

Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd

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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 2015 – 2016

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

Ron Poole
John Burgess
Vacant
Joe Garufi
Sue Malton
Vacant
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

The past year has once again been very challenging for ANSA with considerable time being expended by our Executive Officer, John Burgess working with other State and National peak bodies doing their best to advocate for the rights and interests of recreational fishers across the nation and to protect the marine estate/environment at a Commonwealth, State and Local Government level.

John has the very daunting task of regularly attending meetings across Australia related to recreational fishing. He is an active member of several National and State Boards and Committees established by the recreational fishing sector and government to consider and adjudicate on issues of significance to all recreational fishers. John has cited a number of these issues in his report.

Being based in Townsville it is not cost effective for me to accompany John to most of these meetings which are predominantly held in Canberra, Sydney or the Southern Capitols. John does keep myself and other members of the ANSA National Executive fully briefed on all issues affecting ANSA and consults on all issues where ANSA is required to vote upon or endorse a particular issue or course of action. Thankfully our capacity to communicate by phone and internet does facilitate a cost effective means of keeping the National Executive in touch often on a day to day basis.

This past year has seen a number of major reshuffles within the Federal Coalition post the election which has made the task of negotiating with the government on important issues such as the management of Commonwealth Fisheries resources, the rollout of the Commonwealth Marine Reserves and the delivery of many pre-election commitments very frustrating now that we have to start afresh with new Ministers and advisors. Despite these setbacks we will never the less continue stridently with our advocacy to both the Coalition and Opposition on all issues of importance to recreational fishers.

Branches are regularly updated on significant issues affecting ANSA and recreational fishers generally and it is important that this information is cascaded down to our club and member networks so that they are well informed and can provide constructive feedback. This information is available on the ANSA website as are details of significant changes to ANSA policy or regulations and rules etc.

Activity on the ANSA Website and Face Book page continues at a high level for an organisation such as ANSA and over the past year we did secure another Website sponsor, namely Kirkhope Aviation. The company specialises in tailor made fishing and general adventure tours anywhere in Australia. If you are interested in a special fishing adventure then look up the website www.ansa.com.au .

Queensland Branch has experienced a challenging year post the convening of an extraordinary general meeting last October to deliberate on a motion concerning the future of ANSA in Qld including the option of winding up the branch. The motion was defeated and a new Branch committee elected which by all accounts is doing a great job in bringing ANSA Qld clubs back together again. Regrettably a small number of Queensland clubs did end their relationship with ANSA. National will continue to do whatever it can to assist Queensland with its challenges and restore the Branch to its former strong status.

Next year will see ANSA celebrate its 50th anniversary and it is proposed to hold a special gathering of ANSA members in Cairns over September 2017. ANSA Qld and National will jointly work together to bring this event about. More details will be advised in due course. A proposal to mount a memorial plaque in memory of ANSA foundation members Vic McCristal and Eric Moller on the Cardwell Jetty is being progressed and hopefully will be finalised in time for the Anniversary event.

From a financial perspective ANSA is travelling soundly due to tight fiscal policies of the National Executive. It was pleasing to be able to announce in May 2016 that family membership fees were to be reduced from \$14 down to \$12 for the 2016/17 financial year. While most things are going up in price these days it is somewhat unusual to be able to achieve a fee reduction. This is the third fee reduction over the past decade.

It is also must reiterate my intention to stand down as the ANSA National Chair. This was scheduled to occur at the end of 2015 but I have carried on with the role due to the absence of any replacement nominee coming forward. It is imperative that some fresh young blood comes onto the National Executive to drive the organisation into the future. It is timely that old stalwarts such as John Burgess and myself make way for the next generation. I would encourage Qld and Victoria Branches to consider coming onto the National Executive.

Finally I must mention the passing of Geoff Hawkins earlier this year. Geoff was another ANSA stalwart who over his lifetime held various positions on the National and NSW Branch Executive including President and Chair of ANSA National and NSW Branch President. Geoff will be fondly remembered by all who knew and worked with him.

My thanks to all on the National executive for the past year and hopefully I can look forward to retirement from the Executive later this year.

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

Ron Poole
Chairman
ANSA National

National Executive Director's Report

2015/16 was another very busy year for ANSA at a National and State Branch level. Recreational fishing continues to be challenged on so many fronts it has become an almost daily event keeping up with the many issues that confront us Nationally and across every State. ANSA plays an important strategic stakeholder role on an extremely diverse range of issues confronting recreational fishers via its close working relationship and engagement with likeminded peak bodies such as –

- ARFF – The Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation
- Recfish Australia
- RFA NSW
- VRFish
- Sunfish
- Recfish SA
- Recfish West
- Tarfish
- AFANT
- AFTA
- Keep Australia Fishing
- IGFA

It is only through close engagement and collaboration with these like minded bodies, under the umbrella of ARFF, that the benefits and advantages of one unified voice for the recreational fishing sector, will become and remain a forceful reality.

ANSA also 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), DSEWPC (Department of Sustainability, Environment and Water), FRDC (Fisheries Research Development Corporation), various State Departments of Primary Industries (Fisheries) and numerous other agencies that have a nexus with fishing, boating, the marine estate and environment. ANSA also maintains regular dialogue with politicians of all persuasions at a Federal, State and Local government level.

Listed below is a snapshot of some of the many important issues where ANSA has taken a leading and collaborative role in advocating for the rights of recreational fishers and the preservation of our fishery resources for the benefit of all recreational fishers,

Nationally

- Commonwealth Small Pelagic Fishery and the Geelong Star – ANSA has been at the forefront of a National peak body campaign to curtail / stop the activity of large scale factory / trawler vessels in key recreational fishing locations.
- Commonwealth Marine Reserve roll out – ANSA has again been at the forefront of a National peak body campaign to ensure that recreational fishers are not unjustifiably locked out of proposed reserves especially in the Coral Sea and in Western Australia.
- Recognition of recreational fishing in the Commonwealth Fisheries Management Act and an equitable level of recreational fisher representation in the management of all Commonwealth fishery resources.
- Establishment of an adequately resourced Commonwealth Recreational Fishing Council to give recreational fishers a level of representation and advocacy that aligns with the socio economic value of recreational fishing nationally
- National programme for the eradication of carp - the restocking of inland waterways with native species and rehabilitation of these fish habitats.
- Support for a review of the operations and charter of AFMA (Australian Fisheries Management Authority).

- Recreational fisher input into resource sharing proposals for Southern Blue Fin Tuna and other Commonwealth managed species.
- Support for the establishment of a National recreational fishing and boating infrastructure fund.
- Support for the implementation of a National economic study into the value of recreational fishing.
- Input into the Productivity Commission review of fisheries and aquaculture and the relevance of recreational fishing.
- Support for enhanced investment in fisheries research and recognition of the role and value of citizen research.
- Engagement in the development and roll out of a National recreational fishing education programme.
- Continued roll out of the Angel Ring/ Fishing Safety National project
- Support for the establishment of a National “Go Fishing Day”.
- Input into the development of a new National Code of Practice for recreational fishing.
- Support for the campaign to establish net free areas in several states.
- Objections to proposals for the listing of several shark species as protected and endangered species.
- National Grey Nurse Shark Management Plan – Ongoing stakeholder representation.
- 2016 Federal Election – Most of the before mentioned issues were referenced in an election platform document that was jointly prepared by members of ARFF and circulated to all contesting political parties and independent candidates prior to the 2016 Federal election calling for greater recognition of Australia’s 5 million recreational fishers.

Various State Issues.

- Hawkesbury Bioregion Marine Park. Ongoing dialogue with NSW government and stakeholders to ensure best outcomes for recreational fishers.
- NSW Commercial Fishing Review. Ongoing dialogue with NSW government and stakeholders that will support sensible rationalisation of the commercial fishing industry.
- NSW Fisheries Management Act. Ongoing dialogue with NSW government and stakeholders seeking recognition of recreational fishing in the Act.
- Lobbying for government recognition of the RFA of NSW as the official State peak body for all NSW recreational fishers.
- Boat Trailer “On Street” Parking legislation. Ongoing dialogue with NSW government and Councils to ensure that boat owners are not unfairly restricted from parking boat trailers on public streets for more than 28 days and to lobby the government for the establishment of affordable off street parking facilities in local communities.
- NSW Marine Estate Management Authority – Ongoing dialogue with the Authority and other stakeholders to ensure the interests of recreational fishers are preserved and enhanced.
- Regional Boating Plans. Representations for more boat ramps and jetties and upgrades of existing facilities.
- Crown Land Review. Ongoing campaign for preservation of recreational fisher access.
- Public jetties and ferry wharves – ongoing campaign to ensure that recreational fishers retain access to these facilities.
- 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.

- Effective representation and voice in the eventual implementation of a resource sharing protocol for Commonwealth and State fisheries.
- 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.
- Continued pressure on Commonwealth and State agencies in connection with water contamination incidents and associated fish kills across the nation and calls for the speedy prosecution of known offenders and imposition of appropriate penalties which can be directed into local area rehabilitation and other fishery related projects rather than into consolidated revenue.
- Lobbying against the discharge of contaminated waste water into river systems as a consequence of Coal Seam Gas extraction operations at various locations.
- Stakeholder engagement in a proposal to scuttle the former HMAS Sydney as a dive wreck cum artificial reef in waters east of Coogee.
- Support for the installation of mesh screens on inland waterway irrigation pumps etc to reduce the high level of mortality upon freshwater species.
- Support for the campaign to introduce Platypus friendly yabby traps.
- Support for the campaign against the dredging of Abbot Point and the dumping of spoil on the Great Barrier Reef to facilitate the shipping of coal from the controversial Adani mining project.
- Establishment of a memorial for Vic Mc Cristal and Eric Moller – foundation members of ANSA - at Cardwell Jetty.

