

Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd

ACN 063 293 514

COMMITTED TO CONSERVATION AND INTEGRITY IN SPORTFISHING
SINCE 1967



ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

Presented in Sydney, NSW
Sunday 29th October 2017

CONTENTS

	Page
Preface	3
National Executive	4
Member Branches	4
Life Members	4
<u>Reports</u>	
National Chairman's Report	5
National Executive Director's Report	7
National Financial Director's Report	11
- Director's Report	13
- Director's Declaration	15
- Financial Statements	16
- Statement of Profit/Loss and other Comprehensive Income	17
- Budget Forecast	20
National Membership Director's Report	22
National Safety Officer's Report	23
National Recorder's Report (Line Class)	29
National Recorder's Report (Trophy Length Only)	30
National Master Keeper's Report	31
ANSA New South Wales Report	32
ANSA Queensland Report	34
ANSA South Australia Report	40
ANSA Tasmania Report	44
ANSA Victoria Report	45
ANSA Western Australia Report	46

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 2016 – 2017

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

As this will be my last report I will try and keep it short. Chances are I may not make it to the AGM however I will be sure trying.

I have been a member of ANSA in my local club, Qld branch exec, and National exec totalling about 47 years. My time in National started in 1983 when Queensland took over management from N.S.W. I did have a break from National for three years from 1993 to 1996.

Here I am now in 2017 retiring from the National executive. Fairly long period for anyone on a National board. After some forty years I am entitled to some long service leave.

Many things have changed over the years, many changes in the people who try their very best to run the association. I believe the current national board are extremely dedicated to the job in keeping ANSA and the recreational fishing industry up to date with all the ups and downs of the politics, both federal and state.

Need I say I wish the current and new executive all the very best for the future.

I must congratulate John for all the effort and time he puts into trying to keep the recreational fishing industry alive and active especially on the federal front. His energy and dedication to our cause is unmatched.

Other members of the board that have impressed me are Joe with his enthusiasm and drive keeping the membership records and running ansaware shop.

Stan and his Angel Ring project throughout the whole of Australia will probably never be matched again, the number of actual lives saved by his Australia wide project is quite unbelievable, though it is hard to get any estimated numbers out of him.

The records are kept by three valued members, Ken, Phil, and Knut all work behind the scenes with capture records and master's records. Sue Malton looks after the financial side of the association. The job is never over until the paperwork is done.

The web site is going well with some savings in hosting fees, we did pick up a couple of sponsors who advertise on the site. Thanks to them for the assistance. The sounder book by John Adams is a real beauty.

The web site averages at about 800 hits a month from mostly Australia however many are from overseas countries. I have been keeping the site up to date for quite some time. (since 1996), that may have to cease sometime in the future.

I was not able to attend the 50th anniversary on the formation of ANSA in Cairns however I know John represented the board and spoke about the national executive, the association and its future. I look forward to a report from John about all the addresses and events.

I did manage to get to the wake of Vic McCristal, one of the founders of ANSA in Cardwell a couple of years ago so missing the 50-year anniversary was not as disappointing as it could have been. Meeting old friends again would have been quite a joy for me as I knew most of the old Queensland members from years ago.

As far as this Chairman's report is concerned I have enjoyed the experience. The job would have been much harder had the other members been any less than expected. John has been the main exec member being able to meet all the main parties involved in the recreational fishing industry. His involvement with the various bodies that liaise directly to the ever-changing ministers has assisted recreational fishing greatly. Living in Sydney means far less travel expenses than living in far north Queensland.

I feel the ANSA rule book should soon go only on the web site. The Printing and postage of the books is a huge expense that saving could be used for more promotion of ANSA.

This is something that should be looked into some time in the future.

I end this short report now and remember my last retirement report when I handed over to Geoff Hawkins in 1993. I think my report went on for around seven pages.

To the incoming chairman and board members I wish you all the best for the future and may you enjoy it as much as I have.

Thanks

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

Ron Poole
Chairman (Retired as from today)
ANSA National
M.0417787360

National Executive Director's Report

The 2016/17 year was once again a very busy year for ANSA at a National and State level. There seems to be a never ending pattern of challenges to recreational fishing and our fisheries that if left unchecked, the resultant outcomes will have dire consequences for all current and future generations of recreational fishers.

It is impossible for ANSA to tackle all these threats and challenges alone and it is imperative that all recreational peak bodies - state and national - which have recreational fishing at heart, rally together and speak as one voice in advocating for the promotion and protection of recreational fishing and preservation of the marine environment and fish resources across all boundaries.

Nationally, we are indeed fortunate to be supported by the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF). ANSA is a foundation member of this body and plays a pivotal role in looking out for the national interests of recreational fishers and engaging with government and the many government agencies that have influence and say in the direction and management of our fisheries and the marine environment.

Via our membership involvement with ARFF we have access to and support from other National and State bodies which include –

Australian Fishing Trade Association
Game Fishing Association of Australia
Australian Underwater Federation
Recfish Australia
Boating Industries Alliance Australia
Keep Australia Fishing
Recreational Fishing Alliance NSW
VR Fish Victoria
Sunfish Queensland
Recfish South Australia
Recfish West Australia
Tarfish Tasmania
AFANT Northern Territory

ANSA at a Branch level also has a direct relationship with many of the abovementioned via their own membership of and representative voice on such bodies. This multi layered level of representation ensures that ANSA's voice is well heard, respected and acted upon.

At a National level we also maintain a close working relationship with the Australian Government, especially those on all sides within Federal parliament that have a responsibility for the fishery and environment portfolios. We also have a professional relationship with 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.

ANSA's long term membership relationship with IGFA also ensures that we have a voice and an ally on the international scene. It is no easy task interacting with the many differing factions that are putting recreational fishing in jeopardy but it is gratifying how successful we can be as a collective voice by presenting well thought out alternative scenarios and possible solutions in an objective and persuasive manner. It is not surprising that within the ranks of government and those agencies that drive and influence recreational fishing policy and outcomes there are many individuals who themselves are recreational fishers and are behind the scene allies and supporters. We need to seek out such individuals and others with a high public profile and a mind to be helpful and supportive of recreational fishing causes.

We won't win on every issue and at times the best achievable outcome is preservation of the status quo so that recreational fisher's interests are not going backwards. Some of the more significant issues that ANSA is actively involved with include –

- **Commonwealth Small Pelagic Fishery and industrial scale trawling for SPF species.** ANSA been at the forefront of the long and successful national campaign to curtail the activities of large scale factory/ trawler vessels in key recreational fishing locations. We have seen the departure of the Margiris and the Geelong Star and more recently the scrapping of the proposal to Pair Trawl NSW south coastal waters. This threat to our small pelagic fishery just seems to keep resurrecting itself and we need to be constantly on the alert to any new potential threat to exploit SPF species on an industrial scale. The clear message is that the optimum socio economic use for SPF species is to just leave them in the water.
- **Commonwealth Marine Reserves.** After more than a decade of deliberations and campaigning with Federal governments of all sides as well as the Commonwealth Department of Environment, a revised draft plan of management for the Coral Sea, Temperate East, South West, North West and North marine reserves has finally been released for public consultation. This latest draft plan is far more favourable to recreational fishing than any previous plan released by the Labor or Coalition governments and has finally taken into account the basic principle that recreational fishers should not be locked out of the reserves without justifiable science. While it is true that we didn't get everything we were asking for the revised plan does give recreational fishers a vastly improved level of access, particularly in the Coral Sea and Northwest reserves which were the main areas of contention. There is also considerable scope for managed recreational fisher access to green protection zones under the umbrella of citizen science and for artificial reefs and FADs to be located within the reserves to compensate for loss of access to some established reef areas etc. It is an imperative for all recreational fishers that we continue to counter the campaign from the conservation lobby for these latest draft plans to be overturned.
- **Resource sharing.** A hot topic now that the IOTC (Indian Ocean Tuna Commission) has set a 2018 deadline for the Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna quota to include the catch taken by recreational fishers. This will require a sharing of the SBT quota between the commercial and recreational fishing sectors and will set an important precedent for the shared management of other significant commercial fisheries at both a commonwealth and state level. How

such a sharing arrangement can be facilitated and managed will be a major challenge for all stakeholders including government.

