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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 2017 – 2018

Chairman	Vacant
Executive Director (Acting Chairman)	John Burgess
Business Director	Vacant
Membership Director	Joe Garufi
Financial Director	Trish Wloch
Research & Development Director	Vacant
National Masters Keeper	Knut Gassmanis
National Recorder (Line Class)	Phil Turner
National Recorder (Trophy Length Only)	Ken Johnson
National Safety Officer	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 Executive Director's Report (Acting Chairman)

2017/18 was very much a carry over from previous years with still a lot of unfinished business to be resolved at a National and State level. The range and extent of old and new issues and challenges continue to stretch our volunteer resources but to do nothing will have dire consequences for all current and future generations of recreational fishers.

It is impossible for ANSA to tackle all these issues 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
Ozfish Unlimited
Boating Industries Alliance Australia
Recreational Fishing Alliance NSW
VR Fish Victoria
Sunfish Queensland
Recfish South Australia
Recfish West Australia
Tarfish Tasmania
AFANT Northern Territory

At a State level most ANSA Branches have a direct relationship with at least one of these peak bodies either via membership or a representative voice. This multi layered level of representation ensures that ANSA is up to speed on all state and national issues of substance and that ANSA's voice is collectively 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.

Some of the more significant issues that ANSA is actively involved with include –

- Super trawlers. While we can claim a victory in driving factory / super trawler vessels like the Margiris and Geelong Star from our National waters the fact remains that many of our fisheries still remain under threat from large scale fishing operations. This is particularly relevant to the Small Pelagic Fishery (SPF) where the commercial sector is continually coming up with novel ways of trying to skirt around the government imposed ban on legally defined super trawlers being able to fish within Australian waters. The latest proposal involves the transshipment of catch to a large freezer cum processing vessel. While technically this is not a super trawler fishing operation, the use of a very large factory processing vessel in conjunction with a fleet of fishing vessels smaller than a super trawler arguably poses a greater risk to our national fishing resources than a super trawler. ANSA has officially voiced concerns over this style of fishing operation and continues to stress that the national interest and best economic use of these low value fish stocks is to leave them in the water as feedstock for larger more valuable species.
- Commonwealth Marine Reserves. After more than a decade of deliberations and campaigning with politicians of all persuasions to stop the unjustified lock out of recreational fishers in Commonwealth marine reserves, the pathway is now seemingly clear for the Coalitions Marine Reserve Management Bill to now become law and our national network of reserves finally protected. While the Coalition's plans for the marine reserves do not embrace every concession sought on behalf of recreational fishers, we did secure a number of wins in the Coral Sea and WA and the revised plan is a vast improvement on what Labor and the Greens had in store for us some 4 years ago. Expressions of interest for positions on the Marine Park Advisory Committees have now been called for and ANSA in conjunction with other ARFF members is encouraging the Australian government to ensure that ARFF plays an official role in determining that the right people get onto these committees to look after the interests of recreational fishers. The prospects of financial offsets for loss of fishing access to some locations are encouraging and it is envisaged that such funds could be invested in the development of new artificial reefs and fish attracting devices etc.
- Southern Bluefin Tuna. The deadline for Australia to include the catch of commercial, recreational and indigenous fishers in the IOTC (Indian Ocean Tuna Commission) quota for SBT is fast running out. The Australian government is keen for the 3 stakeholders to reach a consensus on how to best share and manage this tightly controlled fishing resource. Major challenges in reaching consensus include knowing the extent of the recreational take of SBT and setting a realistic share of the national quota, compensating the commercial sector for the loss of this quota and establishing a practical protocol for ongoing management of the recreational quota and who pays for all of this. Already in Victoria, surveys of the recreational take are in progress and the first round of a series of state stakeholder workshops has taken place. SBT workshops will shortly be coming to NSW and SA. There are concerns that much tougher size and bag limits for the recreational sector might be part of this management package. The real concern is that unless all SBT stakeholders can agree to a workable management solution then the quick and easy option for the government might be to leave the entire quota with the commercial sector. This option seems unlikely but unless a sensible and constructive dialogue can be progressed between the stakeholders then the government will have no choice but to step in.

- Murray Darling Basin - With ongoing drought across most of the nation the already overstressed MDB is going from bad to worse with dire consequences for our inland fish resources and marine habitat. The challenges for those tasked with management of MDB water allocations are enormous and striking the right balance for sharing water flows for the environment and agriculture/community consumption are getting tougher by the day and sadly have become increasingly politicised. To put it simply no water equates no fish habitat and no fish. We need to strike the right measure between socio economic need and the needs of nature and adopt more efficient means of preserving our water resources when in abundance. We will continue to press government at a national and state level to recognise recreational fishing and the preservation of inland fish resources as an integral part of the ongoing management plan for the MDB and our inland waterways.
- Carp Eradication. While we can't make it rain we can do more to better manage what is in our waterways. The program for release of the Herpes virus to cull much out the nation's carp population is still being scientifically investigated. While scientific opinion is overwhelmingly positive about the use of the carp virus and its lack of impact on other fish species, there is still much work to be done on evaluating the impacts a massive and instantaneous carp cull will have on water quality in our rivers and dams and potential public health consequences. How do you very quickly clean up potentially millions of tonnes of dead carp and who pays for this. Expectation is that the virus will not be released nationally until trials have been conducted in a protected catchment and the science is conclusive about when the timing and conditions are best suited to achieve a maximum cull. This could be some years away assuming that the government sticks to its commitment to release the virus.
- White Spot Disease. The spread of this disease now seems to be under control but our national quarantine and controlling authorities need to ever vigilant to ensure that there is no further repeat of infected raw prawn product being imported into Australia and finding its way into our marine environment as fish meal and recreational fishing bait. Very pleasingly it has been acknowledged that there is nothing to be gained from trying to lay the blame for this biological disaster on recreational fishers.
- Recreational Fisher representation. The Australian government continues to acknowledge the need for a national recreational fishing peak body to collectively represent and speak for all Australian recreational fishers. As previously mentioned ARFF and its state and national peak body members fill this role and are now the acknowledged two way communication conduit between government and the recreational fishing sector via the newly established National Recreational Fishing Council. The Australian government also recognises the critical need for up skilling of those individuals representing recreational fishers on various fishery management and advisory panels etc and has committed to make funds available for this to happen and to ensure that not only the best people serve on these panels etc but the level of recreational fisher representation is more equitably weighted in our favour.
- 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.
- Support for enhanced investment in fisheries research and recognition of the role and value of citizen science.

