

# **Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015**

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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 2014 – 2015

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  
 Ken Johnson  
 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 last year has been very challenging with a considerable amount of time being expended by our Executive Officer, John Burgess working with other state and national peak bodies doing their best to protect the interests of recreational fishers against a number of major threats. The main threats have involved the Federal Government and its planned roll out of the latest network of Commonwealth Marine Reserves and its support for the fishing operations of the Geelong Star which is a very large factory processing/ trawler vessel which is currently licensed to fish for small pelagic species across most of Australia's Commonwealth waters.

John and other peak body executives have been regular visitors to Canberra and other locations advocating strongly to politicians and government agencies for the protection of recreational fishing access rights in the new marine reserves and preservation of small pelagic bait fish which are critical in the food chain for all fish and marine species.

The main areas of concern for recreational fishers arising out of the Commonwealth Marine Reserve relate to the Coral Sea and much of the West Australian Coast where extensive lock outs of recreational fishing from many iconic fishing locations were on the agenda. The Commonwealth has yet to review the recommendations of an expert panel established to review fresh options for reserve zoning and what activities can and won't be allowed in the reserves. Hopefully our recreational fishing negotiators have made a strong and positive impression on the Government decision makers and recreational fishers will receive a fair and equitable deal in the final wash up.

The potential impact of the fishing operations of the "almost" super trawler, the Geelong Star on small pelagic bait fish stocks is a major concern for recreational fishers and is a very questionable economic use of a valuable natural resource that might be better left where it is. Looking forward there is real concern that we will see more of these large scale factory/ trawler vessels operating in Australian waters targeting bait fish and other small pelagic species of importance to recreational fishers. This is an issue that will continue to be the focus of attention by ANSA and other peak bodies across the nation.

There are of course many other issues where ANSA is doing what it can to look after the marine environment and recreational fisher interests on a Commonwealth and State level and John's Executive Officer report gives some insight into these issues.

Also on the National scene Stan Konstantaras our National Safety Officer continues to promote fishing safety education and the installation of Angel Rings in all Australian states. This task represents a major challenge given the resistance encountered in some locations by government agencies to support these safety measures.

Financially, ANSA is travelling soundly due to the tight fiscal management policies of the Executive. We have not had any fee increases in more than 10 years. In fact we have reduced the level of most member fees and have waived all service fees for record/masters processing etc. ANSA invites branches to submit proposals for funding of initiatives to build membership, improve member services promote the ANSA brand.

No changes have occurred in the National Executive over the year. Sue Malton continues to run a tight financial schedule, Joe Garufi diligently follows up membership issues and sales of ANSA merchandise, Bill Sawynok keeps the Research and Suntag operations under control and Ken Johnson, Phil Turner and Knut Gassmanis do a great job as National Recorders and Masters Keeper.

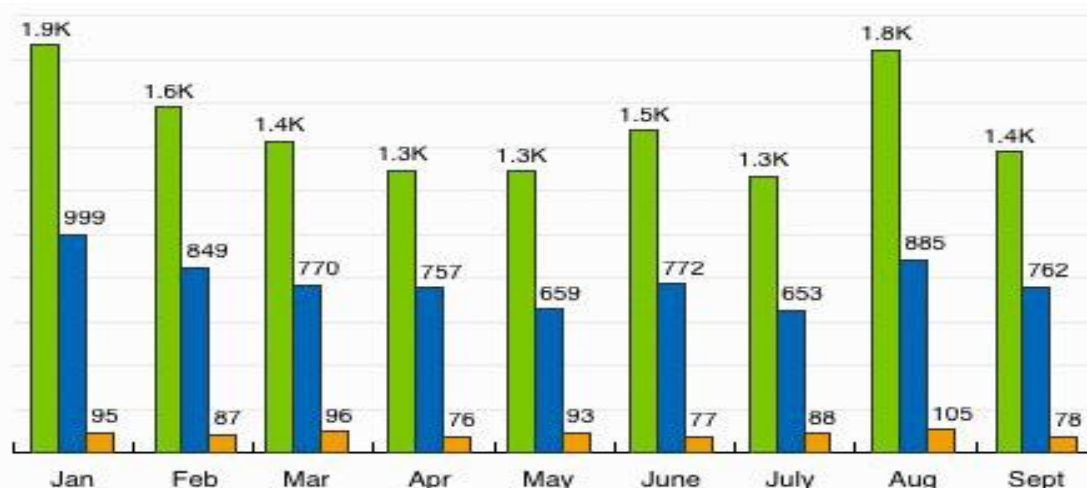
Sadly in January this year ANSA lost one of its foundation members, Vic McCristal. Vic was a legend amongst the ranks of ANSA and recreational fishers alike. A wake for Vic was held at the Cardwell Sportfishing Club and his ashes were scattered in Missionary Bay. Moves are afoot to have a memorial plaque honoring Vic and the his mate the late Eric Moller (another founding member of ANSA) located at the end of the Cardwell Jetty. RIP Vic.

On a brighter note it was great to see the ANSA NSW team pick up the Project of the Year Award for the "Fishing 4 Therapy "project at this year's at the Recreational Fishing Conference. Congratulations to Tony Steiner - project leader - and his team of supporters for the great work done to assist those in the community less fortunate.

The ANSA web site [www.ansa.com.au](http://www.ansa.com.au) remains a valuable source of member. Also the National Facebook page is well patronised by members eager to share and obtain information about ANSA. Links to and from these media outlets are on both sources.

The most popular downloads are records and news files. I have a graph of web site activity for those interested.

Total visits for each month



Sadly my tenure as National Chairman must come to an end. I have mentioned several times my intentions about retirement over the last year or so. My slowly failing health plus family pressures have dictated that now is the time to retire from the National executive.

I joined my first ANSA club in 1971. That club, the "Townsville Amateur Light Angling Club" started a long association with the ANSA ideals. I was one of those instrumental in starting the "Townsville Sportfishing Club" in 1975 that still exists today albeit with less members than then. One of the founders of ANSA, Vic McCristal was a member this club.

I was invited to serve on the QLD executive in 1976 by Don Porter and Ian Ballard and then by Dick Lewers to the ANSA National executive in 1983. In 1992 the National executive was handed to Geoff Hawkins and a new management team.

In 1997 Geoff asked me to set up a web site for ANSA and that site is still going today and is now managed by Peter Gibson.

I have been a member of ANSA for over 40 years and on National for about 27 years.

I wish to thank all the executive members I have worked with and will never forget those many dedicated volunteers who work for the association.

I wish the new Chairman and the executive all the very best in the coming years.

Signed

Ron Poole  
Chairman  
ANSA National

# National Executive Director's Report

2014/15 was another very busy year for ANSA. Increasingly recreational fishing is being challenged on so many fronts it has become an almost daily event keeping up with the many issues that confront us at a National and multi state level. Listed below is a snapshot of the many important issues where ANSA has taken a leading role in advocating for the rights of recreational fishers and the preservation of our fishery resources.

- Commonwealth Small Pelagic Fishery and the Geelong Star – ANSA is a major player in the ARFF national peak body campaign to curtail / restrict the operations of large scale factory / trawler vessels in key recreational fishing locations and the impact these fishing operations have on the food chain by depleting key bait fish stocks. This type of large scale commercial fishing operation extends to all Australian states other than the Northern Territory and is seen as a precursor to the introduction of other large scale factory / trawler vessels into other Australian fisheries.
- Commonwealth Marine Reserve roll out – ANSA is a major player in the ARFF national peak body campaign to ensure that recreational fishers are not unjustifiably locked out of large tracts of ocean to be captured by the proposed roll out of new reserves across most of Australia. The new reserve networks constitute a major concern for the Coral Sea and much of Western Australia where lockouts at many iconic recreational fishing locations have been threatened. Hopefully the alternatives recommended by ANSA and ARFF members will be adopted by the government.
- No Netting Campaigns - ANSA has played a key role in the coordinated campaign to stop commercial netting activities in bays, estuaries and river systems in several states including NSW, Qld, Vic and SA. The ongoing challenge is to convince state governments that fishery resources are far more valuable to the state economy as a recreational resource than as a commercial food resource and that the community social/ health benefits need to be better recognised.
- Campaign to have recreational fishing properly recognised by Commonwealth and State governments including the establishment of a National Charter for recreational fishing and the honouring of the Coalition pre election commitment to establish and resource a new national recreational fishing council.
- Meaningful inclusion of recreational fishing in the Commonwealth Fisheries Management Act and State equivalents.
- Development of an adequate and sustainable funding source for effective advocacy and representation of all recreational fishers and their peak bodies at a national and state level.
- Effective representation and voice in the inevitable implementation of a resource sharing protocol for Commonwealth and State Fisheries. Our recent involvement in the co-management of the Small Pelagic fishery and the Southern Blue Fin Tuna fishery are examples of the direction fisheries management is currently heading.
- Campaign for increased observer coverage of Commonwealth fishing operations and the need to reduce by catch impacts.
- Stakeholder involvement with ARFF in the development of an updated recreational fishing code of practice.
- Negotiating offsets for loss of fishing access or environmental damage – by building upon our success in achieving a \$5million compensation package for loss of access and environmental damage to Botany Bay.
- Engagement with other peak bodies in the development and implementation of a National recreational fishing education programme.
- Engagement with other peak bodies in the development of a national policy and design for yabby traps that will minimise interaction and mortality of platypus