- **Murray Darling Basin.** With the recent revelation of alleged water theft and corruption within the ranks of those responsible for management of MDB water allocations it a grave concern that environmental flows of water intended for the lower reaches of the MDB may not materialise. This is a major threat to those of us that fish this river system and we need to ensure that measures are in place to protect our inland river systems and the unique marine diversity that goes hand in glove with these important river systems - put simply no water =no fish habitat =no fish
- **White Spot Disease.** To control the spread of this disease we have successfully campaigned for tighter controls on the import of foreign prawn product and the restriction on the sale of imported green prawn for bait and the introduction of an education awareness program for recreational fishers on the use of prawn baits.
- **No Netting.** Successful campaigns in conjunction with State peak bodies to reduce the impact of commercial net fishing on fish stocks via no netting restrictions within bays and estuaries across several states – these campaigns will continue
- **National Code of Practice for recreational fishing.** A revised NCOP has now been finalised and will shortly be released to the broad fishing public. ANSA will be replacing its existing NCOP with the latest version.
- **Angel Rings.** Ongoing roll out of the Angel Ring / Fishing Safety Education project.
- **Gone Fishing Day.** Initiation and ongoing development of Gone Fishing Day on a national basis
- **Commonwealth Recreational Fishing Council.** Government acknowledgement of the need for an adequately resourced Commonwealth Recreational Fishing Council to give recreational fishers the level of representation and advocacy that aligns with the socio economic value of recreational fishing
- **Representation.** More equitable recreational fisher representation on national and state bodies responsible for fishery and environmental management and enhancement of the skill and knowledge base of recfisher appointees
- **Economic Value.** Support for the conduct of a national / state by state study into the socio economic value of recreational fishing
- **Recognition** of recreational fishing in Commonwealth and State Fisheries Management Acts
- **Research.** Support for enhanced investment in fisheries research and recognition of the role and value of citizen science
- **Tagging.** Support for the roll out of a tagging program in every State
- **Carp.** Involvement in the rollout of the national campaign to eradicate carp from our river systems and the restocking with native species
- **Grey Nurse Sharks.** Ongoing involvement with the National Grey Nurse management Plan

- **Endangered Species.** Ongoing opposition to international proposals to list important shark and other game species as endangered or threatened rendering recreational fisher interaction with such species illegal
- **Fishing Education.** Engagement in the development and delivery of a national recreational fishing education programme
- **Barrier Reef Protection.** Support for the campaign to stop dredging of Abbot Point and the dumping of spoil on the Great Barrier Reef to facilitate the shipping of coal from the controversial Adani coal mine project
- **Contamination.** Ongoing campaign to protect our marine environment from industrial contamination. The most recent national threat being PFOS and PFOA compounds associated with fire fighting foam used at military and public airports. Impacts of marine seismic testing for oil and gas exploration have also been challenged
- **Pump Screening.** Support for the installation of mesh screens on inland waterway irrigation pumps to minimise mortality impact on juvenile freshwater fish species etc.
- **Platypus.** Support for the campaign to introduce Platypus friendly yabby traps
- **State Issues.** ANSA National is always ready to assist and support Branches on any issue that has potential impact on its membership and fishing related activities

ANSA is also at the leading edge of fish habitat preservation and rehabilitation initiatives both nationally and at a state level via its membership of Ozfish Unlimited and the NSW Fish Habitat Partnership. ANSA is a foundation member of both these organisations whose charter is to lead the charge on projects and funding essential for the rehabilitation and preservation of our national waterways and to rejuvenate fish stocks back to levels they were in our grandparent's time - no mean feat but at least the game has started.

2017 will also see ANSA celebrate its 50 year anniversary and ANSA National will be collaborating with ANSA Qld to host a celebratory event cum conference in Cairns over September 2017. This event will be open to all ANSA members – old and new and will be a great opportunity for all of us to celebrate our achievements over the past 50 years and to look at what the future holds for ANSA and recreational fishing. Local government requirements for establishment of a memorial at Cardwell for the late Vic Mc Crystal and Eric Moller - foundation members of ANSA - will hopefully be finalised in time for the celebrations. This would be a very fitting anniversary achievement.

This is a once again a remarkable level of activity by a very small group of individuals who also play vital roles in keeping ANSA at the forefront of recreational fishing by ensuring that its sport fishing activities and member services are in tune with member needs and for ANSA to be the organisation of choice for all recreational fishers. A special thank you is extended to all on the National Executive and others who play their part.



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

National Finance Director's Report

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD ABN 80 063 293 514

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

Financial statements for the financial year end 30 June 2017 together with comparative results for the preceding year are appended. The following points are highlighted:

a) The Association traded at a deficit of \$214 for the 2016/17 year. This was substantially better than the forecast deficit of \$8900. 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 \$10000 in grant money would be taken in as income for the year and project expenditure of \$10000 incurred. The reality was that only \$1139 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 2016/17 results would have seen the association generate a surplus of \$925.

b) Income over the 2016/17 year of \$17365 was substantially less than budget \$29800 due mainly to the non receipt of any further Angel Ring FRDC grant money - \$10000 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 \$14369 (budget \$16000) and a \$500 shortfall in expected website sponsorship which will hopefully be recovered over 2017/18.

c) Expenditure over the 2016/17 year was \$17579 as compared to budget \$38700. Other than for the impact of the FRDC AR grant expenditure (actual \$1139 / budget \$10000), the main variances to budget were non- payment of auditor fees \$2000, promotions \$1000, computer upgrades \$500 and donations/tributes \$100 – these will be carried forward into 2017/18 Savings were also achieved in the cost of travel/accommodation, phone/internet services, website maintenance and ANSA Ware cost of goods sold.

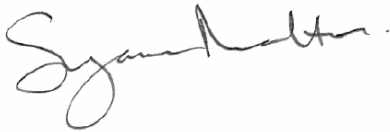
d) The Association at year end 30 June 2017 possessed total assets of \$104950 (\$105134 @ 2016) consisting primarily of cash at bank \$19138, term deposit \$78969, ANSA Ware stock on hand \$6488 and accrued but unpaid interest \$325. The association has no external liabilities. Overall the Association had a net equity of \$104920 at 30 June 2017 but this includes \$11226 of unexpended FRDC grant moneys.

e) A financial budget forecast for the 2017/18 is attached. For the coming year the association is forecasting a cash deficit of \$11050. This deficit is predicated on income for the coming year of \$18000. 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 2016/17.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

Expenditure of \$29050 is forecast for 2017/18. Travel expenditure for meetings etc has been budgeted at \$9000 (\$7366 over 16/17). Other major expense will be a \$4000 subsidy of the ANSA 50 year Anniversary event in Cairns – already \$996 has been expended over 16/17 and extra travel cost has been factored into the 17/18 budget. Angel Ring expenditure of \$3000 has been projected and carried forward budget expenditure for Audit fees \$2000, ANSA promotion expenses \$1000, trade mark registration \$500 and computer upgrades \$500 have been extended into the 2017/18 year budget.

Exclusion of the FRDC grant funding and related \$3000 expenditure should see the association generate a notional deficit of \$8050 over 2017/18. 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.



Sue Malton
Finance Director
8 October 2017

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ABN 80 063 293 514

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors of Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd (the Company) submit the following special purpose report made out in accordance with a resolution of the directors in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Directors

Your directors present their report on the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2017. The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Chairman Mr Ron Poole	(Rasmussan QLD 4815)
Executive Officer/Director Mr John Burgess	(Maroubra NSW 2035)
Business Director Vacant	(Vacant)
Finance Director/Treasurer Mrs Suzanne Malton	(Kalbarri WA 6536)
Membership Services Director Mr Joe Garufi	(Mascot NSW 2020)
Research Director Vacant	(Vacant)
Promotions Director Mr Ron Poole	(Rasmussan QLD 4815)
Director/National Masters Keeper Mr Knut Gassmanis	(Morphett Vale SA 5162)
National Recorder Mr Phil Turner	(Yarrawarra NSW 2233)
National Recorder Mr Ken Johnson	(Cardwell Qld 4849)
National Safety Officer Mr Stan Konstantaras	(Pagewood NSW 2035)

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

Principal Activities

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

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

Operating Results

The Company made a loss for the financial year of \$214.

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

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

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Matters Subsequent to the End of the Financial Year

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

Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

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

Environmental Regulations

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

Officer, Auditor or Accounting Reviewer Indemnification

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

Proceedings on Behalf of the Company

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

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

Audit Independence

The auditor does not currently provide the Company with any non-audit services.

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2017 has not yet been received.

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



John Burgess

Director

8 October 2017

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ABN 80 063 293 514

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd declare that:

- (a) the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2017 and performance for the year ended on that date of the Company;
- (b) in the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001;
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (d) we are not aware of any circumstances at the date of this declaration that would render any particulars included in the financial report to be misleading or inaccurate.

