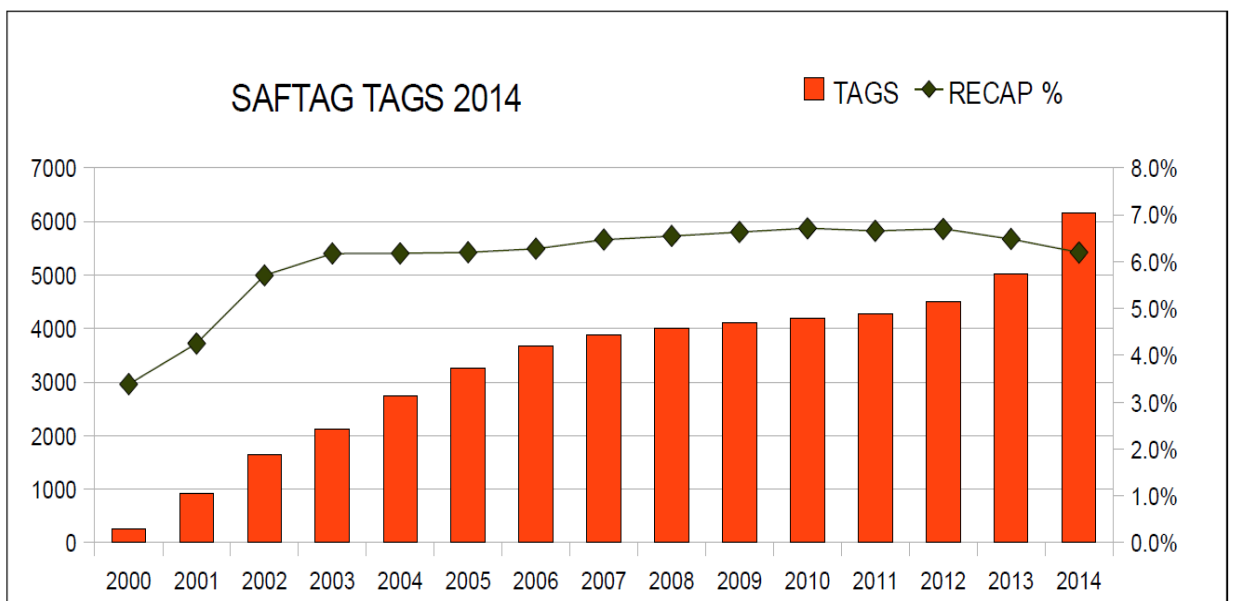


Below is a graphic breakdown of our main tagging species. As you can see Mulloway have raced into second place. Given that the majority of these tags went into Coorong fish and recap rates are low there, we should expect bumper Mulloway fishing on the Southern Beaches in years to come.



While we're on Mulloway, our first EPIC TAGGER award was issued this year. James "Jimbo" Fitzpatrick is the first South Aussie to tag 100 fish of any species at lengths above the legal minimum. James scored his EPIC Mulloway award within a year which is an awesome effort.

Here's another graphic showing our annual tag totals. Having the SART and especially this year the MTSA guys on board has pumped our numbers up another notch. The decline in recapture rate (from almost 7% to just over 6%) is most likely due to the number of fish with fresh tags



Recently, we've experienced some remarkable Snapper recaptures. Richard Hill, one of our keenest Snapper taggers has created a few records. First, he was one of the few whose Snapper was recaptured a third time. Soon after that, he became the first SA tagger to recapture his own fish for a third time. Then to top that, he managed to catch a double header of tagged Snapper. Pretty much all these fish were tagged and recaptured in 25 to 30 metres of water and although the fish were not monsters it does go a long way to showing that fish that are released carefully have excellent survival rates.

On a final note, I'd like to welcome the newest batch of club taggers from Lower Murray Lure Fishing Club. I attended one of their comps a few weeks ago and must say that I like their style. I didn't read their rulebook but it seems that they fish catch and release almost exclusively. They run a really professional comp every month or two and have accepted tagging wholeheartedly. I fished with Corey K from LMLFC for a day and have never been more impressed at how helpful and willing to share knowledge these guys/gals are.

On the day before the comp we had our first recapture of an SA Golden Perch. A 41cm fish tagged by Corey K about 3 weeks earlier was re-released by Adam R about 2k downstream. I really hope these guys/gals continue to be excited by the rewards that tagging generates and look forward to seeing more freshwater recaptures across the state.

Finally, thanks must go out to all our taggers. Without their dedicated efforts SAFTAG would cease to exist.

Cheers

Marcel Vandergoot
SAFTAG Co-ordinator

ANSA Tasmania Report

This year has been a productive one for both ANSA TAS and its members. Josh Christian has moved to the mainland to pursue his dream of playing wheelchair basketball on a professional level.

Nathan Huizing has continued his sponsorship with DUO lures international and continues to write reports at an international level. Nathan has also travelled to NSW fishing with fellow club member Alex Christian. Although the weather did smack them around a bit a few fish were caught.

James Cooper took the most of being an ANSA member and travelled to Melbourne again to fish with the boys from Williamstown ANSA club and I am happy to report James got his first Snapper and Murray cod.