- Lobbying against the dredging of Abbot Point and the dumping of spoil on the Great Barrier Reef to cater for the shipping of coal from the controversial Adani mining project which hopefully will not proceed.
- Lobbying against the discharge of contaminated waste water into river systems as a consequence of Coal Seam Gas extraction operations at various locations.
- Engagement with Commonwealth and State government agencies and land and water stakeholders and users to develop a national commitment and funding capability for rehabilitation and preservation of fishery habitat in both fresh and salt water environments.
- Continued pressure on agencies such as Environment Protection, Water Management, Councils and several large corporate entities in connection with environmental accidents, habitat degradation and related fish kills and for the prosecution of known offenders and imposition of appropriate penalties.
- Fishing and Water Safety – including safety education and awareness for recreational fishers, Angel Ring installations nationally and constructive input into the debate over compulsory life jackets for rock fishers.
- Ongoing stakeholder representation on the National Grey Nurse Shark Management Plan.
- Commonwealth Proposal to list Scalloped, Smooth and Great Hammerhead sharks as threatened species. Submission and successful outcome.
- Hawkesbury Bioregion Marine Park. Submission and ongoing dialogue with government and stakeholders to ensure best outcomes for recreational fishers.
- NSW Bag and Size Limit Review. Submission.
- NSW SBT Boat and Bag Limit review. Submission.
- NSW Commercial Fishing Review. Submission.
- NSW Fisheries Management Act Review. Submission.
- NSW Boat Trailer “On Street” Parking Review. Submission.
- NSW Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council - Priorities and Challenges. Submission.
- NSW Marine Estate Management Authority – Marine Estate Priorities. Submission.
- NSW Proposal to list Gemfish as Vulnerable Species and restrict fishing. Submission.
- NSW Proposal to list Smooth Hammerhead Sharks as vulnerable species. Submission.
- NSW Regional Boating Plans. Submission re more boat ramps, jetties and off street trailer parking facilities.
- NSW Crown Land Review. Ongoing campaign for preservation of rec' fisher access.
- Hawkesbury - Shoalhaven - Tuggerah Lakes. Ongoing campaign to have these locations declared as Recreational Fishing Havens.
- Sydney Harbour Marine Park. Ongoing campaign to have Sydney Harbour declared a Recreational Fishing Haven and fishing access rights preserved.
- NSW Grey Nurse Shark Rescue project – Project observer.

ANSA's role in many of these issues is complemented via joint engagement with a wide variety of other national and state peak bodies who share a common passion with ANSA about recreational fishing and who are prepared to engage with governments and agencies to advocate and lobby for better recreational fishing outcomes.

ANSA continues to hold executive roles on a number of these peak bodies including –

- ARFF – The Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation
- Recfish Australia
- Ozfish Unlimited
- IGFA



Additionally ANSA maintains a close professional working relationship with numerous Commonwealth and State government agencies such as AFMA (Australian Fisheries Management Authority), DAFF (Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry), FRDC (Fisheries Research Development Corporation), Commonwealth and NSW Departments of Environment, State Departments of Primary Industries (Fisheries), Maritime Services and many others and maintains regular dialogue with politicians of all persuasions at a Federal and State level.

On reflection this is a remarkable level of activity by a small group of dedicated individuals who volunteer an enormous amount of their free time and who are capably assisted by others on National Executive and the State branches who play an equally important volunteer role in keeping the day to day membership activities and administration of ANSA running smoothly and professionally. A special thank you is warranted for all involved.

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

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

# **National Finance Director's Report**

## **ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD ACN 063 293 514**


### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

Financial statements for the financial year end 30 June 2015 together with comparative results for the preceding year are appended. The following points are highlighted:

- a) The Association traded at a deficit of \$2446 for the 2014/15 year. This was substantially better than the forecast deficit of \$25750. 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 \$53600 in grant money would be taken in as income for the year and project expenditure of \$75000 incurred. The reality was that only \$5428 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 2014/15 results would have seen the association generate a surplus of \$2982.
- b) Income over the 2014/15 year of \$24245 was substantially less than budget of \$74800 due mainly to the non receipt of any further Angel Ring FRDC grant money - \$53600 was budgeted for as grant income. Other than for the timing and amount of the FRDC grant money, the other main variance was due to an increase in the level of membership fees \$20568 (budget \$17000) which in part was due to a windfall recovery of underpaid member fees from WA branch.
- c) Expenditure over the 2014/15 year was \$26691 as compared to budget expectation of \$100550. Other than for the impact of the FRDC grant expenditure (actual \$5428 as against budget \$75000), the main variances to budget were non payment of auditor fees \$2800 and \$2000 budgeted for ANSA promotions and \$1000 for costs associated with participating in the National Recfishing Conference - not expended and carried forward to the 2015/16 year. Meeting travel expenses were higher than expected (actual \$14065/ budget \$10000) due to additional travel associated with meetings re the Geelong Star and the Commonwealth Marine Reserve campaigns.
- d) The Association at year end 30 June 2015 possessed total assets of \$111360 (\$113807 @ 2014) consisting primarily of cash at bank \$20271, term deposit \$85557, ANSA Ware stock on hand \$5262 and accrued but unpaid interest \$270. The association has no external liabilities. Overall the Association had a net equity of \$111360 at 30 June 2015 but this includes \$16549 of unexpended FRDC grant moneys.
- e) A financial budget forecast for the 2015/16 is attached. For the coming year the association is forecasting a deficit of \$28500. This deficit is predicated on income for the coming year of \$75500 which includes the \$53600 balance of the FRDC grant. Other than for affiliation fees which have been budgeted at \$18000 (which allows for the windfall over 2013/14 and the \$2 reduction in senior fees that year) all other sources of income are generally in line with actual receipts for 2014/15.

Expenditure of \$104000 is forecast for 2015/16 which includes \$70000 for the Angel Ring project which may extend into the following year. Travel expenditure for meetings has been budgeted at \$12000 and the major extraordinary expense will be the cost of reprinting the ANSA rule book of \$8000. Audit fees (\$2000), ANSA promotion expenses (\$2000) and Recfish conference expense (\$300) have been carried forward into the 2015/16 years budget.

Notional exclusion of the FRDC grant funding and related expenditure should see the association generate a more realistic deficit of \$12100 over 2015/16. We will endeavour to reduce this deficit by containing expenses wherever possible.

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

Sue Malton

Finance Director

13 October 2015

**Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd**  
**ACN 063293514**

**Statement of Profit/Loss and other Comprehensive Income**  
**Year Ended 30 June 2015**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Revenue from Ordinary Activities</b>			
Affiliation Fees		20568	15606
ANSA Ware Sales		1232	919
Interest Received		2445	2612
Web Sponsorship		0	200
Government Grants - Angel Ring Project	note1.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b><u>24245</u></b>	<b><u>19337</u></b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Travel & Meeting Expenses		14065	7649
Peak Body Subscriptions		1292	500
Post & Stationary		2197	2355
Insurance		694	694
Phone & Internet Expenses		1895	2355
Website Expenses		17	1117
Records & Masters Expenses		0	0
Computer Upgrades & Supplies		24	682
Cost of Good Sold	note 2.	684	440
Trade Mark Fees		300	120
ASIC Fees		90	88
Bank Fees		5	26
Angel Ring Project	note 1.	<u>5428</u>	<u>13944</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b><u>26691</u></b>	<b><u>29970</u></b>
<b>Profit / (Loss) Before Income Tax</b>		<b>-2446</b>	<b>-10633</b>
<b>Income Tax Expense</b>	note 3.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Profit/( Loss) After Income tax</b>		<b><u>-2446</u></b>	<b><u>-10633</u></b>

**Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd**  
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**Statement of Financial Position**  
**Year Ended 30 June 2015**

	Notes	2015	2014
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash		20271	14479
Term Deposit		85557	92995
Inventory		5262	5946
Receivables - Interest		<u>270</u>	<u>387</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b><u>111360</u></b>	<b><u>113807</u></b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>111360</u></b>	<b><u>113807</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
		0	0
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>			
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b><u>111360</u></b>	<b><u>113807</u></b>
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>Retained Profits</b>		<b><u>111360</u></b>	<b><u>113807</u></b>
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b><u>111360</u></b>	<b><u>113807</u></b>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**30-Jun-15**

**Note1. National Angel Ring Project**

Grants from FRDC		
	2012	22000
	2013	24420
	2014	0
	2015	<u>0</u>
Total Grants Received		46420
Grants yet to be received from FRDC		<u>53580</u>
Total FRDC Grant		<u>100000</u>
Grant Expenditure	2012	1367
	2013	9132
	2014	13944
	2015	<u>5428</u>
Total Grant expended		29871
Grant Expenditure yet to be incurred		<u>70129</u>
Total FRDC Grant		<u>100000</u>

**Note 2. Cost of Goods Sold**

Opening inventory 1 July 2014	5946
add Purchases	<u>0</u>
	5946
less Closing inventory 30 June 2015	<u>5262</u>
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>684</u>

**Note 3.** The company is exempt from paying income tax due to it being a not for profit entity under S 50.5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

**Note 4.** The registered office of the company is -  
6 Byrne Crescent Maroubra NSW 2035

**Note 5.** In the opinion of the directors, the company did not have any contingent liabilities at 30 June 2015 ( 30 June 2014 - none)

# Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd

ACN 063293514

## Notes to the Financial Accounts

### Directors Declaration

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity. The directors have determined that this special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and;

The directors of the company declare that:

- a. The financial statements and notes to the company financial report:
  1. comply with Accounting Standards - reduced disclosure requirements; and
  2. give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date
- 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