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



John Burgess
Director
8 October 2017

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ABN 80 063 293 514

STATEMENT OF PROFIT / LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017	2016
			\$
Revenue from Ordinary Activities			
Affiliation Fees		14,369	17,315
ANSA Ware Sales		1,386	1,082
Interest Received		1,610	1,856
Web Sponsorship		0	550
Government Grants – Angel Ring Project	Note 1	0	0
Total Revenues		17,365	20,803
Expenditures			
Travel & Meeting Expenses		7,362	11,611
Peak Body Subscriptions		904	550
Post & Stationary		2,044	2,564
Insurance		455	695
Phone & Internet Expenses		1,386	1,882
Website Expenses		421	94
Records & Masters Expenses		1,483	288
Computer Upgrades & Supplies		0	0
Cost of Goods Sold	Note 2	1,190	592
Trade Mark Fees		0	0
ASIC Fees		94	92
Rule Book Printing		0	3,555
Donation / Tributes		0	186
Line Tester Service Fee		0	462
Conference Fees		105	275
Bank Fees		0	0
50 th Anniversary subsidy		996	0
Angel Ring Project Expenses	Note 1	1,139	4,184
Total expenditure		17,579	27,030
Profit / (Loss) Before Income Tax		(214)	(6,277)
Income Tax Expense	Note 3	0	0
Profit / (Loss) After Income Tax		(214)	(6,227)

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ABN 80 063 293 514

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current Assets			
Cash		19,138	12,780
Term Deposit		78,969	87,461
Inventory		6,488	4,670
Receivables – Interest		<u>325</u>	<u>223</u>
Total Current Assets		104,920	105,134
Non Current Assets			
		0	0
Total Assets		104,920	105,134
Current Liabilities			
		0	0
Non Current Liabilities			
		0	0
Total Liabilities		0	0
Net Assets		104,920	105,134
Equity			
Retained Profits		104,920	105,134
Total Equity		104,920	105,134

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ABN 80 063 293 514

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Receipts from Operations	16,055	18,947
Payment to Suppliers	(19,697)	(26,438)
Interest Received	1,508	1,903
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	(2934)	(5,588)
Net Increase / Decrease in Cash Held	(2934)	(5,588)
Add, Opening Cash Brought Forward	100,241	105,829
Closing Cash Carried Forward	98,107	100,241

STATEMENT OF CHANGES TO EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Members Equity at 1 July	105,134	111,360
Profit / Loss for Period	(214)	(6,227)
Rounding		1
Members Equity at 30 June	104,920	105,134

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

Note 1 – National Angel Ring Project

Grant from FRDC 2012	22,000
Grant from FRDC 2013	24,420
Grant from FRDC 2014	0
Grant from FRDC 2015	0
Grant from FRDC 2016	0
Grant from FRDC 2017	0
Total Grants Received	46,420
Grants yet to be Received from FRDC	53,580
Total FRDC Grant	100,000

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ABN 80 063 293 514

Grant Expenditure 2012	1,367
Grant Expenditure 2013	9,132
Grant Expenditure 2014	13,944
Grant Expenditure 2015	5,428
Grant Expenditure 2016	4,184
Grant Expenditure 2017	1,139
Total Grant Expended	35,194
Grant Expenditure yet to be Incurred	64,806
Total FRDC Expenditures	100,000

Note 2 – Cost of Goods Sold

Opening Inventory 1 July 2016	4,670
Add, Purchases	3,008
Less, Closing Inventory 30 June 2017	6,488
Cost of Goods Sold	1,190

Note 3 – Income Tax

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 – Registration Address

The registered office of the Company is 6 Byrne Crescent Maroubra NSW 2035.

Note 5 – Directors' Opinion

In the opinion of the directors, the Company did not have any contingent liabilities at 30 June 2017 (30 June 2016 – None)

Note 6 - Events Subsequent to Balance Date

Other than items already recognised in the financial report, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely in the opinion of the Directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

End of financial report

Reconciliation of trading results to budget for year ending 30.6.2017
Budget forecast for 2017/18 financial year

	<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>2017/18</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2014/15</u>
Income								
Branch affiliation fees	15000	16000	14369	18000	17315	17000	20568	
ANSA Ware sales	1000	1500	1386	1500	1082	1000	1232	
Bank Interest	1600	1800	1610	2000	1856	3000	2445	
Web Advertising	400	500	0	400	550	200	0	
FHP Memb Fee. NSW Co-contribution	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	
Govt grants - Angel Rings National	0	10000	0	53600	0	53600	0	
Total Income	18000	29800	17665	75500	20803	74800	24245	
Expenditure								
Travel/ Accomodation/ Meals	9000	12000	7362	12000	11611	10000	14065	
Recfish membership	0	0	0	500	0	500	0	
IGFA Membership	0	0	54	0	0	600	556	
ARFF membership	550	1000	550	1000	550	500	500	
Other Memberships	300	250	600	250	0	0	236	
Auditor fees	2800	2000	0	2000	0	2800	0	
Insurance	500	800	455	800	695	800	694	
Website	400	300	421	500	94	500	17	
Phone /internet	1500	2000	1386	2500	1882	2500	1895	
Bank fees	0	50	0	50	0	50	5	
Post/ Stationery	2500	2500	2044	2500	2564	2500	2197	
Records/ Masters expenses	300	1500	1483	500	288	200	0	
ASIC Fees	100	100	94	100	92	100	90	
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cost of goods sold	1500	4000	1190	1000	592	1000	684	
Sundries - Angel Ring National Project	3000	10000	1139	70000	4184	75000	5428	
Computer Upgrade/ supplies	500	500	0	0	0	500	24	
ANSA Promotion	1000	1000	0	2000	0	2000	0	
Trade Mark Registration	500	500	0	0	0	0	300	
Line Tester Service	0	0	0	0	462	0	0	
50 Yr Anniversary subsidy	4000	0	996	0	0	0	0	

	Budget 2017/18	Budget 2016/17	Actual 2016/17	Budget 2015/16	Actual 2015/16	Budget 2014/15	Actual 2014/15
Rule Book printing	0	0	0	8000	3555	0	0
Conference Fees	500	0	105	300	275	1000	0
Donations/Tributes	100	200	0	0	186	0	0
Total Expenditure	29050	38700	17879	-104000	27030	100550	26691
Net profit/(Loss)	-11050	-8900	-214	-28500	-6227	-25750	-2446
Notional Adjust for Angel Ring Project income/ expenses	3000	0	1139	16400	4184	21400	5428
Notional Net Profit/ (Loss) after adjust for Angel Ring Project	-8050	-8900	925	-12100	-2043	-4350	2982

National Membership Director's Report

ANSA National's total membership at the year ending 30.6.2017 was 2667. This comprised of New South Wales 1171, Queensland 562, Victoria 333, Western Australia 349, South Australia 220 and Tasmania 32. These numbers are down compared to last years membership tally of 2996. New South Wales membership decreased by 9. Queensland's membership decreased by 312 members. South Australia's membership increased by 56 members; Victoria's membership decreased by 53 members; Western Australia's membership decreased by 24 members and Tasmania's membership increased by 11 members. Overall ANSA National's membership decreased by 331 members nationally.

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 2017/2018 year and are due on the 31st October 2017. 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 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 900 likes and rising. This is an approximate 6% 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

National Angel Ring Project

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.

ANSA is writing up its final FRDC report for approval and has taken steps to complete the FRDC project but will continue to work with all the States on rockfishing safety matters.

Below is a snapshot of the Project:

Western Australia:

A total of 25 new rings were installed under the project and factoring in the additional work that Recfishwest undertook the total number of rings installed under the Project is 55 and increasing every month as ANSA continues to support the state under the Project. It has been extremely satisfying to also have 3 lives saved in WA as a direct result of the project and the awareness around rockfishing safety that an installed angel ring generates on the rocks is vital in better educating anglers around fishing safely.

Australian National Sports Fishing Association (ANSA) provided Recfishwest with Angel Rings and education and awareness material throughout 2013, 2014 and 2015 to help establish a rock fishing safety strategy in Western Australia in an attempt to ensure all fishers return home safe after a day's fishing.

ANSA initially supplied Recfishwest with approximately 20 Angel rings to be installed at Steep Point (Shark Bay), Albany and Esperance – all high risk rock fishing locations in Western Australia.

ANSA also helped Recfishwest set up a satellite tracking initiative where the Angel Rings supplied contained tracking devices. These devices had a limited year life span and were used to notify authorities when an Angel Ring was either deployed in an emergency or if the ring was stolen or lost.