I was lucky enough to travel to Darwin with my good mate and fellow club member Andrew Pender. Needless to say Darwin as always lived up to its reputation. Jason Walker has moved to South Africa for 6 months and is looking forward to his next ANSA trip so he can brag about his fishing sessions chasing tiger fish.

Andrew, Matt, Louise and myself travelled to Sydney for the ANSA AGM and were lucky enough to catch up for a fish with fishing celebrity Alistair McGlashin. Fishing was tough but it is fair to say plenty was learnt. A big thank you to Alistair.

The Tasmania Bream Classic was once again held this year. 3 rounds pitted Tasmania's best anglers against each other and it was good to see young Nathan Huizing among them. Nathan grew from strength to strength in the series and from speaking to other adult competitors he will be a force to reckon with next year.

Pete Ladaniwskyj has settled nicely into retirement and from reports has been doing some fishing on the Derwent with much success.

Trips

This time last year we were lucky to have the boys from Williamstown join us for what is always the most anticipated trip of the year.

Derwent Bridge

The boys arrived late Friday night and they were quick to settle in. Fishing was tough but most managed a trout. We look forward to seeing them next year.

Swansea grand slam

Swansea was our first official line class event and certainly not be our last. We welcomed 3 new members and it was good to see one of them even fish in the 1kg division. Competition was tough but one boat was lucky enough to clean up. Congratulations to Andrew Pender and Louise Crawford taking 1st and 2nd in the open line class division and for those of us that braved the 1kg division a tight competition was had.

St Helens grand slam

As always St Helens draws a crowd and this year was no exception. Weather was great and the fishing matched. Most anglers managed a feed, with our juniors being the stand out.

All in all the year has progressed positively, new members and certainly new fishing experiences by members. I look forward to the next season.

A few special mentions. A big thank you to Pete for his work on the website. He certainly did his best with the limited resources he had.

To all our supporters who offer prizes and discounts, a massive thank you. To Williamstown club, thank you for making the trip and we all hope to see you soon. A big thank you to Nick Crawford, Chris Luttrell and Andrew Edwards for offering up their shacks / homes for members on trips. This certainly is a massive help with keeping costs down.

Tom Crawford
President
ANSA Tasmania







ANSA Victoria Report

ANSA Victoria has had a very busy and rewarding last 12 months with all aspects of the association showing great improvement. This is a result of dedicated state executives and the hard work they have put in. It seems there aren't enough hours in a day with everyone juggling family and work but the commitment by members this year was outstanding. I would like to thank all those involved for the past 12 months.

Victorian memberships had an increase of 12% with an expectation of further increases with news of two new angling clubs affiliating with the association and others expressing interest. Junior memberships were strong and through all the positive news from this past year the most satisfying by far would be seeing all the juniors getting out and about.

Our six conventions were run through the year with attendances being up again and a healthy balance between a great social aspect and also a keen competitiveness. The senior male champion was decided not by points as two members were drawn, but by aggregate over the whole six competitions.

Members fishing achievements this year included 6 national and 11 state record captures. Length only captures are really starting to increase with the opinions of releasing fish becoming ever so popular.

The state executive has been involved in the review of the Murray Cod regulations recently by attending a meeting with fisheries and submitting our thoughts on the proposed changes. The results of our consultation will not be known for a couple weeks yet but we are very confident fisheries have listened to the anglers voices and will find a happy medium.

Our recent annual general meeting has seen a couple of new younger members join the state executive and already have had an impact with great ideas. As a whole we look forward to the next 12 months and raising the awareness of the Australian National Sportfishing Association through avenues such as social media and most of all having fun along our travels.

Regards

Darren Wloch
President
ANSA Victoria

ANSA Western Australia Report

Events:

Open days being held by CPBA have been effective in creating interest for both the club and ANSA through public awareness.

The upcoming Cannington Ag show on 31st October & 1st November & the CPBA open day on the 15th November will again promote all aspects of club activities' along with tagging info and an in depth video of fish handling, Tagging & release methods.

Westag:

In conjunction with ANSA WA Info-Fish have made submission for a grant to establish a Citizen Science program for WA. In brief the aim is to unify tagging and info to enable a clear picture to be formed from data collection. Updates and a more in depth detailed brief are available on the website listed below.

Tagging is continuing to gain interest with some charter operators now joining the growing research trend.

New WANTED Fish tag brochures are now available for distribution, check your local tackle shops. Please check fish you catch to see if they have a tag in their side.

Contact details www.ansawa.org.au Tagging www.westag.info-fish.com

Juniors:

ANSA WA are still active supporters of junior activities such as the Kalbarri Juniors 2 week end event, participants this year numbered nearly 300 with 13 species being caught and returned to the river.

The Next Year:

The proposed Citizen Science program will enable all fishing members to participate in data collection and sharing through the web based system.

Full details are still being sorted between Bill Sawynok & Fisheries but we hope to have all info available soon.

Our aim is to complete the stage 1 process and have our submissions ready to run for the 3 year full development and implementation. Thanks to Bill & his team for their effort to-date.

We have again struggled on with little input from the member body to help run the state affairs, the direction ANSA WA is headed is in line with those that put in, hope you are all still happy.

We are working for you! Check out the latest you-tube clip related to WESTAG.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faFlaHPsLos>

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