25-Oct-15



Director

25-Oct-15

**Reconciliation of trading results to budget for year ending 30.6.2015**  
**Budget forecast for 2015/16 financial year**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2012/13</u>	<u>2012/13</u>	<u>2012/13</u>	<u>2012/13</u>
<b>Income</b>									
Branch affiliation fees	18000	17000	20568	19000	15606	20000	20051	20000	20051
ANSA Ware sales	1500	1000	1232	1500	919	1000	2120	1000	2120
Bank Interest	2000	3000	2445	3000	2612	2500	3566	2500	3566
Govt grants - Angel Rings national	53600	53600	0	44000	0	30000	24420	30000	24420
Web Advertising	400	200	0	300	200	300	0	300	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>75500</b>	<b>74800</b>	<b>24245</b>	<b>67800</b>	<b>19337</b>	<b>53800</b>	<b>50157</b>	<b>53800</b>	<b>50157</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>									
Travel/ Accomodation/ Meals	12000	10000	14065	8000	7649	8000	8031	8000	8031
Recfish membership	500	500	0	550	0	550	550	550	550
IGFA Membership	0	600	556	100	0	0	0	0	0
ARFF membership	1000	500	500	500	500	0	500	0	500
Other Memberships	250	0	236	250	0	250	0	250	0
Auditor fees	2000	2800	0	1200	0	1200	550	1200	550
Insurance	800	800	694	600	694	500	525	500	525
Website	500	500	17	1500	1117	300	160	300	160
Phone /internet	2500	2500	1895	1500	2355	900	1606	900	1606
Bank fees	50	50	5	0	26	0	5	0	5
Post/ Stationery	2500	2500	2197	2500	2355	2000	2512	2000	2512
Records/ Masters expenses	500	200	0	200	0	400	62	400	62
ASIC Fees	100	100	90	100	88	100	86	100	86
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of goods sold	1000	1000	684	1500	440	1500	1718	1500	1718
Sundries - Angel Ring National Project	70000	75000	5428	80000	13944	30000	9132	30000	9132
Computer Upgrade/ supplies	0	500	24	100	682	0	516	0	516
ANSA Promotion	2000	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANSA Banners	0	0	0	0	0	1000	745	1000	745
ANSA Promo Brochures	0	0	0	0	0	3000	2224	3000	2224
Trade Mark Registration	0	0	300	0	120	0	0	0	0



	Budget 2015/16	Budget 2014/15	Actual 2014/15	Budget 2013/14	Actual 2013/14	Budget 2012/13	Actual 2012/13
Rule Book printing	8000	0	0	0	0	5100	5095
Recfish Conference Expenses	300	1000	0	0	0	0	834
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
International Conference subsidy	0	0	0	2000	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-104000</b>	<b>100550</b>	<b>26691</b>	<b>100600</b>	<b>29970</b>	<b>54800</b>	<b>34851</b>
<b>Net profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>-28500</b>	<b>-25750</b>	<b>-2446</b>	<b>-32800</b>	<b>-10633</b>	<b>-1000</b>	<b>15306</b>
<b>Notional Adjustment for Angel Ring Project income/ expenses</b>	<b>16400</b>	<b>21400</b>	<b>5428</b>	<b>36000</b>	<b>13944</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15288</b>
<b>Notional Net Profit/ (Loss) after adjust for Angel Ring Project</b>	<b>-12100</b>	<b>-4350</b>	<b>2982</b>	<b>3200</b>	<b>3311</b>	<b>-1000</b>	<b>18</b>

## National Membership Director's Report

ANSA National's total membership at the year ending 30.6.2015 was 3033. This comprised of New South Wales 1135, Queensland 989, Victoria 404, Western Australia 354, South Australia 124 and Tasmania 27. These numbers are up compared to last years membership tally of 2585. New South Wales membership increased by 91. Queensland's membership increased by 33 members. South Australia's membership increased by 9 members; Victoria's membership decreased by 7 members; Western Australia's membership increased by 321 members and Tasmania's membership decreased by 13 members. Overall ANSA National's membership increased by 448 members nationally. A good result. As a whole, ANSA National's membership flutters over 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 2015/2016 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 material such as ANSA ware is still available and is moving ahead in leaps and bounds since the inception of online 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 online by simply visiting the "ANSA Shop" on our website at [www.ansa.com.au/shop/](http://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](http://www.ansa.com.au).

The ANSA National facebook page is traveling extremely well. The Facebook paged has over 700 likes and rising. This is over 130% more likes than this time last year. 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](http://www.facebook.com/ANSA.National).

Safe Fishing,



Joe Garufi  
Membership Services Director  
ANSA National

# **National Safety Officer's Report**

## **National Angel Ring Program**

### **Overview:**

The Project has been running well and some great inroads have been achieved but we also understand that FRDC has extended ANSA many liberties in keeping the Project open under their guidance beyond the agreed and schedule milestones. Notwithstanding this the Project has progressed at a staggered pace and ANSA and each State or Territory has progressed according to their abilities to allocate resources to deal with location selection, approvals, installations and finally ongoing management.

The staggered nature that each state has progressed has ultimately meant that ANSA has been unable to deliver agreed milestones even though one of the biggest beneficiaries of Angel Rings, Western Australia has agreed to sign off and ultimately devolve the project and take over management of the Project in WA. This puts ANSA in a difficult position as it cannot claim payments or any milestone signoff with FRDC until all of the states are in similar positions.

ANSA acknowledges that this situation is not ideal or what has been agreed upon with FRDC but as the project has evolved this has been the best scenario we have been able to operate under.

Apart from the staggered nature of the roll-out one of the biggest impediments for ANSA has been the changes in GPS Tracker units from our supplier Infinity One. The current unit (MMT) that we were using and pre made our 50 Angel Rings to take has been discontinued and the new units (Spot On) are a different size profile. The other major challenge has been that the MMT had a single use 7 year lithium ion battery that was moulded in and left in situ for 7 years, the new Spot On unit has a 2 year replaceable battery life that means we need to re tool the rings to allow for tracker removal and battery replacement. This has proven challenging considering we have 19 rings in use in WA with the MMT trackers installed and have 31 already made to accept the MMT unit and with no provision to be able to remove and replace batteries in the Spot On units at this point in time.

One of the benefits of taking the time to reconfigure the rings is that we will be presented with the ability to re-use the tracker units indefinitely by changing batteries, unlike our current MMT tracker which goes off line in 7 years and stays embedded in the ring. Most universal tracker units of this nature have the ability to use multiple alarms such as movement, non-authorized removal from the site and the ability to continually track a moving object such as an Angel Ring; however battery life is significantly reduced. We currently "wind back" the alarms in the MMT units to maintain and optimise battery life and are only using a single function "daily check in" that allows the MMT unit to turn itself on at 10.00am every day and update its location and turn itself off. ANSA has limited the functions in the MMT to increase battery life that could allow it to track a moving stolen ring every 5 minutes in real time that could prove useful to raise an alarm if the ring is being used in a rescue or give the authorities more accurate updates on stolen rings. The Spot on trackers will give ANSA the option of increasing alarms and frequency depending on location and ability to replace batteries, which might be every 6 months depending on alarm configuration in a high theft area or remote area for tracking abilities, a ring in the water moving out to sea might mean a rescue in progress.

We are currently working on resolving this issue with our suppliers and cannot foresee any major problems that we cannot overcome in the very near future.

## **Project Update:**

### **Western Australia**

Some great successes have occurred in places like Western Australia where 21 new Angel Rings have been approved for installation, 19 of which have been installed and 2 more complete assemblies have been scheduled for delivery to Kalbarri ( April 2015) up in the Kimberly region of the state. The progress of the Project in WA has been helped by Recfishwest and its ability to allocate staff to assist ANSA in the rollout. ANSA WA is also handling the Kalbarri ring installations in conjunction with Recfishwest.

The WA breakup is as follows;

- 9 Angel Rings Esperance
- 2 Angel Rings Albany
- 8 Angel Rings Shark Bay
- 2 Angel Rings Kalbarri ( April 2015)

WA has requested 10 spare rings ( non-tracker) to keep up stocks of spares within WA and ANSA and Recfishwest are looking at locally sourced SOLAS approved life rings to overcome the transportation costs of replacements and ANSA also agreed to supply Recfishwest with the schematics and engineering drawing so any additional posts that may be required can be made locally.

### **New South Wales:**

In NSW we have 135 assemblies in place that have saved 62 people from confirmed rescues with angel rings and this was the driver for the national roll out. ANSA NSW has also managed to approve and install one of its two allotted rings at Cape Byron, the most eastern point of Australia and with the ones in Shark Bay means we have rings at the most western point of Australia as well. ANSA NSW is working with National Parks to finalise the other location for its allotted installation under the Project at Green Cape on the NSW / Vic border.

### **Queensland:**

Queensland has finalised its locations

The QLD breakup is as follows

- 2 Angel Rings at 1770
- 1 Angel Ring at Waddy Point – Fraser Is
- 1 Angel Ring Indian Head – Fraser Is
- 1 Angel Ring Double Is Point – Rainbow Beach

Letters seeking approval have been sent to the relevant authorities and a meeting has been scheduled with ANSA QLD on the 10<sup>th</sup> April in Sydney to finalise the process.

### **South Australia:**

South Australia has finalised its locations and has requested 7 angel rings after extensive public consultation with RecfishSA.

The SA breakup is as follows

- 2 Angel Rings at Victor Harbour
- 1 Angel Ring at Blowhole Point
- 1 Angel Ring Brown Beach

- 1 Angel Ring Millers Hole at Pt Lincoln National Park
- 1 Angel Ring at the Murray Mouth
- 1 Angel Ring at Port Elliot Rocks

Letters seeking approval have been sent to the relevant authorities and ANSA SA has provided all the contact details of the relevant authorities and the process for approvals is underway.

**Northern Territory:**

After initial contact with Surf Life Saving NT and a request for rings it seems that SLSNT is not willing to progress rings in the NT. ANSA is keen to reopen negotiations with AFANT to see if we can get some consensus in the NT about where the Project would be beneficial. Ongoing.