Many of these issues are extremely time consuming and will continue to be actively pursued by ANSA. Additionally ANSA remains a key driver behind other projects such as -

- ANSA Citizen Science – Tagging and the collection/collation of important research data on select fish species and engagement with scientific/ research agencies and institutions is an important activity for ANSA members. Ideally we would like to see ANSA members in all states able to engage in tagging and other citizen science activities.
- Fishing 4 Therapy – an acclaimed provider of recreational fishing activities for those afflicted by acquired brain injury etc.
- 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.

ANSA also holds executive roles on Ozfish Unlimited and the NSW Fish Habitat Partnership which are two relatively new bodies set up to actively promote and coordinate stakeholders in major fish habitat rehabilitation projects. Positions are also held on consultancy committees such as the Port Botany Community Consultative Committee and the Orica Botany Liaison Committee which deal with major commercial impacts upon Botany Bay and groundwater contamination remediation.

Over 2015/16 ANSA National in consultation with the ANSA Branch network completed the scheduled 4 yearly review of the ANSA Rule Book. A number of conservation driven changes were made to the rule book and the content streamlined to make the rules more reader friendly. New rule books have been distributed to all State Branches and NSW clubs.

The ANSA National flagship “Austag” tagging programme is under review following the recent decision by Infish Services to end its affiliation with ANSA Qld and the provision of unlimited access to its National and State tagging data base. Initiatives are in place for ANSA Qld to establish its own independent tagging programme and other ANSA State Branches are being encouraged to likewise review their own tagging programmes where applicable.

Looking forward to 2017, ANSA will be celebrating its 50th year anniversary. It is proposed to convene a celebratory conference event in Cairns over September 2017. ANSA National in collaboration with ANSA Qld and NSW Branches will co host this event in conjunction with foundation clubs such as Cairns Sport Fishing Club and St George Sport Fishing Club.

On a sad note ANSA also saw the passing of Geoff “Hawko” Hawkins over January 2016. Geoff was a Life member of ANSA and Campbelltown City Sportfishing Club and regarded as being one of ANSA’s staunchest supporters having held numerous Executive roles at both a National and NSW Branch level - including President and Chair of ANSA National and President ANSA NSW - over his lifetime. Geoff was a mentor to many past and serving members of the ANSA Executive and his presence will be fondly remembered and sadly missed.

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 the 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.



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

National Finance Director's Report

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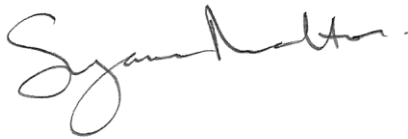
FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

Financial statements for the financial year end 30 June 2016 together with comparative results for the preceding year are appended. The following points are highlighted:

- a) The Association traded at a deficit of \$6227 for the 2015/16 year. This was substantially better than the forecast deficit of \$28500. 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 \$70000 incurred. The reality was that only \$4184 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 2015/16 results would have seen the association generate a deficit of \$2043.
- b) Income over the 2015/16 year of \$20803 was substantially less than budget of \$75500 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 a decrease in the level of membership fees \$17315 (budget \$18000) and a shortfall in expected ANSA Ware sales (revenue \$1082 /budget \$1500).
- c) Expenditure over the 2015/16 year was \$27030 as compared to budget expectation of \$104000. Other than for the impact of the FRDC grant expenditure (actual \$4184 as against budget \$70000), the main variances to budget were non payment of auditor fees \$2000, ANSA promotions \$2000 and reduced cost of printing ANSA Rule Books (budget \$8000/actual \$3555). Savings were also achieved in the cost of phone/internet services (\$618) and website maintenance (\$406).
- d) The Association at year end 30 June 2016 possessed total assets of \$105134 (\$111360 @ 2015) consisting primarily of cash at bank \$12780, term deposit \$87461, ANSA Ware stock on hand \$4670 and accrued but unpaid interest \$223. The association has no external liabilities. Overall the Association had a net equity of \$105134 at 30 June 2016 but this includes \$12365 of unexpended FRDC grant moneys.
- e) A financial budget forecast for the 2016/17 is attached. For the coming year the association is forecasting a deficit of \$8900. This deficit is predicated on income for the coming year of \$29800 which includes a further and final \$10000 drawdown of the FRDC grant. Other than for affiliation fees which have been budgeted at \$16000 (which allows for the reduction of family membership fees and a fall in Qld branch membership numbers) all other sources of income are generally in line with actual receipts for 2015/16.

Expenditure of \$38700 is forecast for 2016/17 which includes \$10000 for the Angel Ring project which may extend into the following year. Travel expenditure for meetings has been budgeted at \$12000 (same as last year) and major extraordinary expense will be purchase of brag mats to replenish ANSA Ware stocks (\$4000), purchase of National Records and Masters patches etc, \$500 for trade mark registration of ANSA intellectual property and \$500 for possible computer upgrading. Audit fees (\$2000), ANSA promotion expenses (\$1000) have been carried forward into the 2016/17 years budget.

Notional exclusion of the FRDC grant funding and related expenditure should see the association generate a deficit of \$8900 over 2016/17. The Executive will endeavour to reduce this deficit by containing expenses wherever possible but adequate reserve funds are on hand to cover such a deficit should it eventuate.

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

Sue Malton
Finance Director
20 October 2016

Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd
ACN 063293514

Statement of Profit/Loss and other Comprehensive Income
Year Ended 30 June 2016

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenue from Ordinary Activities			
Affiliation Fees		17315	20568
ANSA Ware Sales		1082	1232
Interest Received		1856	2445
Web Sponsorship		550	0
Government Grants - Angel Ring Project	note1.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues		<u>20803</u>	<u>24245</u>
Expenditures			
Travel & Meeting Expenses		11611	14065
Peak Body Subscriptions		550	1292
Post & Stationary		2564	2197
Insurance		695	694
Phone & Internet Expenses		1882	1895
Website Expenses		94	17
Records & Masters Expenses		288	0
Computer Upgrades & Supplies		0	24
Cost of Good Sold	note 2.	592	684
Trade Mark Fees		0	300
ASIC Fees		92	90
Rule Book Printing		3555	0
Donations / Tributes		186	0
Line Tester Service Fee		462	0
Recfishing Conference Fees		275	0
Bank Fees		0	5
Angel Ring Project	note 1.	<u>4184</u>	<u>5428</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>27030</u>	<u>26691</u>
Profit / (Loss) Before Income Tax		-6227	-2446
Income Tax Expense	note 3.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Profit/(Loss) After Income tax		<u>-6227</u>	<u>-2446</u>

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Statement of Financial Position
Year Ended 30 June 2016

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash		12780	20271
Term Deposit		87461	85557
Inventory		4670	5262
Receivables - Interest		<u>223</u>	<u>270</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>105134</u>	<u>111360</u>
Non Current Assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets		<u>105134</u>	<u>111360</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Current Liabilities		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Non Current Liabilities			
Non Current Liabilities		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Assets		<u>105134</u>	<u>111360</u>
Equity			
Retained Profits		<u>105134</u>	<u>111360</u>
Total Equity		<u>105134</u>	<u>111360</u>

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Cash Flow Statement

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Receipts from operations	18947	21800
Payments to Suppliers	-26438	-26007
Interest Received	<u>1903</u>	<u>2562</u>
Net Cash Flow from operating activities	<u>-5588</u>	<u>-1645</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash held	-5588	-1645
add: Opening Cash brought forward	<u>105829</u>	<u>107474</u>
Closing Cash Carried Forward	<u>100241</u>	<u>105829</u>

Statement of Change to Equity

Members Equity at 1 July 2015	111360	113806
Loss for Period	-6227	-2446
Rounding	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Members Equity at 30 June 2016	<u>105134</u>	<u>111360</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements at 30 June 2016

Note 1. National Angel Ring Project

Grants from FRDC		
	2012	22000
	2013	24420
	2014	0
	2015	0
	2016	<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	5428
	2016	<u>4184</u>
Total Grant expended		34055
Grant Expenditure yet to be incurred		<u>65945</u>
Total FRDC Grant		<u>100000</u>

Note 2. Cost of Goods Sold

Opening inventory 1 July 2015	5262
add Purchases	<u>0</u>
	5262
less Closing inventory 30 June 2015	<u>4670</u>
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>592</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 2016 (30 June 2015 - none)

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Notes to the Financial Statements at 30 June 2016

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 2016 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
20-Oct-16



Director
20-Oct-16

Reconciliation of trading results to budget for year ending 30.6.2016
Budget forecast for 2016/17 financial year