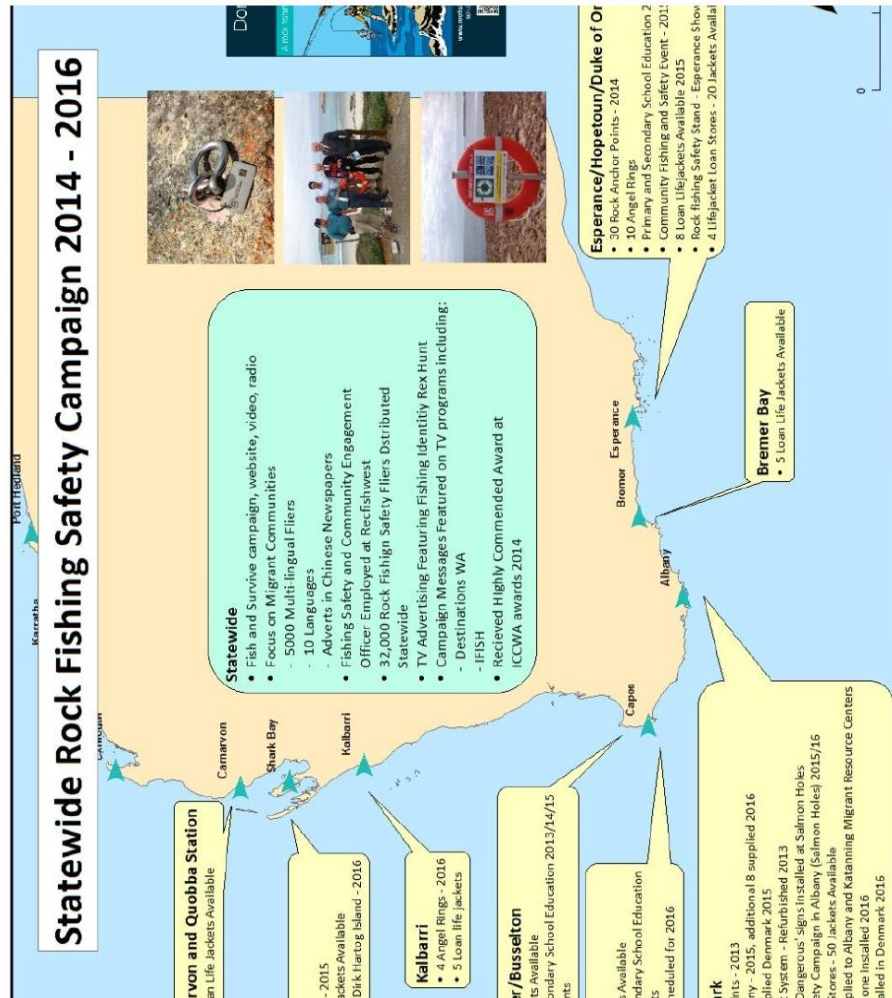
ANSA's rock fishing safety campaign 'Don't Put Your Life on the Line' was a huge success in Western Australia and allowed Recfishwest to drive consistent rock fishing safety messages throughout the community to engage people, both fishers and non-fishers, to incite behaviour change around the dangers of rock fishing

Since the initial aid provided by ANSA, Recfishwest has expanded the Rock Fishing Safety Strategy state wide and now see:

- 50 Angel Rings installed at high risk rock fishing locations
- 150 free life jacket loan locations
- Development and implementation of the new 'Fish and Survive' campaign

- Developed new educational and awareness material, including multi-lingual fliers
- Held safety workshops and on sight education days at high risk rock fishing locations
- Engaged local fishing clubs to install Angel Rings in their regional towns

ANSA and Recfishwest also sourced locally made 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 could be made locally.



WA Press Release

Milestone for rock fishing safety as 50th Angel ring installed

Wednesday, 3 May 2017

50 Angel rings have now been installed at high-risk locations across the State

- There have been 26 rock fishing fatalities in Western Australia since 2002

Fisheries Minister Dave Kelly has praised the efforts of Recfishwest and land managers across the State for installing 50 Angel rings at some of the State's most popular and dangerous rock fishing locations.

Angel rings, also known as life rings, are a buoy designed to be thrown to a person in the water and provide them buoyancy until they can be pulled to safety.

The 50th Angel ring was installed in the Capes region in the State's South-West last month, and follows on from installations in Esperance, Albany, Kalbarri, Steep Point and Dirk Hartog Island.

The installation of the safety devices has been facilitated by Recfishwest as part of a contractual arrangement with the Department of Fisheries to lead the fishing safety program 'Fish and Survive'.

Recfishwest have worked with land managers around WA, including the Department of Parks and Wildlife, local governments and station owners, to install the Angel rings across the State.

For more information about rock fishing safety,

visit <http://recfishwest.org.au/rock-fishing-safety/>

Comments attributed to Fisheries Minister Dave Kelly:

"The McGowan Labor Government has committed \$140,000 per year over the next three years for the 'Fish and Survive' program in a bid to reduce fishing-related drownings and incidents in WA.

"Rock fishing is a very dangerous pastime, with 26 fatalities recorded since 2002, and so it is important safety measures are put in place to mitigate the risks.

"It is also essential for stakeholders and land managers to work together to establish better safety measures, including to raise awareness around the dangers of rock fishing and provide more Angel rings for high-risk areas around the State.

"I'd like to thank all those involved in getting to this important safety milestone for the fishing community in our State."

Minister's office - 6552 6100

Queensland

ANSA along with Redcliff Council in QLD have installed 2 new Angel Rings in the Stradbroke Island area under the Project.

South Australia

2 Angel Rings were installed under an initiative driven by the City of Victor Harbour.



New South Wales:

The Project has been in travelling at a very slow pace due to the insurance requirements enforced upon us by the Minister and Crown Lands Office in the early part of 2016. We have been asked to secure additional insurance for the Project and have been either trying to or negotiating an outcome for the past 18 months. Our discussions and negotiations with Crown Lands to date and recent representations to the Ministers Office have seen a concerted push to resolve this issue. Our latest correspondence with Crown Lands was on the 27th March 2017 and was positive in heading towards an outcome.

The project continues to replace angel rings in response to calls from the community with an average of 1 every fortnight being replaced. The most recent one was at Kurnell on the 16th April 2017 and Little Bay last week. We continue to monitor rescues as well.



Sutherland Shire - Latest News & Alerts

March 12 2017 · 🌐

KURNELL - Angler rescued after being swept off rocks.

A young man has been transported to St George Hospital this morning (12/3) after being swept off rocks near Kurnell. About 7am, emergency services were called to waters near Cape Solander after reports of an angler in distress. The 20-year-old man, who was not wearing a life jacket at the time, was swept off the rocks as he was fishing. Another angler was able to throw an 'angel' ring flotation device out to the man while a nearby diver also assisted. Police from Marine Area Command were able to pull the man onto a police boat before transporting him to shore. Paramedics treated the man before transporting him to St George Hospital in a stable condition

Latest Media Releases

Water rescue - Snapper Point

Tuesday, 21 March 2017 09:17:52 AM

A woman has been rescued after falling into the water while rock fishing on the Central Coast last night. The 27-year-old woman, who was not wearing a life jacket, was fishing with a man at Snapper Point, within the Lake Munmorah National Park, when she slipped and was swept into the water. The woman was able to swim to a rock ledge where her partner threw a life ring to her, which she has held onto until the arrival of police and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. The woman was winched to safety then flown to John Hunter Hospital as a precaution. She is not believed to have suffered any injuries.

Long wait for life saving device after drowning at Wentworth Falls Lake

B.C Lewis 14 Feb 2017, 8:30 a.m.



'It could save a life or just serve as a reminder that all our waterways are dangerous': ANSA's Stan Konstantaras is pleased that after a drowning and years of inaction life saving guardian angel rings will finally be installed by council at Wentworth Falls Lake.

After years of inaction Blue Mountains Council will install "guardian angel rings" at Wentworth Falls Lake within a fortnight. It follows the tragic death of 16-year-old HSC student Michael 'Mikey' Ryall of Lawson, who drowned while fishing at the popular spot in April, 2014. His family requested council allows the Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA) to install the two life-saving devices at two different locations by the edge of the lake, as well as a memorial seat. Council agreed to the move a year ago but never told the Association they had given it the green light.

ANSA's Stan Konstantaras, who looks after the angel ring program nationally, told the Gazette they did a thorough investigation at the lake after the drowning and found several places where the angel rings would be appropriate – near the dam and the other on the opposite side of the spillway. While the rings were normally placed in coastal locations, frequented by rock fishermen, there had been "precedents set in a dam in Orange – popular with children and fishermen – and also at Wentworth Falls country club's private dam just two kilometres away". Council declined the offer by ANSA and the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers in June 2014. "It has not been for want of trying [to get the rings installed at the lake]. It's ten minutes work," Mr Konstantaras said. "There's been zero correspondence [from Blue Mountains council] ... and no news on the February 2016 decision. "Once we send out three or four emails and still get 'no', we move on to the next project. We're a volunteer organisation and we don't have time to chase things down."

Following inquiries from the Gazette last week a council spokeswoman said the rings and seat were part of "larger civil works project around the dam spillway" and Mikey's family had been notified of the delays. The rings would be anchored to the new works at an unconfirmed date, she said. But when the Gazette revealed ANSA NSW, who would be installing the rings free of charge and had no word from council, council said they would install the rings and the seat within a fortnight and had passed on this news to the family and ANSA. "The work has been planned in such a way that will allow for the easy and temporary removal of the seat when the civil works are done on the spillway," she added.

"Stan is kindly delivering the angel rings and associated apparatus by the end of this week." "It's a good outcome, a brilliant outcome," Mr Konstantaras said, who showed the Gazette the rings at their proposed new home on the weekend.

The rings have a long history of saving lives. In 1993 the life of a rockfishing angler was saved at Moes Rock, south of Jervis Bay by a life ring installed by a bereaved father who had lost his son who was rockfishing at Moes Rock at an earlier date.