**Tasmania:**

Tasmania is looking to finalise its 2 locations at St Helens and contact has been made with the local volunteer marine rescue bases to assist with monitoring. ANSA envisages no problems with these 2 installations and the only issue will be the additional transport costs to Tasmania. It is hoped that the final letters seeking approval will be ready to go in a weeks' time.

**Victoria:**

Victoria has requested 3 new locations as follows;

- 1 Angel Ring at Pyramid Rock
- 1 Angel Ring at Cape Wollomia
- 1 Angel Ring at Phillip Island

It was always planned that the existing 8 rings installed in Victoria under the joint Lifesaving Victoria / ANSA NSW Project would also be upgraded to tracker rings as follows;

- 2 Angel Rings at The Punchbowl, San Remo
- 2 Angel Rings at The Arches, Kilcunda
- 2 Angel Rings at Half Moon Bay, San Remo
- 2 Angel Rings at Squeaky Beach
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Options for ANSA to complete the Project are to renegotiate the agreed milestones with FRDC and seek an extension until the end of 2015 to complete the project that takes into account the staggered nature of deliverable milestones.



Stan Konstantaras  
National Safety Officer  
ANSA National

## National Recorder's Report (Line Class)

The 2014 – 2015 season 39 Australian Line Class Records have been submitted and 38 of those have been awarded to 12 clubs across 5 states.

Year	Australian Records
2010-11	85
2011-12	35
2012-13	40
2013-14	36
2014-15	38



Harrison Waite: Mulloway 9.31 kg on 3 kg JG

### Records per State

N.S.W.	16
W.A	8
Qld.	3
Vic.	4
S.A.	8

**Most successful clubs:** NDSFC (S.A.) - 8 Australian Records  
 Wollongong (N.S.W.)- 7 Australian Records.  
 South Syd. (N.S.W.) - 6 Australian Records  
 K.O.A.C. (W.A.) - 4 Australian Records.

**Most successful angler:** Aaron Anderson - 7 Australian Records

Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Senior	3	5	3	3	0	3	1
Junior	3	3	1	9	0	2	0
Sub-Junior	2	0	0	0	0	0	0



Eddy Wong  
 Barramundi 10.52 kg on 1kg



Chelsea Rutstein  
 European Carp 7.56kg on 3 kg JF



Luke Leech  
 White Spot Shovelnose Ray  
 115.8kg on 6kg Sportfishing

Congratulations to all those anglers who gained Australian records.

Phil Turner  
 ANSA National Line Class Records.



## National Recorder's Report (Length Only)

It has been another good season with a broad variety of National length Record claims being submitted. A number of existing records were broken and a lot of new species records established.

All told 38 new records were established with Qld leading the field with 19 successful record claims, followed by NSW with 9 records, SA with 4 records and Vic with 3 records.

Some exceptional record captures over the season included junior Jacob Box with a Spanish Mackerel of 1290 mm , Bob Avery with a Red Emperor of 770mm and Helen Johnson with a 1110 mm Large Head Hairtail.

Of the 38 new records, 17 were capture and release. It is pleasing to see the capture and release ethos of ANSA remaining strong.

Quality of claims submitted was good during the season but more photos of record status captures properly laid out on an approved measuring device, preferably on an ANSA badged brag mat would be very welcome. We are always on the look out for great photos to exhibit on the ANSA website.

I hope to receive a lot more record claims this season.

Keep up the great fishing.

Regards

Ken Johnson

National Length Only Recorder.

[Kfish1955@bigpond.com](mailto:Kfish1955@bigpond.com)



## National Masters Keeper Report

This year has seen a reduction of around 50% of claims processed when compared with 2014.

Last year saw an unprecedented number of claims far greater the norm (60) with this year representing more normal number of claims with 32 processed.

In the 2015 season 9% of all claims were Line class, 25% from All Tackle and the remaining 66% is from All Tackle Specie division.

It is good to see SA and W.A. with runs on the board. It is interesting to note that most of the All Tackle Specie applications came from Central to Northern Qld areas with one exception from S.A.

See table below for a breakdown for National claims.

### 2015 Masters

	Canberra	New South Wales	Queensland	S.A.	WA.	Total
All Tackle Length 10			4			4
All Tackle Length 20		1	1			2
All Tackle Length 30			1		1	2
All Tackle Specie Shark Whaler Black Tip 10			6			6
All Tackle Specie Shark Whaler Black Tip 20			1			1
All Tackle Specie Shark Whaler White Tip 10			1			1
All Tackle Specie Flathead Dusky 10			1			1
All Tackle Specie Javelin Fish Barred 10			5			5
All Tackle Specie Javelin Fish Barred 20			2			2
All Tackle Specie Javelin Fish Barred 70			1			1
All Tackle Specie Javelin Fish Barred 80			1			1
All Tackle Specie Snapper Crimson 20			1			1
All Tackle Specie Snapper Crimson 30			1			1
All Tackle Specie Tuna Southern Bluefin 10				1		1
Gamefishing 10			1			1
Sportfishing 10	2					2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>

It would be good if all claims could be submitted on the published claim form. Some of the received forms do not have all relevant details on them making it difficult to identify Clubs and States of origin.



## All Tackle Species Summary

The most popular All Tackle Specie is Javelin Fish Barred with 9 claims.



The Next is Shark Whaler 8 claims.



Followed by Snapper Crimson 2 claims



With the remaining ones Tuna Southern Bluefin and Flathead dusky



Knut Gassmanis  
Master Keeper  
ANSA National

## ANSA New South Wales Report

It has been a massive year once again at ANSA NSW HQ as we seem to be forever tackling the big issues impacting us as anglers in NSW. Looking around the playing field it is getting quite clear that more will have to be done to stop the erosion of our rights as anglers in NSW to access the resource and protect the habitat.

It is logical that more habitat=more fish. Habitat degradation, destructive commercial fishing practices, water quality and pollution are the issues we need to continually monitor and our own ethical handling of fish we release has to be on that list. Looking around the playing field it is evident that more of this burden is being shouldered by ANSA NSW and its Committee and Executive so for that we should all be grateful. My job as President is to corral the Committee and Executive and keep a watchful eye on them as they all do a fantastic job on the behalf of members of ANSA NSW and the inadvertently the anglers of NSW.

It is a huge testament to the fact that the ANSA NSW brand is recognisable through our advocacy, leadership, projects such as Angel Rings, NEWTAG and Fishing 4 Therapy and is constantly seeking and giving advice to the Government of the day and keeps fighting the good fight as custodians and good stewards of our marine environment in NSW.

It was great to see Tony Steiner win the 'project of the year' at the National Recreational Fishing Conference for his Fishing 4 Therapy project that takes disabled anglers fishing. Well done Tony.

The comprehensive outline that follows should give you all some insight into the issues we tackled and been involved in over the year

- Commonwealth Small Pelagic Fishery and the Geelong Star –
- Commonwealth Marine Reserve roll out –
- Hawkesbury Bioregion Marine Park - Ongoing dialogue with government and stakeholders to ensure best outcomes for recreational fishers.
- NSW Bag and Size Limit Review. Submission.
- NSW SBT Boat and Bag Limit review. Submission.
- NSW Commercial Fishing Review. Submission.
- NSW Fisheries Management Act Review. Submission.
- NSW Boat Trailer “On Street” Parking Review. Submission.
- NSW Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council - Priorities and Challenges. Submission.
- NSW Marine Estate Management Authority – Marine Estate Priorities. Submission.
- NSW Proposal to list Gemfish as Vulnerable Species and restrict fishing. Submission.
- NSW Proposal to list Smooth Hammerhead Sharks as vulnerable species. Submission.
- NSW Regional Boating Plans. Submission re more boat ramps, jetties and off street trailer parking facilities.
- NSW Crown Land Review. Ongoing campaign for preservation of Recfisher access.
- No Netting in Hawkesbury/ Shoalhaven/ Tuggerah Lakes. Ongoing campaign to have these locations declared as Recreational Fishing Havens.
- Sydney Harbour Marine Park. Ongoing campaign to have Sydney Harbour declared a Recreational Fishing Haven and fishing access rights preserved.
- Grey Nurse Shark Management Plan – Ongoing stakeholder representation.
- Grey Nurse Shark Rescue project – Project observer.
- Mulloway Research/Tagging – ANSA NEWTAG Project in partnership with NSW Fisheries and managed by ANSA NSW.
- Fishing 4 Therapy – an acclaimed provider of recreational fishing activities for those afflicted by acquired brain injury
- Fishing and Water Safety – including safety education and awareness for recreational fishers, Angel Ring installations and constructive input into the debate over compulsory life jackets for rock fishers.
- Negotiating offsets for loss of fishing access or environmental damage – we hope to build upon our success in achieving a \$5million compensation package for loss of access and environmental damage to Botany Bay – this package will see 2 new offshore

artificial reefs, a fishing jetty and additional boating access to Botany Bay installed over 2016.

- Continued pressure on agencies such as the EPA, Sydney Water, Councils and several large corporate entities in connection with several fish kills across the state and for the prosecution of known offenders and imposition of appropriate penalties.
- Lobbying against the discharge of contaminated waste water into NSW river systems as a consequence of Coal Seam Gas extraction operations at various locations.
- Lobbying for government recognition of the RFA of NSW as the official State peak body for all NSW recreational fishers.

Additionally the calling for new nominations for the NSW Recreational Fishing Advisory Council will hopefully also see some ANSA NSW put their hands up for these positions.

We had an election in NSW that saw the previous Government reinstated but without any significant gains to recreational fishing. Considering that in Victoria and Queensland similar elections at the same time saw huge inroads and support for recreational fishing and the establishment of net free zones that NSW still needs more of. Maybe we need a change of Government to get recreational fish back in the limelight, but alas that is at least 2 years away so in the mean time we will soldier on.