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2013/14</u>
Income							
Branch affiliation fees	16000	18000	17315	17000	20568	19000	15606
ANSA Ware sales	1500	1500	1082	1000	1232	1500	919
Bank Interest	1800	2000	1856	3000	2445	3000	2612
Web Advertising	500	400	550	200	0	300	200
Govt grants - Angel Rings National	<u>10000</u>	<u>53600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>44000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Income	<u>29800</u>	<u>75500</u>	<u>20803</u>	<u>74800</u>	<u>24245</u>	<u>67800</u>	<u>19337</u>
Expenditure							
Travel/ Accomodation/ Meals	12000	12000	11611	10000	14065	8000	7649
Recfish membership	0	500	0	500	0	550	0
IGFA Membership	0	0	0	600	556	100	0
ARFF membership	1000	1000	550	500	500	500	500
Other Memberships	250	250	0	0	236	250	0
Auditor fees	2000	2000	0	2800	0	1200	0
Insurance	800	800	695	800	694	600	694
Website	300	500	94	500	17	1500	1117
Phone /internet	2000	2500	1882	2500	1895	1500	2355
Bank fees	50	50	0	50	5	0	26
Post/ Stationery	2500	2500	2564	2500	2197	2500	2355
Records/ Masters expenses	1500	500	288	200	0	200	0
ASIC Fees	100	100	92	100	90	100	88
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of goods sold	4000	1000	592	1000	684	1500	440
Sundries - Angel Ring National Project	10000	70000	4184	75000	5428	80000	13944
Computer Upgrade/ supplies	500	0	0	500	24	100	682
ANSA Promotion	1000	2000	0	2000	0	0	0
Trade Mark Registration	500	0	0	0	300	0	120
Line Tester Service	0	0	462	0	0	0	0

	<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>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2013/14</u>
Rule Book printing	0	8000	3555	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recfish Conference Fees	0	300	275	1000	0	0	0	0	0
Donations/Tributes	200	0	186	0	0	0	0	0	0
International Conference subsidy	0	0	0	0	0	2000	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	38700	-104000	27030	100550	26691	100600	29970	100600	29970
Net profit/(Loss)	-8900	-28500	-6227	-25750	-2446	-32800	-10633	-32800	-10633
Notional Adjustment for Angel Ring Project income/ expenses	0	16400	4184	21400	5428	36000	13944	36000	13944
Notional Net Profit/ (Loss) after adjust for Angel Ring Project	-8900	-12100	-2043	-4350	2982	3200	3311	3200	3311

National Membership Director's Report

ANSA National's total membership at the year ending 30.6.2016 was 2998. This comprised of New South Wales 1180, Queensland 874, Victoria 386, Western Australia 373, South Australia 164 and Tasmania 21. These numbers are slightly down compared to last years membership tally of 3033. New South Wales membership increased by 45. Queensland's membership decreased by 115 members. South Australia's membership increased by 40 members; Victoria's membership decreased by 18 members; Western Australia's membership increased by 19 members and Tasmania's membership decreased by 6 members. Overall ANSA National's membership decreased by 35 members nationally. Not a bad result considering. As a whole, ANSA National's membership flutters around 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 2016/2017 year and are due on the 31st October 2016. 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/. 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 extremely well. The Facebook paged has over 850 likes and rising. This is an approximate 22% more likes than this time last year. Make sure you promote the ANSA National Facebook page amongst your member clubs. The page itself hits thousands 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 Safety Officer's Report

The main Project underway for the past few years was a national roll out of Angel Rings across Australia based on the successful NSW model. 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.

The Project has progressed at a slower pace than expected and each State or Territory has progressed according to their abilities to allocate resources to deal with location selection, approvals, installations and finally on going 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.

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. ANSA has been in discussion with FRDC to try and better understand how similar projects might be delivered, especially when dealing with volunteer organisations. The better understanding gained with this project could benefit how groups like ANSA operate into the future considering all of the time and effort is volunteer based.

Notwithstanding this setback, it seems the states with well organised peak bodies, like WA kicked a huge goal in getting over 20 rings installed that are saving lives, with news just in that a new ring in Esperance saved 3 anglers who had been washed into the water.

The final reports are currently being written and will be put up on the National website, but with over 30 of the 50 allocated rings installed between WA, QLD and SA it was a good outcome that has saved lives. Looking forward into the future ANSA National will always maintain a willingness to help states fund and install Angel Rings if they seek assistance long after the FRDC Project has wrapped up.



Stan Konstantaras

Stan Konstantaras
National Safety Officer
ANSA National

National Recorder's Report (Line Class)

Over the 2015 – 2016 season, 74 Australian Line Class Records have been claimed and 72 of those have been awarded. This increase was largely due to W.A. and The Nickol Bay SFC.

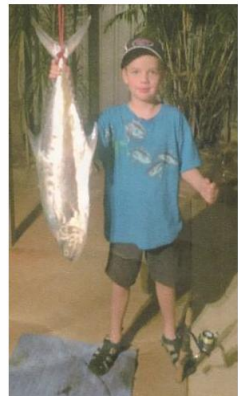
Year	Australian Records
2010-11	85
2011-12	35
2012-13	40
2013-14	36
2015-16	72

Records per State

W.A	43
S.A.	14
N.S.W.	6
Vic.	6
ACT	1



Jessica Hornhardt
Queenfish 7.1kg on 2 - SJG



Max Grasso Queenfish 4.5kg on 2 SJG



Paul Wolfendale
SB Tuna 128.63kg on 37- Game

Most successful clubs:

Nickel Bay SFC- W.A. - 43 Australian Records
Northern Dist. S.F.C.- S.A. - 12 Australian Records.

Most successful anglers: Toby Mason- 13 Australian
Chloe Hornhardt – 8 Australian Records
Jessica Hornhardt – 6 Australian Records

Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Senior	4	4	0	12	0	3	1
Junior	14	3	0	19	0	0	0
Sub-Junior	7	0	0	4	0	0	0



Andrew McGoven
Rainbow trout 5.88 kg AT



Chloe Hornhardt
Tiger Sahrk 75.1 kg on 6kg – JG



Chris Scurfield
SB Tuna 60kg on 15 - LBG

Congratulations to all those anglers who gained Australian records in 2015-16.

Phil Turner
ANSA National Line Class Records.

National Recorder's Report (Trophy Length Only)

Another season has come to a close with a broad variety of different species being submitted for National records. Pleasingly the season has seen more fish being released after capture with nearly half of all captures returned to the water.

All told 31 National record claims were submitted over 2015/16 which is slightly below the previous year's tally of 38. This year the records have been scattered around the states with Qld claiming 10, SA 9, NSW 6, VIC 5 and TAS 1.

Some exceptional captures included Daniel Taylor with a 2110mm Shortbill Spearfish and a 1100mm Diamond Trevally captured by Jordan Stoddart. I also can't forget a 1220mm Giant Trevally caught by myself while fishing the NQ Comp at Cardwell Qld on my sister's rod - I will never live it down.

The quality of claim form completion has been reasonably good this past year but it would be helpful to see more photos of captures laid correctly on the brag mat to assist with verification of species as there are so many sub species where identification is difficult.

Also it is important to note that effective from 1 July 2016, the reference to "Length Only" Records has been changed to "Trophy Length" Records. All existing "Length Only" records have been switched across to the new "Trophy Length" category.

Congratulations to all those who achieved National records and I look forward to receiving more claims over the 2016/17 season.

Keep on fishing.

Ken Johnson
National Trophy Length Recorder
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Trevor Beckerleg's 1165mm Queenfish



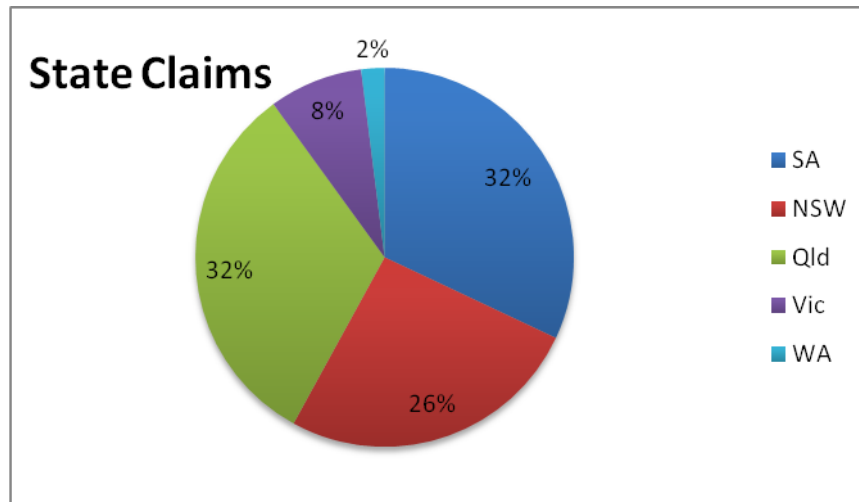
Ken Johnson's 1220mm GT



Jimmy Odowd's 650mm Coral Trout

National Masters Keeper Report

The 2016 season has seen 50 Masters claims processed of which a significant portion of claims was for 22 Trophy length specie and 15 for Trophy length. The main specie claims were for fresh water Murray Cod and Golden Perch. Five States submitted claims with a reasonable number of juniors included. Below is an indication of State claims.



It is interesting to note that for the first time the number of claims from South Australia, with a smaller population base, has significantly featured in the overall claims count.