ANSA has installed and maintains 131 rings in NSW at publicly accessible waterways, and reports there have been 76 confirmed rescues using the rings.

“And those rescues are just the ones we know about, confirmed by police and other emergency services,” ASNA’s executive officer John Burgess added.

Council will now manage the installation and maintenance of the rings.

Conclusion

The most significant insight learnt was the fact that relying on volunteers was a long drawn out process as opposed to a well-funded and supported peak body or similar. NSW has installed 130 rings that have saved over 70 lives since 1994 and even today struggles to deal with changes of Governments and agency consolidation and essentially has to restart every election cycle, WA achieved 50 rings and 3 lives saved in 4 years with a well-paid persons at the helm to drive this project. A major part of the Project is negotiating the approvals to install the Angel Rings, which are almost always installed on public land managed through various government agencies and various layers of approvals. The areas we are talking about are often vast expanses of coastline that sometimes will see suitable locations many kilometres apart, and in places like WA, often thousands.

The approval process was the biggest obstacles presented to the Project for the other States that lacked full time personal and resources to manage the approval and installation process. What was achieved in WA in a very short 3 year period of time was a direct result of relying on its paid and dedicated full time staff. It took volunteers in NSW close to 15 years to reach a similar milestone.

States with well organised peak bodies and governments supported of fishing safety, like WA kicked a huge goal in getting over 50 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.

Implications

The list of safe locations has grown around Australia under the Project and will continue to grow in states like WA. Lives will continue to be saved and ANSA has made a commitment to continue working with the other states to maintain a level of interest in the Angel Ring Project and assist its volunteer branch members in continuing their efforts for approval and seed funding.

Recommendations

ANSA acknowledges the efforts of all those involved but must consider the benefits of working with peak bodies and paid personnel as a way of fast tracking project deliverables in any future dealings arising from this Project.



Stan Konstantaras
National Safety Officer
ANSA National

National Recorder's Report (Line Class)

During the 2016 – 2017 season 107 Australian Line Class Records have been claimed and 102 of those have been awarded. Two failed line tests and three are pending IGFA World records. Special congratulations to the Nickle Bay SFC for their great effort in promoting juniors and sub-juniors in their club.

Year	Australian Records
2011-12	35
2012-13	40
2013-14	36
2015-16	72
2016-17	102



Jessica Hornhardt
Nth Bluefin Tuna 8.22kg on 2kg SJS



Chloe Hornhardt
Queenfish: 6.28kg on 1kg JG

Records per State

W.A	89
Vic.	10
N.S.W.	4

Most successful clubs:

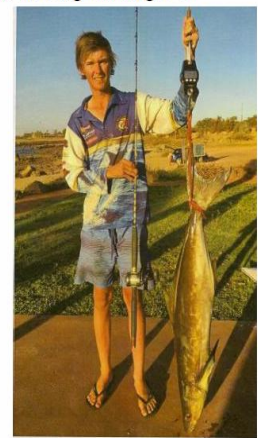
Nickle Bay SFC- W.A. - 88 Australian Records
Bellaring S.F.C.- Vic. - 10 Australian Records.

Most successful anglers:

Max Grasso - 25 Sub-Junior Australian Records
Jessica Hornhardt –17 Sub-Junior Australian Records
Chloe Hornhardt – 12 Junior Australian Records
Toby Mason – 8 Junior, 7 Senior & 1 All Tackle Australian Records



Max Grasso
Narrow Barred Mackerel
10.4kg on 4kg SJS



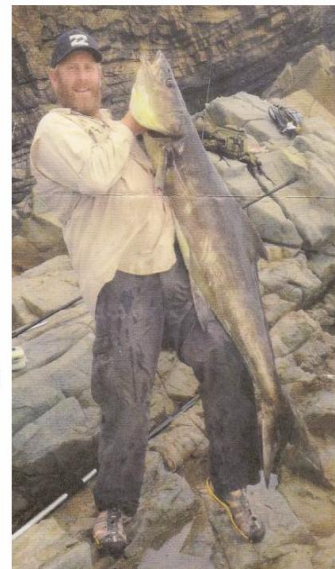
Toby Mason
Cobia 17.3kg on 3 JG

Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Senior	9	0	1	11	1	1	2
Junior	15	1	0	14	0	0	0
Sub-Junior	26	5	0	15	0	1	0



Glen Miller
Quinnat Salmon 4.35kg on 2kg G

Shane Bourke
Cobia 26kg on 15 LBG



Congratulations to all those anglers who gained Australian records in 2016-17.

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 species being submitted. Unfortunately, for some unknown reason the number of record claims did decline to only 19 as compared to 31 last year. Whether this decline is due to changing weather and environmental factors or record size fish just becoming harder to capture or whatever is impossible to say.

On a positive note all States did submit record claims over 2016/17. NSW lead the field with 6, followed by Qld 5, SA 5, WA 2 and Vic 1. This season 8 of the fish were released and 11 kept for personal consumption. The fish that were kept were top quality table fish so there was no evidence of wastage.

Two outstanding captures were Paul Newman's 960cm Saddletail Snapper and Phil Hammon's 1070cm Giant Herring.

There have been some problems with the measuring process and members are reminded of the need to lay the fish flat on the measuring device and the tail must lay in a natural state.

Congratulations to all who achieved National Records and I look forward to receiving more claims this season.

Good Fishing.

Ken Johnson
National Trophy Length Recorder
Kfish1955@bigpond.com
0417114103



Ken Johnson – Ocean Mangro Jack 850.00mm (5.41kg)

National Masters Keeper Report

This year has seen a drop in the number of claims submitted, but it is pleasing to see an increase in the number of Junior and Sub Junior claims that represents 18% of all 2017 claims.

The claims this year are in four main divisions being Sportfishing, Game Fishing, All Tackle and All Tackle Specie. Four States have provided claims being NSW, Qld, SA and WA.

These are represented in the tables below.

Sportfishing

State	Angler	Award	Number of anglers
NSW	Junior	10	1
WA	Junior	10	2
WA	Senior	10	1
WA	Sub Junior	10	1

Game Fishing

State	Angler	Award	Number of anglers
NSW	Senior	10	1
NSW	Senior	20	1
NSW	Senior	30	1
Qld	Senior	10	2
WA	Junior	10	1

All Tackle

State	Angler	Award	Number of anglers
NSW	Senior	10	2
Qld	Senior	10	1
Qld	Senior	20	1
Qld	Senior	40	1

Length Based Specie

State	Angler	Award	Specie
NSW	Senior	50	Shark Dusky Whaler
Qld	Senior	10	Bream Black
Qld	Senior	10	Bream Picky
SA	Senior	10	Cod Murray
SA	Senior	10	Redfish Bight

It will be an interesting concept that when IGFA introduces the Annual Fishing Contest, whether it may be able to be incorporated into the ANSA system, in particular, with regards to Masters Awards.

Knut Gassmanis
Master Keeper
ANSA National

ANSA New South Wales Report

As another has come to a close the delicate art of negotiating recreational fishing access continues as it has for the previous few years. Negotiating is a better word than “fight” in this reports context as we try and stay positive and upbeat, but such negotiations take up an incredible amount of our time at ANSA NSW and the other dual roles the ANSA NSW Executive have taken up. Roles at the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW, ANSA National, Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation, State and Federal government appointed committees and the list goes on and essentially these are all underpinned by a common theme – retaining recreational fishing access to the water, land and resource.

Whilst we are faced with losing access in our state and commonwealth waters due to marine parks and sanctuary zones, gates and fences in our state national parks and along our rivers we are also losing the fight to social media and the instant gratification that the world seems to have embraced. Put a picture of a great fish up and get 1,000,000 hits and 100,000 questions on where, how, what lure, what boat, what tide and give me your spot in the ultimate presumptuous request. Put a story up of a fishing spot that is about to closed and get a luke warm response at best. This is where associations like ANSA NSW have taken up the slack and used its clubs and influence to lobby, petition and just about bang on the doors to keep these spots open. Clubs have and will always be the most coordinated avenue to respond to these threats.

Why the lesson in fishing interaction and its evolution and its effects on groups like ANSA NSW – I continue to hear that clubs these days cannot compete with the millions of fishing groups that social media has created. Yes I agree we need to evolve as an association but we should never lose sight of the fact that just because you belong to 1, 10 or 100 fishing groups on social media means nothing to most of us at ANSA NSW unless you are willing to roll your sleeves up and do the dirty work that the ANSA NSW clubs continue to do. It’s not glamorous writing letters or attending meetings, workshops and consultative groups but it is what it takes to keep our access unhindered to the resource, land and water we fish on and in.