Finally I want to thank all the members of ANSA NSW, the ANSA NSW affiliated Clubs that make it all happen and the State Executive and Committee who bring it all together each and every year. We are all be proud that ANSA NSW 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 does make a difference.

Tight Lines,



Stan Konstantaras  
President  
ANSA New South Wales

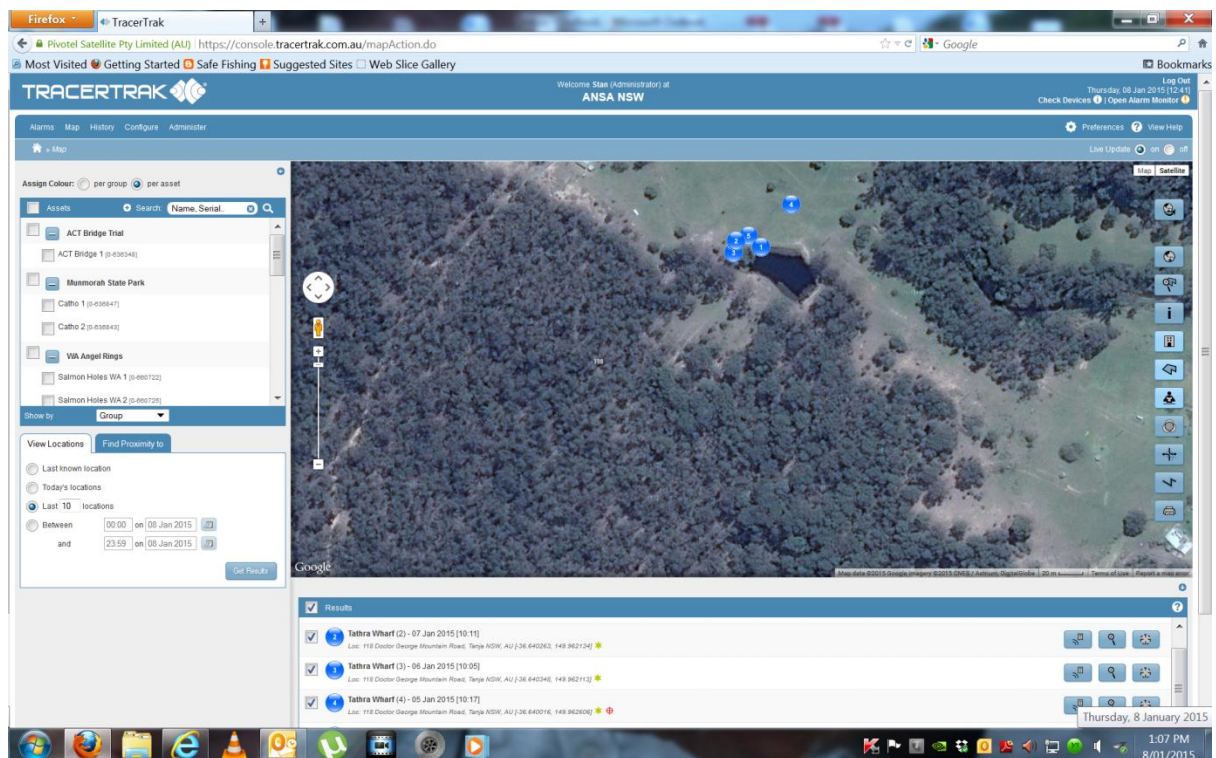
# ANSA NSW Angel Ring Report 2014 / 2015

The Angel Ring Project continues to provide public rescue equipment for anglers and coastal users under the management of ANSA NSW.

As part of the original funding deed we had planned to allocate \$16,500 for additional trackers in Angel Rings but we are still working on incorporating a new model of tracker into the ring and will undertake this in 2015/2016. The original trackers had a 7 year lithium battery life and the battery was not replaceable. Essentially we had the manufacturer of the rings mould the rings, then cut them open, insert the tracker and then seal the cut and then fill them as per standard with foam. We made a decision that a 7 year life was a good investment and after then the tracker was redundant and we needed to replace the whole ring / tracker again. Last year they took the 7 yr battery off the market and replaced it with a 2 yr replaceable battery model that allows us to change the batteries and are now faced with having to make a removable portion / cavity in our rings so we can keep changing the batteries. This is what we are currently working on.

We did have another win with the trackers when a ring went walkabout from Tathra Wharf and was recovered and reinstated by the local Police. I made a quick call to the police at Bega (who were very annoyed about the theft), who made a visit to the property and questioned the owner. This resulted in a \$300 fine being issued and the angel ring being recovered and put back on its post. Police said they initially wanted to take it further but felt sorry for the old lady on the property who said a friend had "found" the angel ring and dropped it off in her dam.

Below is a screenshot of our tracking console showing the ring in and around the dam.



Below is a snapshot of the project management to date and the ensuing 6 rescues in the ensuing period. These are all confirmed rescues.

ANSA NSW	Yamba Breakwall	New Assembly	Yanko Serifi	Jun-14		
ANSA NSW	Illuka Breakwall	New Assembly	Yanko Serifi	Jun-14		
ANSA NSW	Evans Head Breakwall	New Assembly	Yanko Serifi	Jun-14		
ANSA NSW	Evans Head Breakwall	New Assembly	Yanko Serifi	Jun-14		
ANSA NSW	Broken Head	New Assembly	Yanko Serifi	Jun-14		
ANSA NSW	Kings Beach	New Assembly	Yanko Serifi	Jun-14		
ANSA NSW	Cape Byron	New Assembly	Yanko Serifi	Jun-14	<b>Rescue 57,58</b>	<b>Snapper Point 20 Sept 14</b>
South Sydney AFA	Jullianne	Replacement Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Sep-14	<b>Rescue 59</b>	<b>Red Rock 18th Oct 14</b>
South Sydney AFA	Little Greenie	Replacement Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Sep-14		
ALBAA	Kiama Blowhole	Replacement Ring	Grant Edwards	Sep-14		
ALBAA	Wollongong Harbour	Replacement Ring	Grant Edwards	Sep-14		
Tuross FC	One Tree Hill	Replacement Ring	Max Castle	Oct-14		
South Sydney AFA	Boat Harbour	Replacement Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Oct-14		
ANSA NSW	Botany Bay NP	Spare Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Oct-14		
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ALBAA	Beakie Bay	Replacement Ring	Grant Edwards	Nov-14		
South Sydney AFA	Mahon Pool	Replacement Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Nov-14		
South Sydney AFA	Cape Solander	Replacement Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Nov-14		
Evans Head Bait & Tackle	Evan H Breakwall	Replacement Ring	Neil Scrimshaw	Nov-14		
South Sydney AFA	Cape Solander	Replacement Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Dec-14		
South Sydney AFA	Cape Banks	Replacement Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Dec-14		
ANSA NSW	Botany Bay NP	Spare Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Dec-14		
ANSA NSW	Botany Bay NP	Spare Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Dec-14		
ANSA NSW	Botany Bay NP	Spare Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Dec-14		
Tuross FC	Merry Beach Kiola	Replacement Ring	Max Castle	Dec-14		
Tuross FC	Merry Beach Kiola	Spare Ring	Max Castle	Dec-14		
ANSA NSW	Catherine Hill Bay	Replacement Ring	Yanko Serifi	Dec-14	<b>Rescue 60</b>	<b>Red Rock 1 Jan 15</b>
ALBAA	Wollongong Harbour	Replacement Ring	Paul Birreto	Jan-15	<b>Rescue 61</b>	<b>Killalea Nth 25 Jan 15</b>
ALBAA	Windang Is	Replacement Ring	Paul Birreto	Jan-15		
ALBAA	Bass Point	Replacement Ring	Paul Birreto	Jan-15		
ALBAA	Bombo Quarry	Replacement Ring	Paul Birreto	Jan-15		
ANSA NSW	Nth Maroubra - The Stake	Replacement Ring	Stan Konstantaras	Mar-15	<b>Rescue 62</b>	<b>Evans Head 22 Feb 15</b>
ANSA NSW	Munmorrah SRA	Replacement Ring	Mal Poole	Apr-15		
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ANSA NSW	Catherine Hill Bay	Spare Ring	Yanko Serifi	Apr-15		
ANSA NSW	Tomaree Headland	Replacement Ring/Post	Dave Bunting	Jun-15		
ANSA NSW	Tomaree Headland	Replacement Ring/Post	Dave Bunting	Jun-15		
ANSA NSW	Figure 8 Pool RNP	Replacement Ring	Denis Brown	Jun-15		
ANSA NSW	Royal National Park	Spare Ring	Denis Brown	Jun-15		
ANSA NSW	Royal National Park	Spare Ring	Denis Brown	Jun-15		
Munmorrah SRA	Wybung Head Nth	New Assembly	Glen Gifford	Jun-15		

The most recent rescue involved a 10-year-old boy was washed from the Evans Head breakwall in heavy weather and saved by bystanders who threw him a bucket and then an Angel Ring attached to fishing line. He was then able to be brought to shore. The boy was playing in the storm-swell waves along the wall when he was washed in and pulled 20 metres out to sea by the strong outgoing tide.

It is both rewarding to keep the project running and saving lives. It is disheartening to see anglers and coastal rock platform users losing their lives, but we will keep spreading the word and getting our hands dirty rolling out new rings and replacing missing rings.

With over to 130 rings installed and 62 confirmed lives saved to date, it takes a lot of hard work to keep on top of things and with that in mind I would like to take the chance to thank all those who help ANSA NSW manage the project, including our members, the ALBAA Team and other anglers and also the community who keep an eye on installations.