Specie	Award		Branch	No of Claims
Bream Black	10	Senior	SA	1
Cod Murray	10	Senior	SA	3
Cod Murray	20	Senior	SA	1
Herring Wolf	10	Senior	Qld	1
Herring Wolf	20	Senior	Qld	1
Javelin Fish Barred	30	Senior	Qld	1
Javelin Fish Barred	40	Senior	Qld	1
Perch Golden	10	Senior	SA	3
Perch Golden	20	Senior	SA	1
Perch Golden	30	Senior	SA	1
Perch Golden	40	Senior	SA	1
Perch Redfin	10	Senior	SA	1
Redfish Bight	10	Junior	SA	1
Salmon Australian	10	Junior	SA	1
Shark Dusky Whaler	40	Senior	Qld	1
Shark Hammerhead	10	Senior	Qld	1
Shark Whaler	10	Senior	Qld	1
Snapper Crimson	20	Senior	Qld	1

The above table indicates the breakdown of Specie claims submitted as compared with Trophy Length claims as listed below.

Length only	Award		Branch	No of Claims
	10	Senior	NSW	3
	10	Senior	Qld	6
	10	Junior	SA	1
	10	Senior	NSW	1
	20	Senior	Qld	2
	20	Senior	SA	1
	30	Senior	NSW	1

This year the total number of length claims (37) represent a significant component of the overall claims count indicating that there may be a trend toward non-line class fishing preference.

Having said this there is still a reasonable interest for line class fishing participation.

The table below looks at the breakdown of line class tackle divisions.

Line Class	Award		Branch	No of Claims
Sportfishing	10	Senior	NSW	2
	10	Junior	WA	1
		Sub-	Vic	
	10	Junior		1
	20	Senior	NSW	1
	20	Senior	VIC	1
	250	Senior	NSW	1
Game fishing	250	Senior	Vic	1
	10	Senior	NSW	1
	10	Senior	Vic	1
Lure Fishing	10	Junior	NSW	1
	250	Senior	NSW	1

All award participants should be congratulated on their achievements, in particular Junior, 250 point and all anglers having successfully reached 20 or more eligible fish in their award.

Knut Gassmanis
Master Keeper
ANSA National

ANSA New South Wales Report

During 2015/2016 I was fortunate to be supported by a well-oiled machine that is the ANSA NSW Committee who once again did a great job on keeping ANSA NSW going full steam ahead. Testament to this report and a stable and slowly increasing membership, Team ANSA NSW rose to the task of meeting challenges on a daily basis. There has been a good response to our presence on social media, communications with the Clubs has been consistent and we are all still friends and enjoy catching up at Conventions and other events where ANSA NSW members are often seen like boat shows and tackle shops and even the humble boat ramp.

Having a well-oiled machine running the show gave me the chance to take on some additional advocacy roles in NSW, I felt comfortable that the Team would pick up my slack.

I applied and was appointed to the Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council (MFAC) as the recreational fishing representative for NSW and was appointed as the Sydney / Central Coast regional representative on the new Recreational Fishing NSW Council (RFNSW). Whilst MFAC will focus on policy encompassing recreational fishing priorities and how to best represent anglers in NSW, RFNSW allows me to bring every state-wide fishing issue ANSA NSW members might want raised.

Some of the issues the ANSA NSW Team was involved in include;

- Hawkesbury Bioregion Marine Park. Ongoing dialogue with NSW government and stakeholders to ensure best outcomes for recreational fishers.
- NSW Commercial Fishing Review. Ongoing dialogue with NSW government and stakeholders that will support sensible rationalisation of the commercial fishing industry.
- NSW Fisheries Management Act. Ongoing dialogue with NSW government and stakeholders seeking recognition of recreational fishing in the Act.
- Lobbying for government recognition of the RFA of NSW as the official State peak body for all NSW recreational fishers.
- NSW Boat Trailer “On Street” Parking legislation. Ongoing dialogue with NSW government and Councils to ensure that boat owners are not unfairly restricted from parking boat trailers on public streets for more than 28 days and to lobby the government for the establishment of affordable off street parking facilities in local communities.
- NSW Marine Estate Management Authority – Ongoing dialogue with the Authority and other stakeholders to ensure the interests of recreational fishers are preserved and enhanced.
- NSW Regional Boating Plans. Representations for more boat ramps and jetties and upgrades of existing facilities.
- NSW Crown Land Review. Ongoing campaign for preservation of recreational fisher access.
- Public jetties and ferry wharves – ongoing campaign to ensure that recreational fishers retain access to these facilities.
- 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.
- Meaningful Inclusion of recreational fishing in the NSW Fisheries Management Act.
- Effective representation and voice in the eventual implementation of a resource sharing protocol for Commonwealth and State fisheries.

- 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.
- Continued pressure on agencies such as the EPA, Sydney Water and Councils in connection with water contamination incidents and associated fish kills across the state and calls for the speedy prosecution of known offenders and imposition of appropriate penalties which can be directed into local area rehabilitation and other fishery related projects rather than into consolidated revenue.
- 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 redirection of a proposed communication cable that will cross the southern extreme of the iconic “Peak” fishing grounds.
- Stakeholder engagement in a proposal to relocate existing power cables in the sea bed between Kurnell and LaPerouse.
- Consultation with the LaPerouse indigenous community and NSW Fisheries that facilitated a restricted cultural permit for the local community to beach haul for sea mullet within the Botany Bay RFH.
- Consultation with the NSW government in connection with a proposal to establish a ferry link between LaPerouse and Kurnell which will necessitate the construction of major wharf infrastructure at both locations which will be accessible to recreational fishers.
- Stakeholder engagement in a proposal to scuttle the former HMAS Sydney as a dive wreck cum artificial reef in waters east of Coogee.
- Support for the installation of mesh screens on inland waterway irrigation pumps etc to reduce the high level of mortality upon freshwater species.
- Support for the campaign to introduce Platypus friendly yabby traps.
- Grey Nurse Shark Rescue project – Project observer.

Many of these issues are extremely time consuming and will continue to be actively pursued by ANSA NSW. Additionally ANSA remains a key driver behind other projects such as;

- ANSA Citizen Science – Mulloway Research/Tagging – ANSA Newtag Project in partnership with NSW Fisheries and managed by ANSA NSW. This successful project will now be expanded to include other species such as snapper.
- 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.
- ANSA NSW also continues to have representation on bodies such as the NSW Licence Trust Expenditure Committee (RFSTEC) and the recently established Recreational Fishing NSW
- Advisory Council (RFNSW) which replaced the longstanding Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing (ACORF). ANSA also has representation on the Botany Bay Port Hacking User Group which is a stakeholder committee established by NSW RMS to address local boating and maritime issues.

The fight for access to the waterway and to the resource is looming large in 2016 / 2017 / 2018 and into 2019. With a government keen to appease the conservation movement and hell bent on selling every asset from Crown owned lands, wharves and roads that lead to our inland waterways and getting caught up in the net of lies that “marine parks” will save the oceans it’s going to be interesting how we are dealt with as key stakeholders.

Fishing 4 Therapy

Each year presents new challenges and growth opportunities for the ANSA NSW Fishing 4 Therapy team, with 2105 / 2016 proving to be no different. The main focus for the year was still our core groups;

Autism (Cerebral Palsy & Down Syndrome)

Acquired Brain injury (Stroke / Heart attack)

Terminally Ill & Physical Rehabilitation

In a smaller way we were also helping with issues of grief counselling, blind adolescents; aged care; trips for kids from the hospital with their siblings, depression and providing a social outside experience for some. Through some of the individuals who attend regular sessions we have had therapists from other areas, such as Sydney St Vincent's Hospital attend with a view of how this could be built into a regular programme for their longer term patients. We have also had enquiries from the Prince Of Wales Hospital Spinal Unit as part of the rehab therapy for new patients. Issues we are dealing with include getting beds or frames to the fishing areas and we are still working on that.

We were able to participate in a public day at Centennial Park to show what we offer through the programme. Most of our gear was on display along with our two 300 ltr's therapy tanks that were loaded with fish and turtles. We offered the same hands on experience to the public that the regular attendees have. The day was a huge success with a confirmed count of over 8000 people through our stand in a 6 hour period. A massive boost for ANSA NSW and F4T. We participated in the Family Fishing Day by holding a funded session for families and friends, with prizes and BBQ on offer. We had a full attendance on the day and a huge amount of fun.

This year also saw our largest ever enquiry for requests to join by one off applicants. Normally we only deal with the different health groups or associations, but the result of our publicity, internet searches & word of mouth has seen us more easily found.

Where possible, we are combining individuals to groups & holding one off sessions for some, such as the local Indigenous "Kool Kids Group" from Chifley / Maroubra.

Our programme runs and grows mainly thanks to the volunteer help we receive from the regular helpers, in particular Bill Harvey who is always first to arrive & last to go.