In the NSW scene specifically we have been actively engaged with issues such as:

- Ongoing lobbying for NSW government recognition of the RFA NSW as the official State peak body for all NSW recreational fishers
- Engagement in plans for creation of a Hawkesbury Bioregion Marine Park - including a Sydney Harbour marine park and a campaign for the Harbour be declared a recreational fishing haven
- Lobbying for no netting in the Hawkesbury, Shoalhaven and Tuggerah Lakes and for these waterways to be declared recreational fishing havens
- Continued pressure on agencies such as the EPA, Sydney Water and Councils for the detection and prosecution of offenders for water contamination and fish kill events and also for financial penalties when imposed by the Land and Environment Court to be directed into local habitat rehabilitation and other fishery related projects rather than consolidated revenue. Already we have potentially secured \$200000 for extension of the DPI Mulloway stocking program in Botany Bay from such penalties.
- Pursuing financial offsets for loss of recreational fishing access. It is our goal to build upon the \$5mill for loss of fishing access within Botany Bay which is earmarked for the installation of 2 additional artificial reefs off Southern Sydney and other recreational fishing amenities.
- A watching brief on the draconian "on Street" boat trailer parking regulations which now effectively restrict parking on public streets for a maximum of 28 days across NSW. While only a small number of councils across Sydney are running pilots of this restrictive practice all boat owners and the boating industry should be very concerned if this discriminatory regulation is adopted state wide.

- Campaign to ensure that recreational fishers are not unjustly prohibited from fishing off public jetties and wharves
- Engagement with relevant authorities concerning the regulatory requirements for compulsory wearing of lifejackets by rock fishers. While there is considerable merit in having rock fishers wear lifejackets it is critically important that the type of jacket to be worn is of a recognised Australian standard that is specific and tailored for rock fishing use
- Continued rollout of the Angel Ring programme and safe fishing awareness/ education
- Expansion of the ANSA NSW Newtag programme
- Support for the installation of mesh screens on inland waterway irrigation pumps to minimise mortality impact on juvenile freshwater fish species etc.
- Support for the campaign to introduce Platypus friendly yabby traps
- Involvement and input into the ongoing review of NSW commercial fishing

I know I have fished for 45 of my almost 50 years and hope to keep doing it till I can't, but I also know my own fishing club has opened up my eyes to what is going on around us, increased my fishing opportunities 100 times over and built friendships that social media cannot. Keep this in mind and join ANSA NSW in 2017 / 2018 is building bigger and stronger fishing clubs as beacons in preserving and bettering our fishery in NSW.

Tight Lines,



Stan Konstantaras
President
ANSA New South Wales

ANSA Queensland Report

Recognising our great legacy

It is with great pride that I present to you the 50th President's report for ANSA QLD. It is a humbling experience to lead such a vibrant cohort of clubs and associated members. At this point in our journey as a diverse group of angling enthusiasts, it makes sense to formally recognise the tireless efforts of past and present volunteers. In the last 5 decades

this dedicated

group have shaped,
defined and

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

reinvented what it

means to be socially, ethically and environmentally responsible sportfishers.

If I were to list the people who have shaped the organisation as it stands today, then this report would become more of a novel than it is already! However, it would be remiss of me not to pay homage to the late Vic McCristal. A recent reading of his book, *The Rivers and The Sea* has confirmed the central role this great man played in shaping the formative years of ANSA. His writings provide insight to an individual whose ideals were ahead of the times. He cut to the heart of many issues that deep thinking philosophical anglers ponder even to this day. In his honour this year we have established the Vic McCristal Sportfishing Writers scholarship to nurture the next cohort of deep thinking writers.

With half a century of operation under our belt, we as ANSA members have a great legacy to draw upon. This is no mean feat in an age of instant gratification, instant social connection and constantly changing social dynamics. New social fishing groups with slick marketing campaigns are attracting young anglers. They tick the boxes in building initial hype, but these groups will need to grow and evolve to survive the honeymoon period, let alone 10 to 20 years. And yet they are not alone.

If we are to survive and thrive for the next half century, ANSA QLD must also be willing to grow and evolve as an organisation of clubs and members in order to appeal to the younger anglers. At the same time, we can't afford to lose sight of our core values. One of the founding ANSA members, the late George Bryden Snr, is credited with the ANSA motto Sport-Conservation-Integrity. Each element is seen as being equally important, with conservation being central to all our fishing. These core values are as relevant for anglers today as when they were penned half a century ago and they serve as our anchors in oceans of upheaval and our compass in seas of uncertainty.

Technology fit for the modern day angler

With our core values in mind there is enormous opportunity in setting our course in the future and this is front of mind for the ANSA QLD executive. In this last year, our online fish capture submissions and automated leaderboards became a reality. Any ANSA QLD member can now submit a fish capture and be assessed for all ANSA QLD awards and competitions, with the exception of line class records, which need to be manually submitted because they require more specific information for verification. This online automated fish capture and recognition platform is a game changer for ANSA QLD and our associated clubs and members. There are many positive outcomes, with instant recognition being one and heavily reduced administration another. You can now load a fish capture and this will be automatically assessed and added to the various fish capture and tagging leader boards within 5 minutes of submission. You and your clubs can then actively promote this internally and on social media. This allows for the instant recognition, which is not only desired, but expected in our technologically savvy angling society.

This platform is a huge administration timesaver, and we need it to be! As more members begin using and enjoying the participation and recognition benefits associated with the platform, the system must be able to cope with these increases in fish capture submissions. Already an average of 50 fish captures are now being submitted weekly and this figure is likely to continue to grow as we promote active participation. The manual process of assessing, verifying and updating records and leaderboards by a volunteer recorder would already have reached capacity several times over.

Certificates for awards and recaptures of tagged fish are also now in the process of being automatically created and emailed to deserving recipients. This is another benefit of the system and ticks the box of instant recognition. As our monitoring and tagging program grows in momentum, recaptures are beginning to come through. The tag recapture certificates are generated and sent to the recapturer within 24 hours of submission. An email notification also goes to the tagger along with a weblink to the online recapture record.

Over 80 trophy fish achievement awards were created and distributed recently without the direct manual input of the ANSA QLD executive and this will now continue to occur automatically after verification on 31 July each year.

With all this automation, one would think that a recorder role is no longer required! This could not be further from the truth as we must continue to maintain integrity of process. All of these submissions need verification and ANSA QLD will continue to take verification seriously. This is why it is a requirement to submit photos of fish to be eligible for all of our awards except tagging. As a minimum, awards based on the length of the fish require a photo on a measuring mat and awards based on the species of fish require either a photo with the angler or on a measure. As the state body overseeing the assessment, granting and promotion of these awards, we must take this role and the integrity of the system seriously to ensure the recognition is deserving and sought after by participating anglers.

We also have a rich history of past fishing achievements and these will need to be progressively consolidated and drawn through to this system. This activity won't happen magically on its own and is a priority task for the next two years. An enduring record provides recognition of an anglers' sportfishing achievements and is major drawcard of long-lasting sporting organisations like ANSA.

All of your fishing captures and achievements matter and now ANSA QLD has created a space for you to access this information. Taking this one step further, logging your past fishing captures can also help to unlock future fishing successes. Already your capture records are at your fingertips in one place with dates, locations, species and sizes. This is the first step in collecting valuable capture observations. In future years ANSA QLD will add to this by building other components so that you have a comprehensive online fishing diary at your fingertips. In a time poor world, our goal is to provide you with an integrated solution that rewards your meritorious captures, aids your contribution to citizen science and creates your personal fishing diary.

My Challenge to every member of ANSA QLD both here today and back at home is to try the system! You will find it is easy to use and has a really small learning curve. Once you have tried it, I feel sure that you will want to use it again and again.

Fast and efficient financial transactions are critical to procurement and enable timely provision of services and benefits to clubs and members. In March 2017, ANSA QLD transitioned from cheques to online banking for payments via two step verification. Before this time, many general ANSA QLD expenses were paid for personally and then reimbursed. This approach was not best practice and unwieldy and it has been a relief to migrate to online transfers for a majority of our expenditure.

Refining our angling practices for the future

Importantly we have already moved away from the need to kill a fish in order to receive ANSA QLD awards and formal recognition. As ANSA QLD we endorse and will actively promote keeping of fish for a feed, with the emphasis being on an angler being able to choose which fish to keep without being clouded by a desire to secure ANSA QLD awards and associated recognition. We will continue to encourage the taking of fish for a feed only where it is sustainable to do so. On the surface this may seem a contradiction, however the strategy is vital to our ongoing existence. It is our moral obligation that ANSA QLD systems do not require the unnecessary killing or harming of fish in order to tick a box to secure an award. We have moved away from promoting line class awards as part of this strategy until a comprehensive length to weight system is introduced in future years that provides every angler vying to secure this kind of ANSA QLD award with an option to release the fish.