Stay Safe, Don't Put Your Life on The Line

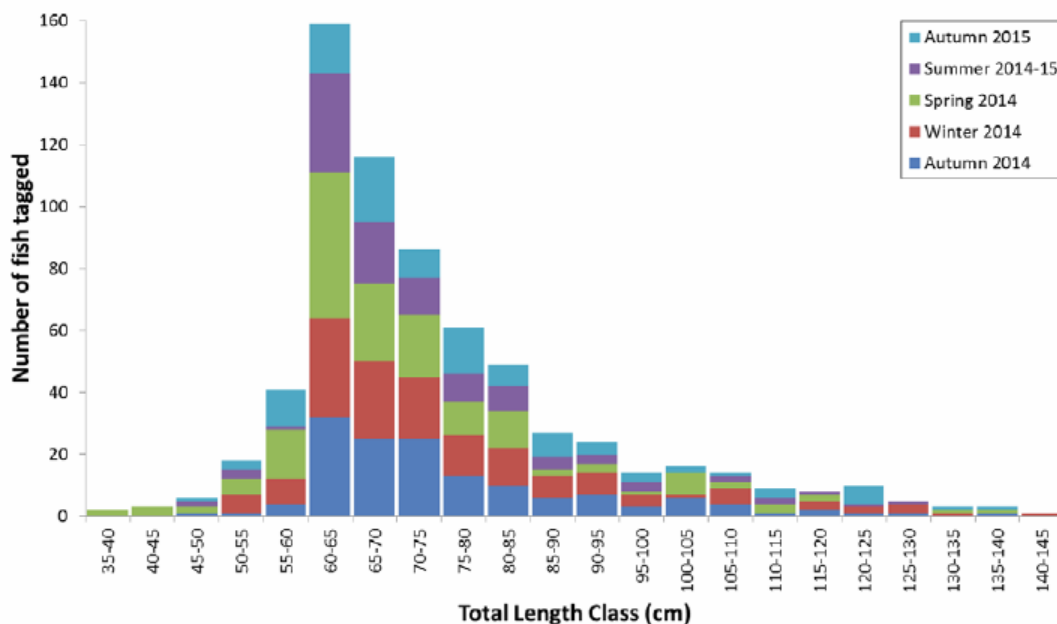
Stan Konstantaras  
ANSA NSW Angel Ring Cordinator

## ANSA NSW NEWTAG Tagging Report 2014 / 2015

With the help of a dedicated group of anglers and Julian Hughes from DPI we have had another great season for the NEWTAG pilot mulloway tagging project. Dr Julian Hughes crunches the numbers for NEWTAG and provides us all with valuable insights that he shares with us below.

NEWTAG Taggers tagged another 113 mulloway over autumn 2015 bringing the grand total to 675 mulloway tagged since the start of this component in March 2014, almost 70 of these being fish of over a metre in length. The majority (81%) of autumn-tagged fish were caught on lures with just 22 fish taken on bait, but regardless what technique was used, this is a hugely impressive effort from all involved in the tagging program.

Length frequency of mulloway tagged as part of the NSW RAP-ANSA tagging project since its commencement March 2014.



Of these 113 fish, 82 came from Sydney Metro region thanks to the predictably superhuman efforts of Chris Cleaver with 19 fish tagged (including a 130 cm model) and Dan Selby's Sydney Sportfishing Adventures clientele with 18 tagged fish (featuring 4 fish between 109 and 122 cm). These fish came from some of the most heavily fished systems on the east coast, if not the whole of Australia, making the numbers even more impressive. Speaking of impressive two cracker autumn mulloway were tagged in Broken Bay both caught on lures – Bob Gordon's cracking 120 cm fish was followed by Dean Overhall's 136 cm beast which was the largest mulloway tagged over autumn (and the equal third largest tagged overall!). However, our two most prolific taggers overall weren't the most prolific over autumn 2015, Chris and Dan "pipped at the post" by Andrew Talbot and his amazing tally of 20 fish, all tagged in the underestimated Port Hacking system.

Another 28 fish were tagged from north of Sydney ably led by Mark Saxon from Castaway Estuary Fishing Charters with 10 fish tagged from the Hastings River. This area also saw some impressively-sized fish tagged over autumn with Mick Leavey's 120 cm fish from Yamba, Duncan Crocket's 121 cm fish from South West Rocks and Kieran Hill's 124 cm fish from Newcastle all topping 120 cm mark.

Stuart Hindson played a lone hand for South Coast mulloway taggers managing to tag and release a couple of lovely South Coast fish out of Wagonga Inlet.





**Tag!** Dan Selby with tagged mulloway A585173 on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014 just prior to release. Photo courtesy Dan Selby.



**Recapture!** Justin Attard with mulloway A585173, 355 days later on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015. Photo courtesy Justin Attard.



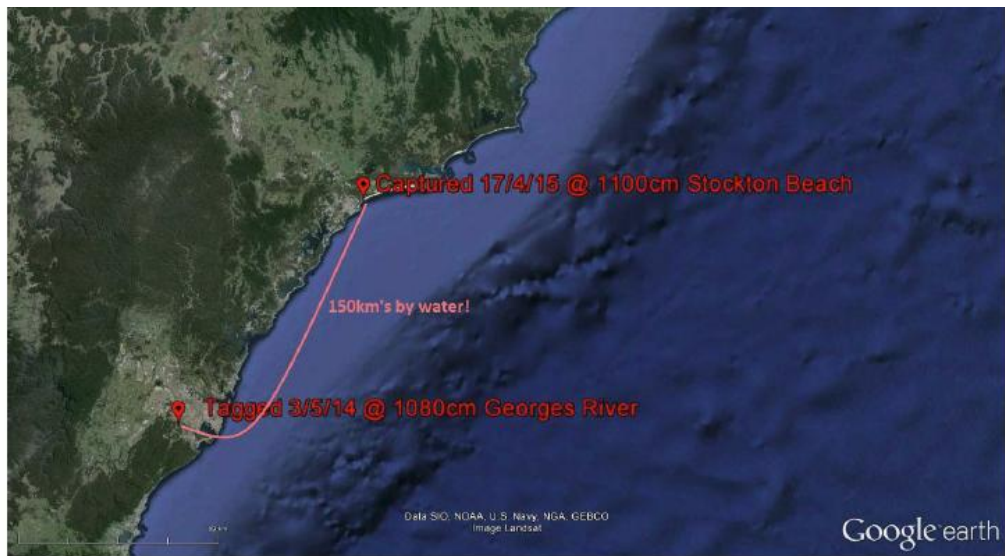
**Tag #A585408:** found in a 110 cm mulloway caught by Riagan Dowling at Stockton Beach. Put there by George Armao 349 days earlier at the Georges River! Photo courtesy Joel Edwards.



**A family affair!** Peter, Tom and Jack had a top autumn day's fishing with Dan Selby tagging and releasing this horse of a Hawkesbury mulloway. Photo courtesy Sydney Sportfishing Adventures.

As if this autumn's tagging result weren't already impressive enough, we also saw seven tagged mulloway recaptured over autumn 2015. Amazingly, of these seven fish, the amount of time an autumn-recaptured mulloway spent at liberty was a minimum of 100 days with two fish out there for almost an entire year! This is a great achievement as it quite clearly demonstrates that a mulloway tagged as part of this component of NEWTAG will retain its tag for a long period of time, long enough to reveal some fascinating insights into the movements and growth of mulloway in NSW. And just to demonstrate how awesome this information can be is the example of a tagged 110 cm mulloway caught by Riagan Dowling fishing Stockton Beach on the 17th of April this year. This fish had been tagged almost a year earlier (349 days) when 108 cm in length by George Armao in the Georges River (Sydney) approximately 150 km to the south – quite the journey, even for a solid fish metre-plus mulloway.

Remarkably, we had a tagged fish at liberty for even longer than this recaptured in autumn with Justin Attard's 85.5 cm fish pictured above caught at Wisemans Ferry on April 3<sup>rd</sup> tagged by Dan Selby way back on April 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 when just 76 cm long. This was one of 3 mulloway tagged by Dan in the Hawkesbury which were recaptured in autumn, the others being a 110 cm fish which had grown 2 cm in its 244 days at liberty before being recaptured at Berowra Creek and a 98 cm fish which had grown 3 cm in its 309 days at large before being apprehended by one of Australia's most renowned mulloway hunters, Sol Bannura, at Bobbin Head.



Tagged mullet #A585408's amazing journey! A 108 cm mullet tagged by George Armao in the Georges River (Sydney) travelled approximately 150 km to Stockton Beach (Newcastle) in 349 days where it was recaptured by Riagan Dowling at 110 cm long. Image courtesy Newtag – NSW Tagging Program – Mullet.

Given the truly staggering number of mullet out there that have been tagged by Chris Cleaver (126 at last count), it is almost inevitable that his fish get recaptured regularly and this season was no different with another 2 mullet tagged by Chris being recaptured in autumn. Both fish were tagged and recaptured in the Georges River, a 70 cm fish which had grown 10 cm in 282 days (0.35 mm per day!) caught by Anthony Pucc and a 78 cm fish caught by Wayu Jaya after 142 days growing 8 cm (0.56 mm per day) . And just to keep things “in the family”, our final autumn recapture was made by NSW mullet frame donor and Keen Angler Diarist Mike Hollis in the Hawkesbury River. Mike’s 70 cm mullet was tagged exactly 100 days earlier by another NSW RAP frame donor and Keen Angler Diarist, Abdullah Atlihan, in the Hawkesbury River when 66 cm in length.

An eighty-something centimetre tagged mullet about to be released back into the very jewfishy waters of the mighty Hawkesbury River, hopefully to be recaptured by another lucky angler sometime down the track. Photo courtesy Sydney Sportfishing Adventures.