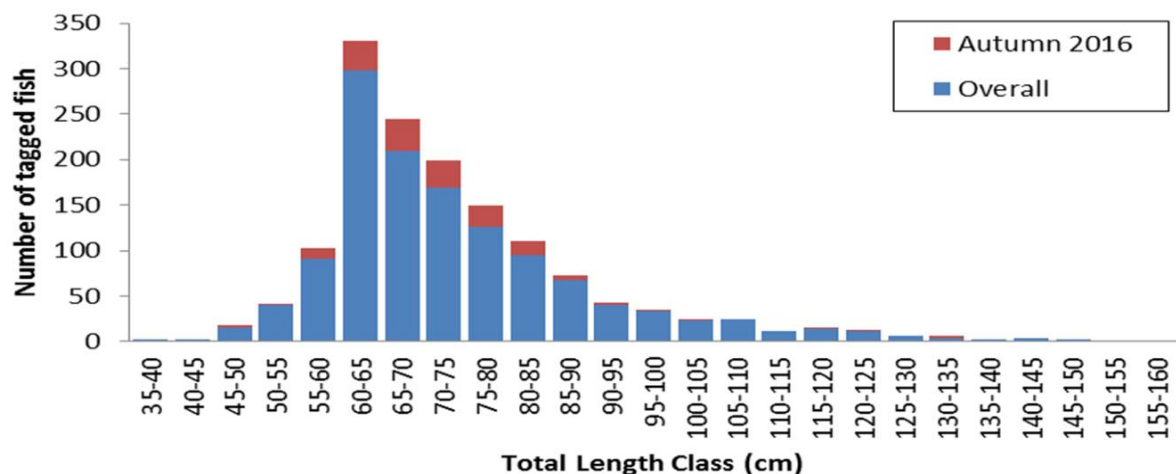
This year the team's efforts were rewarded by winning a National Award at the Recreational Fishing Conference in Queensland. F4T won the award for Project of the Year 2015, recognising a real perceived value for what we do within the recreational fishing community and general public.



NEWTAG Report

This year also saw the ANSA NSW Pilot Mulloway Tagging Project go from strength to strength and some young blood has been added into the mix and including our already outstanding taggers has taken the total of tagged Mulloway to over 1300 in 2015/2016.

Of those 1300 fish tagged we have been fortunate enough to have over 70 fish recaptured with some vital information coming to light on this iconic estuary fish.



What we have learnt in a few short years with the tagging project is that this fish most certainly move and move a good distance. That is;

Hawkesbury River – Newcastle

Hawkesbury River – Lake Macquarie

Lake Macquarie – Newcastle

Botany Bay – Port Hacking

Botany Bay – Wollongong

Upper Georges River – Newcastle Harbour

Port Kembla – Port Stephens

There is more but we've just mentioned a notable few that spring to mind, Let's take the Georges River to Newcastle fish for a coastal journey,

- 1) Georges River – Botany Heads managed to be captured once by a person who is part of the project, tagged and released, then eluded a heavily Mulloway fished system to the ocean.
- 2) Botany Heads – Sydney Heads it passed along the ocean foreshore and beaches without being captured or speared, recreationally and commercially.
- 3) Did this fish enter the Sydney Harbour system for a period of time, we will never know.
- 4) Sydney Harbour – Broken Bay again travelled passed ocean foreshores, reefs and beaches in a highly popular region for spearfishing, recreational and commercial fishing.
- 5) Did this fish enter Hawkesbury River, we will never know but if it did it is amazing it even managed to escape the commercial onslaught of this system we see weekly.
- 6) Broken Bay – Newcastle Harbour travelled past ocean foreshores, reefs and beaches all the way eluding capture from spear fishers, recreational and commercial fishers.
- 7) Then to be recaptured in Newcastle Harbour by a recreational angler.

This Mulloway had quite a journey, but how many other Mulloway did this same coastal migration at the same time?

How many did not make it and where captured?

This fish certainly made the quality of life for two fortunate anglers a lot better; you certainly cannot beat that feeling of capturing such a magnificent fish iconic species.

Mulloway obviously are quite a species we are passionate about, imagine a metre Mulloway in a few short years with reform on commercial by-catch and possible recreational size slot limits it would become a very real prospect for the everyday fisherman, I'm sure the Minister Niall Blair would like to hook up the boat thinking we are going to catch a metre Mulloway today.

Whilst that tagging data has given us some great movement and growth info we never had, that point about visiting other estuaries was also addressed by the project when we helped implant 20 acoustic tags into Mulloway in Sydney Harbour in fish ranging from 60 up to a metre, and we are all eagerly awaiting the first collection of data from the listening stations to see where all these Harbour fish have travelled to fill in those gaps above keeping in mind that listening stations are located underwater all up and down the NSW coast.

In more good news NEWTAG has formally approached the Dave Irvine Snapper classic on the north coast of NSW (the biggest snapper catch and release comp on the east coast of NSW) with the intent to equip anglers competing with tags to deploy on snapper over 60cm to again allow us to monitor the movements of this biomass of fish. If this goes ahead NEWTAG will enter a team to participate, as well as do a tagging presentation on the night of the briefing. This will be highly beneficial to the Snapper Tagging NEWTAG is carrying out on a smaller level at present.



NSW Angel Ring Report

It has also been a very frustrating year for the Project but only from the perspective of dealing with the NSW Government bureaucracy and their repeated calls for ANSA NSW to carry additional insurance cover to indemnify them against any claims arising from the installation and use of Angel Rings.

It has also been a very rewarding year when I get an SMS like this;

*“A big thank you to you guys that put the Angel rings at rock fishing spots. Yesterday while fishing for drummer at the northern side of Bombo headland, my friend Steven and myself were hit by two close together freak waves . The first wave I was close to the edge and was pushing Steven back against the water force that came from behind us and I had rock cleats on. The second wave came at us with greater force and it knocked my feet from out under myself, pushed me along the rocks and over about a 2.4 metre drop into what we call the washing machine . When I surfaced I was dragged out to sea about 20 metres. Steven had no idea where I was and when he saw me he was in shock. I yelled that I had rope in the car that was parked about 30 metres away. He ran to get it and while he was on the way back I noticed the Angel ring around the corner. I yelled out to grab the Angel ring and tie the rope onto it which he did. He then threw the ring out and I grabbed it and we waited for a lull before attempting to get up the rocks. Steven yelled out to try now and we managed to get back in with some difficulty climbing the rock wall as I am heavier than him but I was lucky to have good rock shoes on as well. Steven showed what a champion bloke he was even whilst panicking and in shock. I returned the Angel ring to the post and I am grateful that you guys had one there to help in the rescue of myself. I always fish this spot in a full length farmer John wetsuit and that helps me as well. Once again a big thank you
Regards
Shane G”*

Its guys like Shane that keeps ANSA NSW and me fighting the good fight considering we now have over 70 rescues and 5 this year alone. It has also been very frustrating having to deal with a series of dreaded East Coast Lows that are becoming quite frequent and are impacting on the assemblies and rings on the rocks. The last ECL saw almost 40% of rings wiped out and 20% of posts and brackets reporting damage. I don't know what is worse the ECL or the NSW Government.

Back to our issues with Insurance, in what has been one of the most deceitful and underhanded scenarios in a long time, a request for 2 new rings at Fingal Spit at Port Stephens by the local NPWS Ranger saw ANSA NSW agree to fund and install these assemblies only to be met by 16 pages of new Standard Consent Conditions for 2 rings that they wanted installed, not ANSA NSW. ANSA NSW had to indemnify NPWS against any claim for damages or compensation from the use of the rings or by the assemblies themselves.

NSW Crown Lands followed suit earlier in the year with a 17 page Licence Agreement with the same Consent Conditions, however they decided to accentuate the point and that ANSA NSW as “the Holder EXPRESSLY AGREES that the Minister shall have no responsibility or liability for any loss of or damage to fixtures and/or personal property of the Holder or any agent or servant of the Holder or of any member of the public whilst in or upon the Premises”.

This is a far cry from the 1 page Standard Consent Conditions we negotiated 10 years ago with both agencies and a system that worked brilliantly, was efficient and streamlined. To give you an idea of what we have faced I have struggled to get any advice or serious interest from any insurance broker and I am onto my 3rd one to date, letters have gone backwards and forwards to the Ministers responsible, local Police and members of the public are constantly contacting ANSA NSW for new installations, and sadly often in response to recent drownings that they have had and even a local MP trying to pressure me into installing rings only to be told by me to go and see the Minister.

At the end of 2015/2016 it was a stalemate and only one new ring was installed by me on the Sth Coast in response to a request that some elderly anglers who fish the area could not climb the rocks to get to the existing ring in an emergency so I bit the bullet and did a covert mission. ANSA NSW continued to roll out replacements and spares all over the state during the past 12 months.

In a remarkable twist, when both agencies were asked of the fate of the existing 130 assemblies in NSW on Crown Land and in National Parks they seemed to have buried their heads in the sand for now and I doubt any Minister would be that stupid to tell us to take them out, but stranger things have happened.

2015/2016 will go down as a good year for the Angel Ring Project. Some well-known anglers have benefited from the aid of the rings whilst waiting to be rescued, members of the public were saved and we have battled and beaten the ECL and just have one more fight on our hands, with the Ministers and the NSW Government.

Stay tuned for Round 2 in 2016/2017 and a huge heartfelt thanks to all those who help drive the project including Malcolm Poole and the whole ALBAA Team.

The ever smiling Max Castle who looks after the rings in his local area with a selfie after replacing the missing ring at Moruya;



ANSA NSW Competitions

As part of our annual 12 Month Competition, total fish recorded was more than double the 112 from last year at 230. The bulk of these fish (96) were placed into the Tag & Release division. John Rankin from the Eden Sport & Gamefishing club dominated this division amassing a massive 2840 consisting almost entirely of various Marlin species. An awesome effort. The most popular fish species entered was Dolphinfish (44) followed by Striped Marlin (40) and in joint third position were Australian Salmon and Brown Trout (18). Tag & Release was again the most popular division.

With many ANSA NSW issues on the table and still unresolved in 2015/2016 it is hoped that more headway and a stronger and more stable presence is presented on behalf of all NSW anglers in NSW on the back of the strength that ANSA NSW and its clubs can offer in 2016 / 2017.