The practice of catch and release fishing is coming under increasing scrutiny by animal rights groups. They are well funded and capable of changing the non-anglers point of view. Once you start moving the people in a direction you can bet the weak minded politician will follow no matter whether their arguments are factual or emotional clap trap. We have two options, either we can continue to career blindly into the iceberg of social and political correctness or accept that we must continue to find solutions both as individuals and organisations. Encouraging and promoting the active choice for anglers to either release fish or take home a feed when fishing at ANSA QLD competitions is one adjustment. This strategy is used in the Corio Bay Classic, run by the Keppel Bay Sportfishing Club and open to the public. In this competition anglers don't need to weigh in fish to win, but are encouraged to make a personal choice to either release the fish or keep them for food. In 2017 anglers caught 166 fish in this one day event and released 84% of the legal sized fish caught. Offering flexibility and choice also encourages wider participation.

In the coming years it is the catch and release style tournaments who are potentially going to struggle the most with this scrutiny. For ANSA QLD, we can largely avoid the impending storm with another simple, yet strategic adjustment. We are already moving to ensure all ANSA QLD and club run catch and release competitions also contain a fisheries citizen science data collection element. A good example is the tag-a-toga event run by Kingaroy Sportfishing Club. This event is catch and release, with records collected on all fish caught for monitoring and tagging restricted to Saratoga. Capture data is then submitted to ANSA QLD's online fish capture platform, ready for

fishery assessment and analysis. This event is not only fun and social, but is also collecting valuable data to aid in better understanding and management of the fishery. The ANSA QLD online fish capture database, monitoring programs and pink tags are important enablers in this citizen science data collection strategy.

Our work as the Executive

In the first year of our tenure, we spent our efforts stabilising this great organisation and getting the basics right. Our second year has seen a focus on the Aussie Sportfisher Conference and celebrating 50 years of ANSA. The 50 year milestone is an opportunity to reflect and assess the fishing opportunities and experiences we offer and to make conscious adjustments to ensure we are providing something for every life stage of an angler, paying particular attention to nurturing angling families and retirees. The rationale behind this is that market is saturated when it comes to events for young adults and tournament competitive anglers. Honing in on experiences and opportunities for families and retirees also makes sense as this is the demographic most highly represented in our current membership.

I will gladly nominate again for the role of President if the state council considers me a suitable candidate and are happy with our direction. In the year ahead our objectives are to enrich and deepen angler experiences, offer something for every walk of life and give members opportunity to connect, learn and exchange ideas around the common theme of sportfishing. The year ahead provides opportunity for ANSA QLD and our associated clubs to create and revitalise fishing opportunities and experiences. For ANSA QLD, these include annual tours like the Hinchinbrook expedition that kicks off on Tuesday and a Cape York trip in the June/July school holidays next year.

We are also looking forward to working in conjunction with Ipswich United Sportfishing Club to host an Interclub Fishing competition in SEQ sometime during the first half of 2018 and working with Bundaberg SFC to host the Statewide AGM and associated fishing activities at Burnett Heads, Bundaberg during school holidays from 28th – 30th September 2018.

It's Sunday afternoon, and that's very important because we are wrapping up the formal part of our 50 year celebration and going fishing! Fishing is the very reason our organisation and member clubs exist and so we must elevate fishing and socialising together as our highest priority activity.

In closing, I look forward to the year ahead and recognise and thank my wife for her support and help during a very busy year. Thank you Amanda! I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Executive for their hard work and dedication, thanks Team.

Finally and most importantly I would like to thank each and every member of ANSAQ for their passion of our sport and their trust to allow me to represent them. I would like to single out those members who give up their time and become part of their clubs executive or volunteer their time for the benefit of others. A truly magnificent effort- give yourselves a big clap.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Johnston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Going Fishing
Nathan Johnston
President, ANSA QLD
31/08/2017

ANSA South Australia Report

ANSA S.A. RECORDERS REPORT, 2016/2017

The S.A. Recorders Office has been fairly quiet this year with only 11 record claims, and 1 Meritorious Capture claim being submitted. Surprisingly, all 11 were Trophy Length Records, and the Meritorious claim was for a 580mm Mulloway that was tagged, released, and recaptured in less than 3 minutes. It's great to see so many parents encouraging their juniors to get out on the water and have a crack at chasing a record.



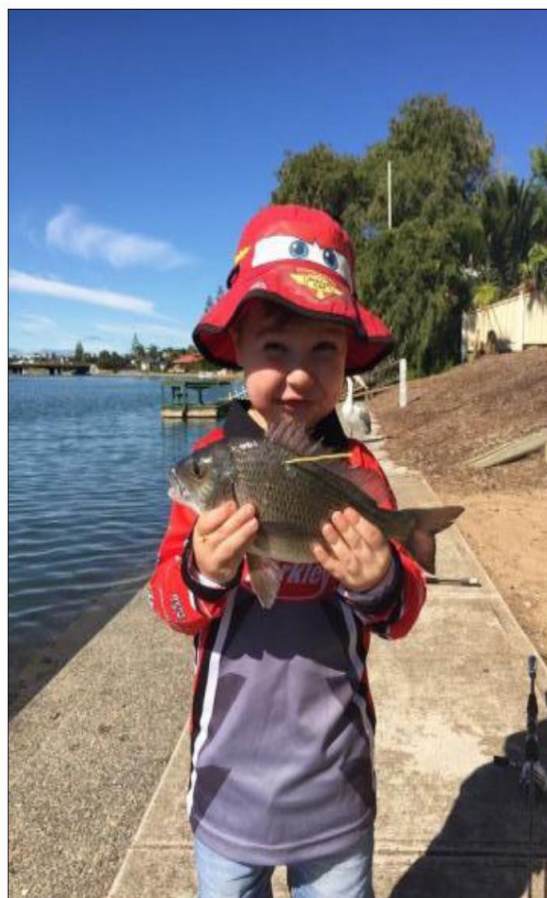
3 year old NDSFC sub-junior Eddie Green with his 440mm King George Whiting captured at Edithburgh, S.A.



3 year old MTSA sub-junior Rhys Fitzpatrick with his 380mm Golden Perch that was tagged and then released at Blanchetown, S.A.



16 year old NDSFC's Jacob Maiolo with his 1160mm Golden Trevally caught out from Hervey Bay, QLD.



3 year old MTSA sub-junior Ashton Stansfield with his 300mm Southern Black Bream that was tagged and then released at West Lakes, S.A.

Northern Districts Sport Fishing Club claimed 7 records with 5 Senior, 1 Junior, and 1 Sub-Junior. Mulloway Taggers S. A. took out the other 4 records with 1 Junior, and 3 Sub-Junior. Congratulations to all the Anglers that have had their captures entered into the Trophy Length Record Book.



8 year old MTSA sub-junior Bailey Evans bragging with his 600mm European Carp captured at Lake Alexandrina, S.A.



NDSFC member Jacob Maiolo is in the action again with this 1110mm Giant Herring, also from Hervey Bay.



A monster 1540mm Samson Fish caught and released near Rottneest Island, W.A. by NDSFC member Simon Green.



3 year old MTSA's Rhys Fitzpatrick is all smiles again with this 358mm Redfin Perch.

Paul Wolfendale,
ANSA S.A. Recorder.





1800 625 901
saftag@gmail.com

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

ANSA members, taggers and interested fishers, it is my pleasure to present the SAFTAG Annual report for 2017.

2017 was another busy year for SAFTAG and we again created several milestones.

We placed our 9000th tag and tagged our 100th Murray Cod. High water and high turbidity made the Cod fishing a challenge but our keenest taggers still managed a few fish.

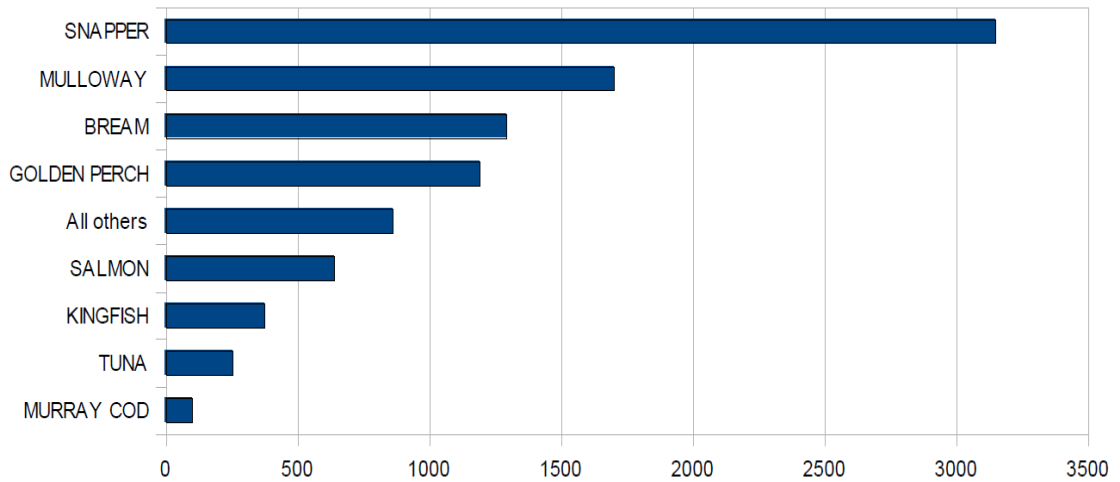
There were several noteworthy recaptures including one little Mulloway tagged in suburban West Lakes which was subsequently recaptured 3 times, pretty much in every corner of the man made lake. I'm led to believe that it's still swimming so good luck to the next lucky angler.