#### Top Five taggers for autumn 2015 (as of 31 May 2015):

Tagger	No. fish tagged	Region
Andrew Talbot	20	Sydney
Chris Cleaver	19	Sydney
Dan Selby	18	Sydney
Mark Saxon	10	Port Macquarie
Jamie Gauci	9	Sydney

#### Top Five taggers overall (as of 31 May 2015):

Tagger	No. fish tagged	Region
Chris Cleaver	126	Sydney
Dan Selby	92	Sydney
Paul Blade	51	Coffs Harbour
George Armao	28	Sydney
Joel Edwards	25	Everywhere!
Andrew Talbot	25	Sydney
Mark Saxon	25	Port Macquarie

#### Top Five largest fish tagged for autumn 2015 (as of 31 May 2015):

Tagger	Total length (cm)	System
Dean Overhall	136	Broken Bay
Chris Cleaver	130	Botany Bay
Kieran Hill	124	Newcastle Harbour
Dan Selby	122	Botany Bay
Duncan Crocket	121	Macleay River

#### Top Five largest fish tagged overall (as of 31 May 2015):

Tagger	Total length (cm)	System	Season
Dan Selby	144	Hawkesbury River	Winter 2014
Mark Pirie	138	Clarence River	Autumn 2014
Dean Overhall	136	Broken Bay	Autumn 2015
Clay Hilbert	136	Bellinger River	Spring 2014
Joel Edwards	134	Newcastle Harbour	Spring 2014

The crucial data collected by this project will help us to learn more about the movements, growth and post-release survival of this iconic fish.

NEWTAG is about citizen science and Mulloway is the most ICONIC species we are researching as recreational anglers. We are looking at gathering more movement data, size and weight data and broader education around releasing them under the NSW Mulloway Recovery Plan. Let's not forget that we all want better recreational fishing outcomes for this ICONIC fish and at the same time want a viable commercial fishery in NSW with minimal impacts to this ICONIC fish.

Tagged mulloway interim recaptures for autumn 2015 (as of 11 April 2015):

Tagging angler	Total length (cm)	Tagging location	Recapture angler	Recapture location	Total length (cm)	Days at liberty
Dan Selby	95	Hawkesbury River	Sol Bannura	Bobbin Head	98	309
Chris Cleaver	60	Middle Georges River	Anthony Pucc	Georges River	70	282
Dan Selby	76	Hawkesbury River	Justin Attard	Wisemans Ferry	85.5	355
Dan Selby	108	Hawkesbury River	Neville	Berowra Creek	110	244
Abdullah Atlihan	66	Hawkesbury River	Mike Hollis	Hawkesbury River	70	100
Chris Cleaver	70	Lower Georges River	Wayu Jaya	Lower Georges River	78	142
George Armao	108	Middle Georges River	Riagan Dowling	Stockton Beach	111	349

Stan Konstantaras  
 Chris Anagnostou  
 ANSA NSW NEWTAG.

## ANSA South Australia Report

Membership is a little worrying although with a small membership base ANSA SA has had some good outcomes this past year.

One of the newer clubs has now become one of our biggest and unusual for South Australia is mainly based on freshwater. Well done to the Lower Murray Lure Casting Fishing Club

Tagging once again has been more than beneficial to ANSA and once again Marcel Vandegoot (Tagging **coordinator**) is to be congratulated on his efforts in this regard Marcel has provide a very comprehensive tagging report

ANSA SA club members based in Upper Spencer Gulf in conjunction with RecFishSA have been working with Tony Fowler from the *South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI)* in relation to our iconic species the king George whiting.

Members through sampling have been able to convince SARDI that further research is needed as they have identified previously unknown breeding areas This has resulted in SARDI instigating in conjunction with Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) a king George whiting review. It was previously not known that King George whiting bred in waters of Upper Spencer Gulf.

The bio mass has been decreasing despite many measures introduced by PIRSA Bag limits size limits etc. Members were able to show that the fish were being taken whilst in breeding condition and not being allowed to deposit their eggs. Different breeding times were also identified in different areas. Citizen science has come to the fore on this occasion.

ANSA SA now has a facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/686012174757328/> as well as our web site

<http://www.ansa-sa.org/>

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Taggers, ANSA members and interested fisherpersons, it is my pleasure to present the SAFTAG Annual report for 2015.

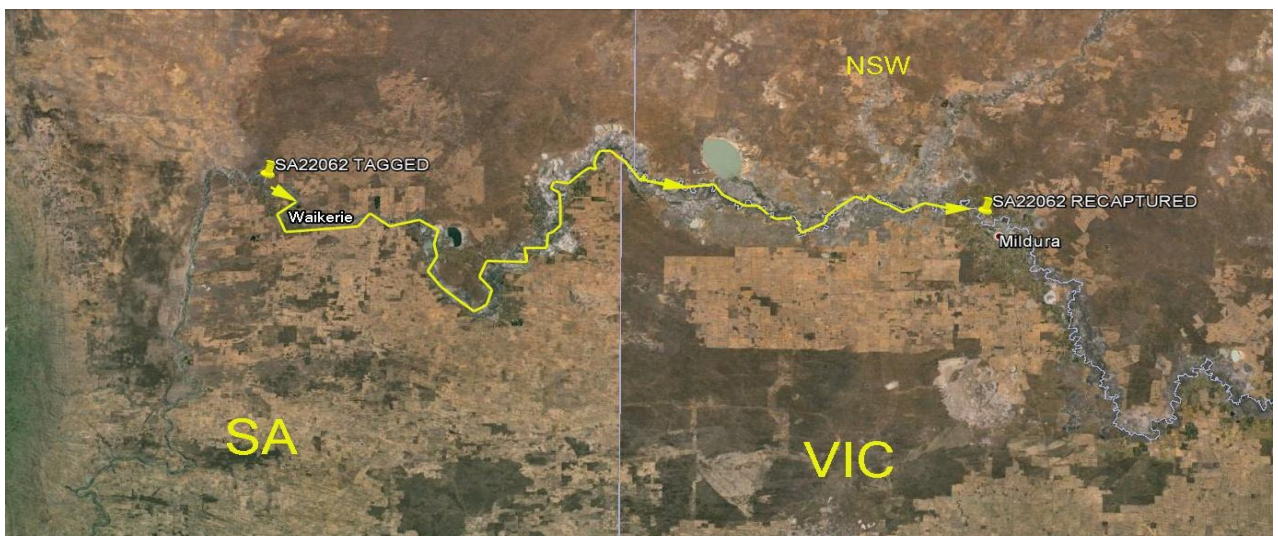
2015 was another exciting year for SAFTAG as we placed our 7000th tag and recorded our busiest year yet.

Last year we saw our collective focus switch from the traditional target of Snapper to Mulloway. This year we've seen another switch over to Golden Perch (Callop or Yellowbelly). Our taggers have also managed to tag 35 Murray Cod now.

This is due largely to our two Murray River clubs, the Lower Murray Lure Fishing Club and the Riverland Fishing Club. The LMLFC boys have put in some super efforts with two of their anglers achieving Epic Tagger status this year by tagging 100 keepers each. Congratulations to Mick Wilson and Corey Kirkland.

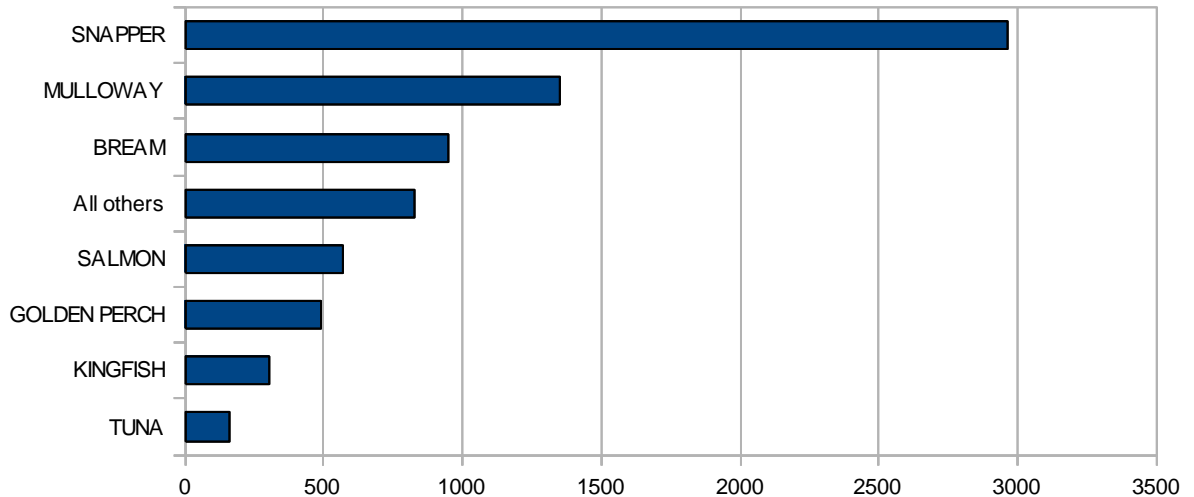
Recaptures for Golden Perch have displayed some insane variability. Two consecutive recaptures highlight this well.

A 51cm Golden Perch #SA22062 was tagged near Waikerie by Corey Kirkland in July 2014. This fish was recaptured 251 days later about 520km upstream near Mildura. No growth was recorded.