Tight Lines,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Konstantaras".

Stan Konstantaras
President
ANSA New South Wales

ANSA Queensland Report

Over the past 12 months ANSA Queensland has been working hard to get the basics right. Although there is still a long way to go, the start we have made is something we are all proud of. With unseen issues arising from last year's AGM and an all new Executive Committee elected, there remain many challenges ahead for ANSA Qld.

At last year's AGM, a curveball was thrown to us when Infofish Australia decided to increase the fee from \$0 to \$45 for ANSA Qld members to access the Qld tagging program which historically has operated under the banner of ANSA Qld. The new changes to the monitoring and tagging program offered by Infofish Australia saw three of our clubs leave ANSA.

With overwhelming support from Qld members we have been able to get our own tagging and monitoring program off the ground. Although mindful of the challenges of running our own tagging program, in opposition to that provided by Infofish Australia, we are keen to see how far we can take these unique pink ANSA Qld tags. With the development of recreational fishery management plans and an all new database, we have an opportunity to better keep track of and promote our fishing records, competitions and awards as well as monitoring and researching those areas we fish. This is something that the Executive is excited about rolling out over coming months and will enrich ANSA club member benefits.

In late May of 2016 the ANSA Qld Executive travelled up to Far North Queensland to host our first face to face meeting. The weekend planned by our Vice President Adam Royle was a great success and allowed us to meet with many ANSA club members and obtain feedback about how they would like to see ANSA Qld moving forward. We were also fortunate enough to be a part of the Townsville fishing and outdoor expo with a knot tying competition.

We are also excited about working with ANSA clubs and members to see more members claiming Records and Masters and celebrating these achievements amongst fellow members. With our new database we hope that we are able to improve on our results from last year and publicise the fantastic effort that many of our members put in. As of May this year we had 13 masters and 5 records, a number we are sure we can improve on this year.

Achievements by Clubs			
Masters		Records	
Bundaberg SFC	5	BundabergSFC	3
Cardwell SFC	1	Redcliffe PG&SC	1
Townsville Saltwater	7	Sunshine Coast SFC	1

Next year we will once again hold our State-wide Species Challenge over the May Day long weekend. This will feature Trophy Fish, Champion Angler, Champion Club and Longest Land based Fish on Lure. This year we are also joining in with the National Gone Fishing Day on 16 October which will be a welcomed event on our fishing calendar. Our new database and Entry Form Submission Log online will make it easier for our members to join in the fun and maybe win a prize.

The recent 2016 AGM saw our long time Treasurer, Luc Van Opdenbosch stand down from his position. The ANSA Qld executive and members would like to thank Luc for his 16 years of hard work and dedication to ANSA Qld.

These past 12 months have been extremely busy and exciting for ANSA Qld, the Executive and our members and the challenges of the coming year will keep the Executive very busy. We start this financial year with 24 member clubs all uniquely different but all with a love and passion for fishing.

We are eagerly planning the 50 year anniversary of ANSA in 2017 and are thrilled to announce that Cairns Sport Fishing club will be hosting a celebratory event over 22-25 September. A 2 day ANSA National conference is being planned along with a fishing outing in the Trinity Inlet net free area. The event falls across the middle weekend of the Queensland school holidays so start planning your holiday to destination Cairns asap. This will be one of many highlights for ANSA Qld over the coming year.



Nathan Johnston-President, Adam Royle-Vice President, Andrew Doherty-Treasurer, David Little- Secretary, Beau Britton- Recorder, Madeleine Doherty- Convener, Bob Dover- Tagging Officer

ANSA South Australia Report

Club Reports

Whyalla Sportfishing Club

Over the past 12mths our club has gone through many changes. The Club rooms are in the final stages of being renovated inside and out. Our member commitment is currently at the strongest it has been as can be seen with those wishing to be ANSA affiliated. A fully functional web page is now up and running which I have built with input from members. Web address: wsfc.online

We have just had our annual Trophy Night with a strong turnout with many fish species being weighed in throughout the year.

The club has always been heavily involved with the Whyalla Snapper Competition as was the case for the final one this year. The Club has also promoted various Family orientated competitions during the year.

We have also organised various trips around the state for Members the last being to Venus Bay on the west coast. Currently the calendar for the upcoming year is being put together.

Peter Olivier

Secretary Whyalla Sportfishing Club

Northern Districts Sportfishing Club

This Season has been a great one for the Northern Districts Sportfishing Club. We had 12 venues which were wide spread from Sceale Bay on western Eyre Peninsula right through to Port MacDonnell in the South East. Most venues though were on Yorke Peninsula in places like Edithburgh, Port Victoria, Butlers Beach, Port Hughes with the most popular venue being Marion Bay. Marion Bay is always popular and this year the fishing didn't disappoint with plenty of Southern Bluefin Tuna, Blue Morwong, Bight Redfish and the odd Samson Fish and Yellowtail Kingfish.

We had 34 participants across the venues including 4 junior and 4 sub junior members. There were 13 boats that hit the water for various venues this year which was up by a couple on last year. Tagging is encouraged in the club and this year has been a good year for taggers. Simon Green managed to tag a bag of snapper in St Vincent Gulf (5 x 38-60cm & 2 x 60+cm). Paul Wolfendale tagged Jacob Maiolo's 79cm salmon off Sceale Bay in January and it was re-caught 90 days later in Geographe Bay in WA at the same size. This fish had swum 2100km with an average of 23km a day. Plenty of other Snapper, Salmon, Yellowtail Kingfish and KG Whiting were tagged to hopefully be re-captured again one day.

Plenty of spectacular fish have been caught this year. None better than Paul Wolfendale's 126.63kg Southern Bluefin Tuna on 37kg line from Cape Jaffa in October 2015. This fish broke the magical 500 points with a 513.36 points. Well done to Paul on catching the fish of a lifetime. Other great fish caught include Darren Giersch's 7.91kg Samson Fish on 3kg line, Matthew Emery's 14.57kg Southern Bluefin Tuna on 6kg line, Simon Green's 1690cm Southern Bluefin Tuna and club junior, Jacob Maiolo's 79cm Salmon. Plenty of Australian and State records have been set by club members this year including Paul's massive Tuna, Darren's Samson Fish, Jacob's Salmon and a swag of other fish caught. Plenty of Masters fish (250 point, 100 point and length only) were also caught this year. Worthy of a mention is Jacob Maiolo, in just 1 year of fishing has managed to get 10 Masters length only fish which is a fantastic effort, especially for a junior and Marcel Vandergoot achieved his 22nd length only masters fish.

We had a couple of outings this year which included a NDSFC awareness day at The Dorsal Fin. We set up the fish fighting simulator, cooked a sausage sizzle and handed out nice cool drinks on the 38 degree day. We also set up the fish fighting simulator at the Port Adelaide BCF member's night and everyone enjoy it. The other outing we had was at the St Kilda fishing day in which again the fish fighting simulator was set up. Rods, rigs and bait was handed out to some 200 kids that had pre-registered for the event.

Everyone who attended meetings, venues and events had fun and we hope that that continues into the coming year.

Simon Green
Adjudicator

Lower Murray Lure Casting Fishing Club

This last year has been the LMLFC has come along in leaps and bounds and it is now obvious we are seen as custodians of the river Murray.

In the last 12 months our members have been involved in some monumental projects for South Australia such as the very first stocking of Murray cod at various locations on the river.

Another great project that the club has been involved in is the Murray cod FRDC project and Mick Wilson and myself have spear headed this , sorting out the sampling locations, logistics and on ground organisation. Working with Pirsra, Sardi and Recfishsa we are cementing our name as the go to guys to make things happen. Onto our members we are hovering around 50 junior and senior members combined all of which are ANSA members too which means we are the biggest ANSA affiliated club in South Australia. Since aligning out self with ANSA our members have embraced the rules and extra challenges of line class and record setting.

Lucas Weaver

South Australian Sportfishing Association

SASA is still active.

The club had a very successful trip to Coffin Bay in May and another trip is being planned for the same time next year, The club is also planning a Barra trip to the Daly River in June next year

Knut Gassmanis continues to provide good leadership to the club.

David Ellis
SASA Secretary

Steel City Sport Fishing Club

Membership of the Steel City Sportfishing Club has remained consistent over recent years at 35 members. Membership cards are distributed annually to each member.

All members receive a comprehensive list of member call signs, and contact numbers; some of the lists are laminated and sold as fundraising, for members to carry in boats and caravans.

The club enjoys many social activities: monthly barbecues/casserole get togethers including nationality night and Australiana night; annual Presentation Dinner and Christmas Dinner; Father Christmas Barbecue for children and grandchildren. The SCSFC night owls bowls team was more successful than previous years.

The social activities include members supporting each other with help for vans, trailers, houses, boats and fishing.

Monthly meetings, in addition to the above-mentioned barbecues, are held during eleven months of the year at houses of members, followed by supper. Members pay \$1 every meeting towards club funds.