This year we've also seen some large migrations for our Golden Perch with our first significant downstream swim recorded. A fish tagged at Blanchetown by Mick Wilson was recaptured in the middle of Lake Alexandrina which is about as far down as freshwater fish can go.

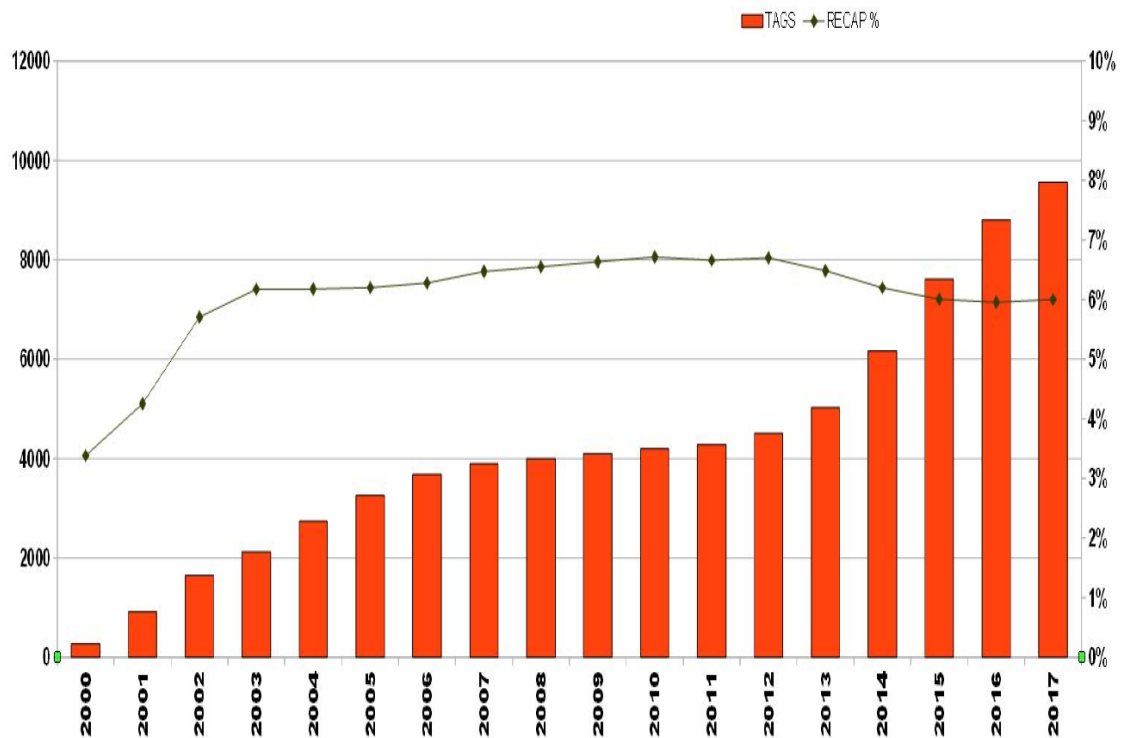
Conversely, we've now had 3 Goldens recaptured at Menindee on the Darling River. Tagged between Blanchetown and Berri these fish have each made massive journeys that for the Blanchetown fish equate to well over 1000km.

Fish tagged at Blanchetown have now been recaptured as far down as Lake Alexandrina and as far up as Menindee which may well cover their whole range on the Darling. I'm not sure whether the Menindee Weir is a dead-end for them or whether there's a fish passage that will allow them access further upstream. If the weather suits, next weekend, I may well take a look.

Below is a graphic breakdown of our main tagging species. Bream have wrestled their way back into 3rd place due to some regular efforts by taggers in West Lakes and the Onkaparinga estuary which are both suburban fisheries. I must say that the apparent health of fisheries in these two areas is surprising. Local councils should be commended as should the local catch and release community. Our state government should seriously consider making both areas exclusively catch and release, to preserve them, as pressure from urban activities grows.



Our second graphic displays the total numbers of fish tagged each year. We're a little down on last year but still moving forward nicely.



Happy fishing
 Marcel Vandergoot
 SAFTAG Co-ordinator

ANSA Tasmania Report



Presidents report ANSA Tasmania

The 2016 / 17 season has been a steady one for ANSATas.

Our core trips have gone off without hitch and by all reports anglers have enjoyed themselves.

Our goal to reduce costs of trips has been a great success with attendance up and trips just as enjoyable.

All trips have been productive with good numbers of fish, with some of our less experienced anglers rising through the ranks to become contenders in competitions. It is great to see more experienced anglers sharing their knowledge amongst members.

I have noticed many anglers catching up for social fishes outside of club gatherings and this I feel is the key to a healthy productive club.

This year has also seen an increase in our regular meetings for southern members. These meetings make organising trips easier and certainly more enjoyable from a social point.

All in all this fishing year has been success with all anglers having a good time and fishing being our main focus. New members have stayed on and it is good to see new members looking to join this year.

I would also like to welcome Beau Pender, our newest junior member and congratulate Andrew and Andrea on their new addition to the family a few months back. We look forward to some fresh competition from the little fella.

Tom Crawford

ANSA Tas President

ANSA Victoria Report

Well 12 months seems to be going by quicker each year, it also feels like there is always much more to achieve. This year has seen much happening on the Recreational fishers front, with a date of expiry for netting within Port Phillip Bay, the ongoing fight for water to Toolondo, the emergence of a Swordfish fishery on the East coast of Victoria. Whilst all the mentioned topics at this stage seem to be very active with many angling groups we at ANSA Victoria will continue to play our roll with making sure we secure a future for us and our beloved fishery.

Of a concern is memberships decreased again in 2016/2017. This is disappointing when we find that we had 100 more members in 2013/14. So again we stress the importance for us all to promote and encourage other fisher's to join ANSA or form a new ANSA club otherwise we risk the demise of ANSA in Victoria.

All Conventions this year again well supported with good numbers in attendance. The competition was hotly contested, so congratulation to all who attended throughout the year. This year we are pleased to confirm that the Portland Sportfishing Club has put their hand up to run a length only, catch and release Convention at Nelson on the Glenleg River. The State Executive congratulates the Portland Sportfishing Club and urges all members to support this convention.

The executive have applied for and have received some grant money from the Stronger Fishing Clubs Grant Program to run an advertising program in the Victorian Monthly Magazine to help promote ANSA Victoria, as part of the advertising program we have been encouraged to provide information that could be used in an editorial in the magazine which is a great way to promote our organisation. So we will need all convention clubs to help with photos and written information to assist. The first add will appear in the October edition, and run for twelve months. Also if any club has an event they would like to promote or provide information on an event that has happened, and then please provide information and photos to help promote ANSA Victoria.

ANSA Victoria has been very instrumental in convincing the government to install a boat ramp in the Maribyrnong River near the Flemington Racecourse for recreational anglers.

Regards

Kevin Hunter
Secretary
ANSA Victoria
Email: ansavic@bigpond.com
Phone: 03 52435703
Mobile: 0408108451

ANSA Western Australia Report

Clubs and member numbers have remained static this year with the new members balanced out by members that move on from clubs.

NBSC remains the largest club in the West followed by CPBA and KOAC with a handful of members.

Our State recorder from NBSC has had a very busy year with record claims;

A Total of 90 state records have been processed successfully.

A Total of 88 National records processed and claimed.

We also had 3 Sportfishing Masters claims and 1 Game-fishing masters claim along with 2 submissions for 20 species Sportfishing Masters claims. One of these was for a junior and one for sub junior.

Individually listed claims;

Toby Mason, 17 State and 16 National claims.

Chloe Hornhardt, 12 State and National claims.

Jessie Hornhardt, 19 State and National claims.

Max Grasso, 26 State and National claims.

Westag in 2016-17

Westag tagging and fishing trip highlights for the year were:

A total of over 1,040 taggers have now participated in Westag and 870 fishers have reported the recapture of a tagged fish.

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%).

Tagging effort and interest is still growing, now extending from Kununurra in the North to Albany in the South. The successful application for funding through RFW meant we could develop some products for our members and acquire a reasonable stock of tags for the year.

The rollout of the Info-Fish tagging App will assist in data input and ease of use for all members involved.

The years ahead will be a challenge, maintaining input for the clubs and provide meaning for the club to be part of the ANSA organisation. Continual input to formulating grant applications for workshops and citizen science related projects to stimulate club interest.

A basic agreement with RFW to establish the tagging register for WA was rewarding and will be our next year's work.

Steve Wiseman
President
ANSA Western Australia