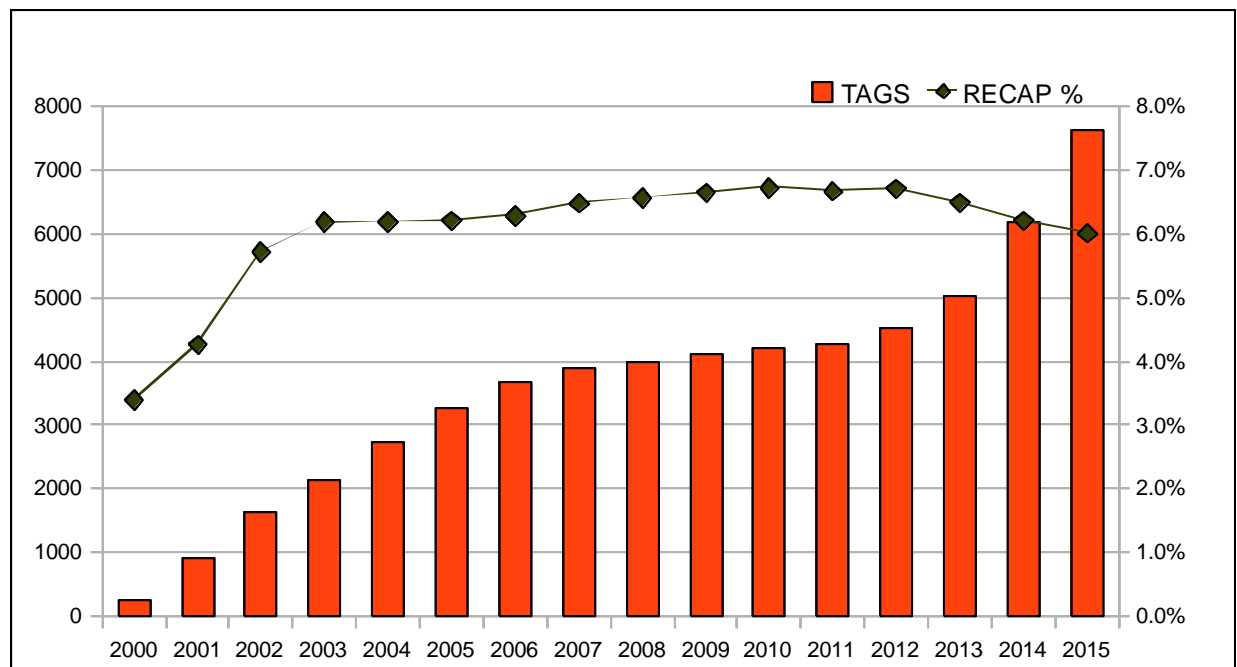


In contrast the very next recapture Golden Perch #X10048 was recaptured upstream from Renmark in May 2015. As best as we can figure the location it was recaptured in the same spot after 2929 days or 8 years. Over that time it had grown from 31cm to 44cm.

Below is a graphic breakdown of our main tagging species. As you can see Golden Perch have overtaken Kingfish and Tuna to become one of our main targets.



Here's another graphic that displays the total numbers of fish tagged each year and shows how our newer member clubs have boosted tagging efforts again. The two Murray clubs have certainly added to our tally as have the boys from Younghusband FC who've tagged some very nice Bream in the Coorong area.



This year we've added another award to the list of tagging achievements in SA. We've invented the "Tag-a-Bag" challenge. This simply involves tagging a bag limit of any eligible SA species. The first guys to crack this one were Richard Hill and Simon Green who tagged their 2 Tuna back in May. They're still arguing about who cracked it first because they were in the same boat on the same day. Mick Wilson and Corey Kirkland cracked their T-A-Bs a couple of days later on Golden Perch. I'm led to believe that Corey beat Mick by a day. I also believe that they both scored on bycatch as they were trolling for Cod at the time.

For taggers interested in any of our awards I'd like to remind you that all SA awards (Epic 100, Legendary 250 and Ultimate 1000 plus the Tag-A-Bag challenge) require you to tag the requisite number of fish rather than catch them. So if you're fishing with a non tagger buddy you can tag their fish too and still qualify. All fish for any award need to be longer than the legal minimum length or where there is no legal length we require 30cm.

On a final note here's the latest list of SAFTAG award recipients. Perhaps I'll get my name on the list next year too.

#### Tag-A-Bag Challenge

Mick Wilson	LMLFC	Golden Perch
Corey Kirkland	LMLFC	Golden Perch
Richard Hill	NDSFC	Tuna-Southern Bluefin
Simon Green	NDSFC	Tuna-Southern Bluefin

#### Epic Taggers

Corey Kirkland	LMLFC	Golden Perch
Mick Wilson	LMLFC	Golden Perch
James Fitzpatrick	MTSA	Mulloway

Cheers

Marcel Vandergoot  
SAFTAG Co-ordinator

## **ANSA Tasmania Report**

This year has been a productive one for both ANSA TAS and its members.

Nathan Huizing has continued his sponsorship with DUO lures international and continues to write reports at an international level. He was recently appointed as one of only 5 in the country to head a national promotional campaign.

James Cooper once again took the most of being an ANSA member and travelled to Melbourne to fish with the boys from Williamstown ANSA club. He had a very successful trip managing a number of fish.

Andrew Pender and myself started our own brand of lures called Liquid Gold and feedback has been great.

With the help of a few members my dream of opening my own tackle store has finally come to fruition.

I recently travelled to the Gold Coast to attend the national recreational fishing conference.

The conference featured presentations by experts on various issues relating to recreational fishing from around the world, discussion forums on key issues and an awards ceremony celebrating excellence in a number of categories related to the recreational industry. It was also great to catch up with other ANSA members who managed the trip,

The Tasmania Bream Classic was once again held this year and by all accounts was a huge success. Member Andrew Pender did well finishing high in the field and it was my pleasure to help run the event for another year.

Our hard working secretary Andrew has retired from work and is making the most of his extra time, using every spare moment for a fish.

Our trips this year saw a lot of new captures.

Andrew Pender got his first Jumbo Blue fin tuna finally breaking the 100kg mark. Nathan Huizing with his first Tassie snapper on lure. James Cooper and myself with our first Tassie King fish.

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

A few special mentions. A big thank you to Matt Richter for his work on the website. To all our supporters who offer prizes and discounts, a massive thank you. To Williamstown club, thank you for extending the offers of trips and we all hope to be able to take you up on it. A big thank you to Nick Crawford and Andrew Edwards for offering up their shacks / homes for members on trips as well as all their hard work through the year. This certainly is a massive help with keeping costs down and making the club run easier.

Next year I hope to see the club move forward, more trips, new members and new faces in taking on roles.

Tom Crawford  
President  
ANSA Tasmania



## **ANSA Victoria Report**

The past 12 months has seen some challenges but also rewarding due to the efforts of many people. We have aimed at getting ANSA Victoria out into the public eye a bit more, one avenue we have explored is through social media outlets like Internet (Websites) and Facebook. With the current environment we live in controlled by social media we either adapt or be left behind.

This year has seen ANSA Victoria successfully launch the new look website and Facebook page. With information and also state records now readily available to all members we hope that this in turn will see an increase of captures and record claims over the next 12 months.

Another venture under taken this year is the Fishing Clinic and relationship we have built up with the Peninsula Special School, we will be looking at running clinics once a term for these students and are always looking for volunteers to assist in hosting these events.

On the convention front we a delighted to welcome Southern Boat Fishing Club into a host club role with them taking on board Eildon later this month, at time of writing I am aware the parks are booked out for accommodation and fish are being stocked so all is in order for a great trip and start to the new state championship. This season has experienced very good numbers in attendances and again a very closely contested championship.

The past year has seen a slight drop of 7.5% in membership but we are aware all clubs are now suffering losses in membership, be it busy lives or lack of interest in angling clubs, we will have to explore other ways to attract people into the Sportfishing scene and change their thoughts about not making it so much about bag limits. ANSA Victoria has welcomed Greensborough Angling Club back from an absence for a few years.

Regards

Darren Wloch  
President  
ANSA Victoria

# ANSA Western Australia Report

## Events:

Our Metro club CPBA has again found success from there open day with the addition of some new members.

Presentation nights have been offered to MAAC and NBSC were we have picked up some additional members that are keen on the tag and release side of the ANSA package.

## Westag:

The Citizen Science program workshop for WA was conducted and highlighted many problems within WA with respect to collection of tagging data, continuance of data collection, direction of programs and a whole host of related issues.

A full report is available by following the link on the ANSAWA web site.

Tagging returns have shown some considerable movement with some Dhu Fish in WA waters both to our North and South, the one below traveled 260Km.



43436 was tagged in 2005 Samson Science program run by Recfishwest and [Westag Tagging](#), recaptured, 2015, out for 10.7 years and moved over 1000 km south east.

Tag returns are on the increase and we feel that further research work is required on the good old DHU fish.

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](http://www.ansawa.org.au) Tagging [www.westag.info-fish.com](http://www.westag.info-fish.com)

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

## Juniors:

ANSA WA again this year supported the annual Kalbarri Kids day's in the river. Over the 2 days total numbers exceeded 400. We also had 3 Juniors fish the Mulloway Marathon organized by Queensland.

Results on Facebook page. <http://mullowaymarathon.com.au/scoreboard-live/>



### **Recorder's Report.**

8 State and National records were submitted with 7 being successful and our Northern clubs are starting to gear up for the start of their season.

### **Membership.**

We have been attracting new members from as far away as Albany in the South to Port Hedland in the North, with some new members in the metro area as well; things are looking up despite the natural attrition of members that loose desire.

### **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.

Our efforts in conjunction with Info-fish have fallen on deaf ears as far as Fisheries are concerned and we will have to go it alone with the collection of tagging data, all other parties at the workshop are in agreement with our proposal of the amalgamated coordination.

With slowly transitioning to retirement I hope to be able to travel the state and visit more of our remote clubs at AGM's and for their field days.

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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