At the meetings, reports and feedback are given on various local fishing related issues: ramp fees, grants for Pt Lowly ramp, PIRSA concerns, tagging recaptures (only three members tagged a few fish during the past year – with Andrew Kalisch's tagging and recaptures being outstanding), coastal questionnaires, KG whiting papers and questionnaires, and local fish related meetings. ANSA reports are provided by the state President, Alan Hall. Highlights from each Fisheries Research and Development Corporation news are circulated to members

Caravanning has become a pastime of many members: jointly this year members camped at Wallaroo. Last year they camped at Coffin Bay. Regular cabin and fishing weekends were at Cowell (Snook during Snapper ban) and Elliston (during Salmon competition). While some members joined the Pirtek competition, and the Australian Snapper Championship Members were part of the continuous 48 hour Sea Rescue radio watch during the Snapper comp as well as volunteering for regular Sea Rescue duties during the year.

Allan Slater
Secretary

Presidents Report

It's good to see clubs and their members undertake many different roles within the community.

Lower Murray Lure Casting Fishing Club this year has been outstanding with their members being involved with fisheries research on the River Murray.

Also worthy to note that in the driest State our biggest club is now a freshwater club.

Congratulations to Lucas Weaver for his efforts.

I myself have been involved this past year with the Fisheries Management Review which has involved reviewing bag and size limits for all species as well as breeding closures.

It was imperative to conduct the review as snapper/whiting/ garfish stocks are in a state of decline. The results of the review are pending.

Alan Hall
President
ANSA South Australia





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ANNUAL REPORT 2016

ANSA members and interested fishers, it is my pleasure to present the SAFTAG Annual report for 2016.

2016 was again a busy year for SAFTAG as we created several milestones over the year.

We placed our 8000th tag and cracked the 1000 tag mark for both Bream and Golden Perch (Callop in SA or Yellowbelly in the east). I am quite chuffed to announce that your author also tagged his 1000th fish this year.

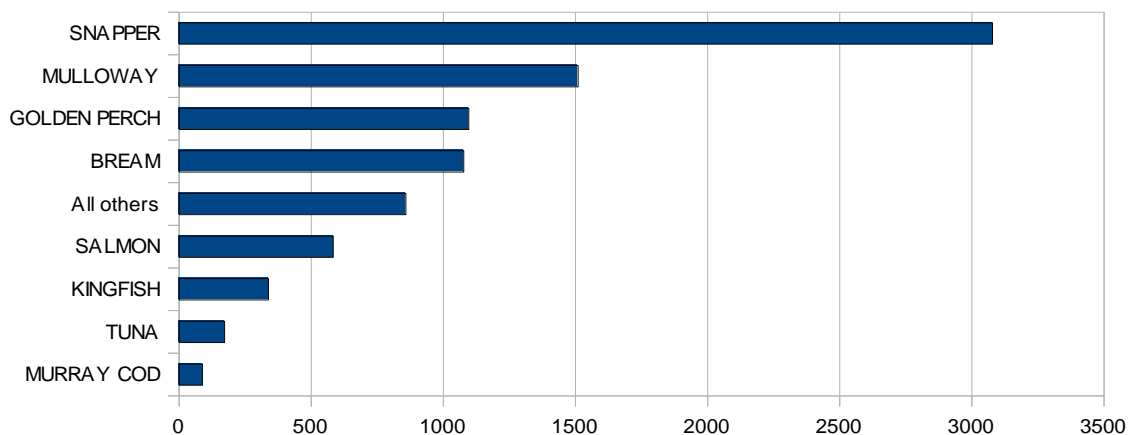
Like last year our focus has been aimed squarely on freshwater natives in the Murray River. Members of our two freshwater clubs, Lower Murray Lurefishing Club and Riverland Angling Club have been working hard tagging Golden Perch and have also upped the tally to 88 Cod now.

Of the four Cod recaptures we have had to date, three were tagged just over the border but this year our first true South Aussie Cod was recaptured. A visiting Victorian angler took the trouble to phone in an 84cm fish that was tagged 457 days earlier at 75cm. Mick Wilson from LMLFC was the lucky drought breaking tagger.

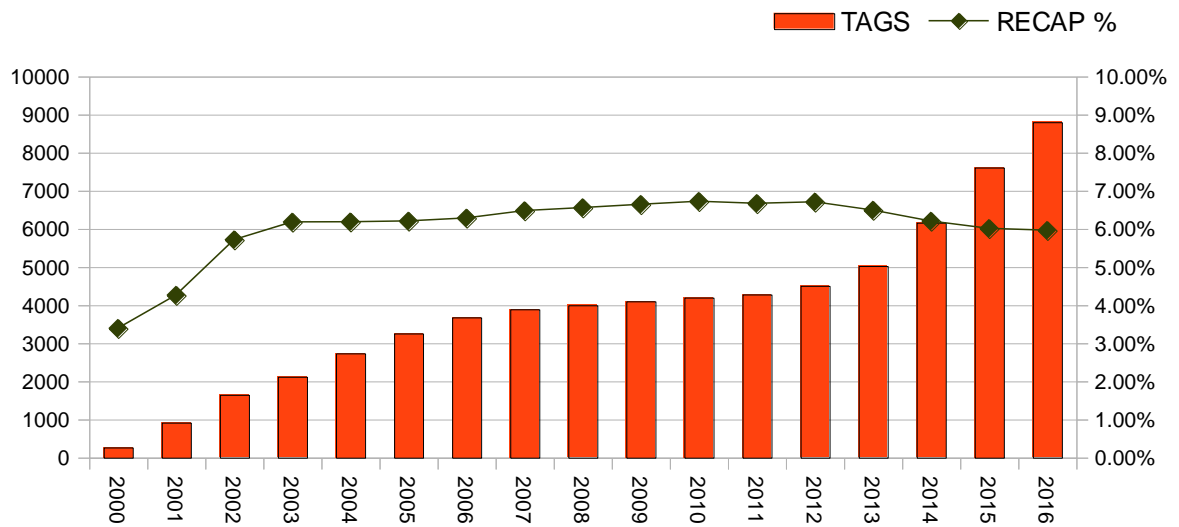
Our most interesting recapture this year is quite possibly a little 40cm Mulloway that was tagged along the Coorong Beach by Blake Piltz of Mulloway Taggers SA on 29 Dec 2015. Over the next 22 days this hungry little Mulloway was recaptured and rereleased a further 3 times, each time a few kms further up the beach.

Longest time out this year was only 795 days for a Port Augusta Kingfish tagged back in September 2014 by Andrew Kalisch from Steelcity SFC. That fish grew from 115cm to 126cm over the 2+ years it was out.

Below is a graphic breakdown of our main tagging species. As you can see Golden Perch are now our 3rd most targeted tagging species. Given the interest in Murray Cod, these have added in as well.



Here's another graphic that displays the total numbers of fish tagged each year and shows how our newer clubs have kept the wheels turning. Members of our older clubs are still tagging some very nice fish but perhaps with a little less enthusiasm.



SAFTAG Tagging achievements have been well supported this year with quite a few new taggers qualifying. Again Golden Perch were the star fish. Here's our list of new recipients.

Tag-A-Bag Masters (10 individual bag limits tagged)

Clive Baxter	RFC	Golden Perch
Mick Wilson	LMLFC	Golden Perch

Tag-A-Bag Double Whammy (2 bag limits in one day)

James Fitzpatrick	MTSA	Golden Perch
Clive Baxter	RFC	Golden Perch
Mick Wilson	LMLFC	Golden Perch

Tag-A-Bag Challenge

Damien Dray	MTSA	Golden Perch
Simon Green	NDSFC	Snapper
James Fitzpatrick	MTSA	Golden Perch
Paul Wolfendale	NDSFC	Tuna SBT
Richard Hill	NDSFC	Samsonfish
Lucas Weaver	LMLFC	Bream
Clive Baxter	RFC	Golden Perch
Lucas Weaver	LMLFC	Golden Perch
Nicole Donhardt	LMLFC	Golden Perch
Kym Markwick	LMLFC	Golden Perch

Legendary Taggers (250 tagged)

Mick Wilson	LMLFC	Golden Perch
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Epic Taggers (100 tagged)

Clive Baxter	RFC	Golden Perch
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Thanks must go out to all our taggers and supporters

Cheers

Marcel Vandergoot
SAFTAG Co-ordinator

ANSA SA Recorders Report. 2015 / 2016

This season has been the busiest for several years with the Recorders Office receiving 33 claims, nearly doubling the number of claims from the previous year with 32 claims being awarded. 17 in Line Class and 15 Length Only Records.

The Northern Districts Sportfishing Club claimed 26 Records. 14 Senior and 12 Junior Records, 3 in Sportfishing, 5 in Lurefishing, 6 in Gamefishing, and 12 Length Only. 15 yr old Jacob Maiolo who spends all his spare time fishing was encouraged to join ANSA and in his first year claimed 11 of the Junior Records.

Mulloway Taggers SA, claimed 3 Senior Records, 1 in Lurefishing, 1 in Land Based Gamefishing, and 1 Length Only.

Lower Murray Lurefishing Club claimed 1 Senior Length Only Record.

Young Husband Fishing Club claimed 1 Sub Junior Length Only Record.

Whyalla Sportfishing Club claimed 1 Senior Sportfishing Record.



NDSFC Jacob Maiolo's Junior Length Only Record
790 mm Salmon which was tagged in Sceale Bay SA.
and recaptured 90 days later in Geograph Bay W.A.



NDSFC Jacob Maiolo's Junior Lurefishing Record
4.92kg. Samsonfish on 3 kg. line.



NDSFC's Simon Green with his 1830mm Length Only
Record Bronze Whaler.



Mulloway Taggers S. A. Shane Evans Land Based
Gamefishing Record. 4.988kg Mulloway on 1kg. line.



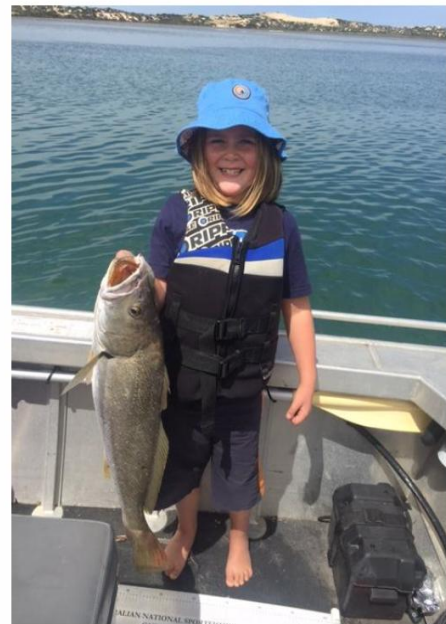
NDSFC Riley Giersch's first Senior Gamefishing Record. 7.55kg Samsonfish on 3 kg. line.



Whyalla's Jeff Ware with a 6.00kg Sportfishing Australian Salmon caught on 4kg line



NDSFC's John Consadine with his Gamefishing 108.50kg. Southern Bluefin Tuna on 24kg. line, and his son Alex with his Junior Gamefishing 91.50kg. Southern Bluefin Tuna on 24kg. line.



YHFC's Taya Harper with her Sub Junior Length Only Record of a 840mm Mulloway.

Paul Wolfendale,
S.A ANSA Recorder.



NDSFC's Darren Giersch with a 4.74kg Lurefishing Yellowtail Kingfish caught on 3 kg. line.

ANSA Tasmania Report

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

Nathan Huizing has continued his sponsorship of Tas' Branch with DUO lures. Nathan has also started competing in local Bream tournaments and has been a contender in all his sponsored tournaments..

Andrew Pender has competed in local Trout tournaments and has dominated these events.

Members have embraced the social aspect of the club and good to see more social gatherings, both fishing and other, starting to happen.

We have attracted some new members who all share a willingness to help out at every opportunity they get.

The Tasmania Bream Classic was once again held this year and by all accounts was a huge success. Member Andrew Pender and myself played a key part in running the event and had great time doing so.

Tasmania's fishing as a whole has been remarkable over the past year. Our newly discovered Swordfish fishery has proven to be world class. Andrew Pender has captured some great "Swords" throughout the season. Our Tuna season has seen large number of Jumbo "Bluefin" captured over the last 4 months, with the season still continuing. Likewise our Kingfish season has been locally one of the best in the last 20 years, with more and more anglers capturing their first.

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 with more new members and even better fishing.

A big thank you to all the committee members for fulfilling their roles and all those that helped make the events run smoothly.

Tom Crawford
President
ANSA Tasmania

ANSA Victoria Report

The months seem to be going by quicker each year and it feels like there is always much more to do and achieve. This past year has seen much happening on the Recreational fishing front in Victoria, with a date for expiry of netting within Port Phillip Bay, the ongoing fight for water to Toolondo, the emergence of a Swordfish fishery on the East Coast of Victoria and the continued threat we face with Thresher Sharks and Southern Bluefin Tuna just to name a few. Whilst all the mentioned topics seem to be under the attention of the many angling groups in Victoria, we at ANSA Victoria will continue to play our role to ensure we secure a positive future for ANSA members and our beloved fishery.

Engagement in these many issues over the past year has been achievable only because of the combined effort of the very committed Branch executive and accordingly a big thank you must go to all who donate their time and effort to make it all happen within ANSA Victoria.

Social media is a great opportunity for ANSA to be promoted and keep members up to date with what is happening and our records data base. Both our Web and Facebook pages are up and running but need to be managed - this will be addressed over the current year.

We continue to stay committed to the students at the Peninsula Specialist College. These students are in their final year of education with their futures uncertain as many of them require full time supervision and are unlikely to ever hold a job. ANSA Victoria has managed to start up a program with the college allowing us to educate these teenagers in what benefits fishing can offer and the practice of sustainability. Over the next 12 months we hope to look at expanding the program to other special schools and we have been encouraged with members of Southern Boat Sportfishing Club showing interest in perhaps having a direct role with this program. We will support them in anyway needed.

ANSA has made its opinions clear to Fisheries and VRfish regarding what action we feel should be taken on the decline of Sand flathead stocks within Port Phillip Bay. Unfortunately the process is very slow and frustrating and this issue will continue to play a big part in discussions into 2017. Fisheries are looking at trialling a stocking program to combat the decline of the population within Port Phillip Bay and much is expected to come out of this.

For the first time in a long time all rounds of the state championship were hosted by affiliated clubs with Southern Boat taking on Lake Eildon. This is going to continue to happen over the 2017 year and hopefully over many more years to come. The benefits clubs derive from hosting a convention are many and for some clubs sufficient cash flow is generated to fund club operations for the entire year.

It was great to see the return of Greensborough & District Angling Club back into ANSA and we will continue to follow up expressions of interest in joining ANSA by a number of other clubs and hopefully secure their affiliation over coming months.

The Victorian State championship is a significant part of our social scene with interaction between ANSA clubs and members of significant importance. Overall championship attendances were on par with numbers from last year and with more promotion we expect attendance numbers should experience growth over the coming year.

Looking forward, we will continue to explore possible avenues to improve ANSA and build upon our membership and as usual counter any curve balls directed our way.

Darren Wloch
President
ANSA Victoria

ANSA Western Australia Report

Membership

Club and membership numbers up and down the coast have remained about the same with a steady stream of new members being recruited. At year end 30 June 2016, Branch membership stood at 350 comprising of 271 seniors and 79 juniors.

ANTAGGERS which are the non ANSA members of Westag, have continued to grow in numbers and servicing this group is becoming a challenge with current limited volunteer and financial resources.

Westag

An extract from the 2015/16 report on Westag by Bill Sawynok from Infofish is quoted below.

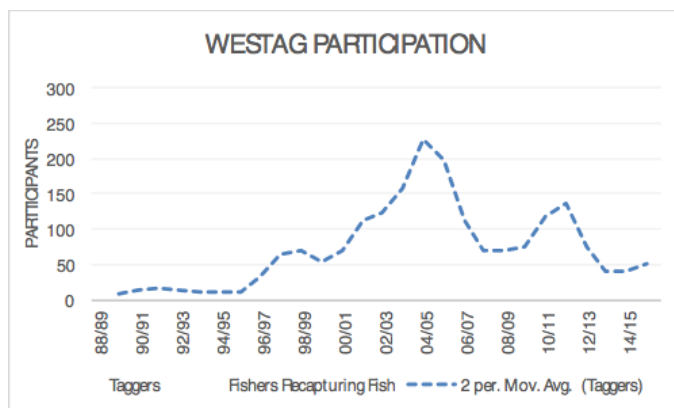
Westag in 2015-16



Westag commenced in 1998-99 managed by ANSA WA. Westag adopted the Infofish database in 2011 and Infofish has provided technical support since then. In 2014 Infofish ran a Citizen Science workshop in conjunction with Westag in Perth looking to provide a more coordinated approach to citizen science and tagging. A report titled “Developing a Citizen Science Culture among Western Australian Recreational Fishers” is available outlining the outcomes from the workshop.

Westag tagging and fishing trip highlights for the year were:

- Total tagged fish in the database is now over 36,600 and over 1,320 recaptures.
- Key species tagged with recapture rates were Samson fish 10,060 (2.5%), Barramundi 4,080 (3.4%), Mangrove Jack 3,950 (3.1%), West Australian Dhufish 2,000 (9.5%) and Sailfish 1,880 (0.1%).
- A total of 1,040 taggers have participated in Westag since 1988-89 and 870 fishers have reported the recapture of tagged fish



Numbers participating in Westag peaked from 2004-05 to 2005-06 where over 100 taggers tagged fish each year. There were also over 150 taggers in 2010-11.

A full report is available though the web site at www.ansawa.org.au

As the challenge and pursuit of records has diminished, membership has taken on board the need for involvement in the field of Citizen Science and much useful information and data is being collected.

Recorder's Report.

A very busy year in the North saw NBSC submit a total of 53 State record claims and 41 National claims. Let's hope the claims continue to roll in and are successfully ratified. Well done Mick and the boys at NBSC for their diligence at the comp weigh ins.

Juniors

The Branch's involvement with ANSA WA clubs and the promotion of junior fishers is ongoing and we are again proud to be associated with the Kalbarri club children's Whiting classic during the September/October holidays.

Old Timers

Some may remember the old West Coast Sportfishing Club. It is now up and running again and there are some interesting photo's of very early days up North on the club's Facebook. Some of these old-timers were the pioneers of ANSA in WA.

The Year Ahead

The citizen science workshop presented ANSA WA with the option of taking over the management and collaboration of all WA tagging programs now that the current managers are exiting from this role. While we will continue to manage the original WESTAG & Sampson science programs we have now been approached to take on management of tagging data from the now defunct Murdoch & Curtin program. Taking on these additional responsibilities will put a strain on ANSA WA voluntary manpower and financial resources.

We are looking at a phone app system that will ease this strain and enable us to streamline and continue tagging activities well into the future.

Steve Wiseman
President
ANSA Western Australia