- Engagement in the development and delivery of a national recreational fishing education programme.
- Intervention in the proposal by the NSW government to hand over management of the SE Trawl Fishery to the Commonwealth. This is not in the best interests of any stakeholder or the fishery itself. The better option which is supported by 23 out of 24 licensed SE Trawl fishers is to exit the fishery with an appropriate compensatory package. It would be a real win for everyone and targeted fish species if this type of commercial fishing activity off NSW south coastal waters was come to a negotiated end.
- 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. NSW commercial fishing.
- Support for the campaign to introduce Platypus friendly yabby traps

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.

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 process has started.

On the ANSA National scene we also celebrated the 50th year anniversary of ANSA with a very successful conference event in Cairns organised by ANSA Qld Branch. It was also fitting that as part of these anniversary celebrations that sportfishing legends and founding members of ANSA, Vic Mc Cristal and Eric Moller were immortalised with the opening of a fitting memorial on the Cardwell foreshore. NSW Branch will also be celebrating its 50 year anniversary later this year.

From a financial perspective, ANSA is operating soundly. An abnormally large deficit of \$19416 was sustained over 2017/18 mainly due to one off costs related to the provisioning of \$11226 for repayment of the unexpended FRDC Angel Ring grant and expenses associated with the 50th anniversary event in Cairns. More than sufficient reserves are on hand to cover this deficit. It is projected that ANSA will operate at a breakeven level for the 2018/19 year. Membership wise our numbers have stabilised around the 2500 mark. There was a slight drop in members over 2017/18 falling from 2635 to 2581. It is interesting that NSW Branch now comprises 50% of the National membership and continues to grow while some other states are in decline. It is clear that ANSA has a major challenge maintaining its relevance and appeal to existing and potential members. It is evident that many of our older foundation clubs are experiencing difficulty recruiting new members, particularly younger members and capable hands to take on club management roles.

Records and Masters Claims continue to flow in. Over the year there were 76 Line class and 17 Trophy Length Record claims processed. 21 Masters Claims were awarded and 5 Meritorious Captures were submitted.

At a personal level I was humbled at the 2018 National Recreational Fishing Conference held in Darwin to be the recipient of the Mal Ramsay Lifetime Achievement Award for Recreational Fishing. This award presented by ARFF and its national and state member peak bodies recognises the contribution made by ANSA towards the advancement and betterment of recreational fisher interests.

In conclusion I would like to express my thanks to all of those who serve on the National executive and give so much of their time serving ANSA on a volunteer basis. Ron Poole deserves a special mention for his lifetime involvement in ANSA affairs and finally managing to retire from the role of ANSA National Chair. Sue Malton also warrants a special mention for keeping our finances under tight control while serving as Finance Director and congratulations to Trish Wloch (ANSA Victoria) for stepping up to take on this important role.



John Burgess
Executive Officer/ Director - ANSA National

National Finance Director's Report

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
SPECIAL PURPOSE REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2018
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DIRECTOR REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

ACN 063 293 514

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

Financial statements for the financial year end 30 June 2018 together with comparative results for the preceding year are appended. The following points are highlighted:

- a) The Association traded at a deficit of \$19,416 for the 2017/18 year. The major factors behind this substantial deficit were a \$1,870 shortfall in membership affiliation fees (actual \$13,130/ budget \$15,000), costs associated with the 50th Anniversary event in Cairns (event subsidy \$2,287, travel \$2,278), a \$2,000 contribution towards the Vic McCristal / Eric Moller memorial and the raising of a one off provision of \$11226 in respect of a proposed refund of unexpended FRDC Angel Ring grant moneys.
- b) Income over the 2017/18 year of \$17,128 was slightly less than budget forecast of \$18,000 even though member affiliation fees were \$1,870 short of budget. ANSA W are sales of \$2,286 as opposed to budget \$1,000, offset the member affiliation fees shortfall. Interest revenue of \$1,092 was also short of budget forecast \$1,600.
- c) Expenditure over the 2017/18 year was \$36,544 as compared to budget \$29,050. Other than for the impact of the FRDC AR grant expenditure (actual \$0 /budget \$3,000), the main variances to budget were non-payment of trade mark registration \$500, ANSA promotions \$1,000, computer upgrades \$500 and the cost of the 50th anniversary being \$2,287 as opposed to budget forecast \$4,000.
- d) The Association at year end 30 June 2018 possessed total assets of \$96,731 (\$104,920 @ 2017) consisting primarily of cash at bank \$11,570, term deposit \$80,230, ANSA W are stock on hand \$4,775 and accrued but unpaid interest \$156. The association has an external liability of \$11226 in respect of the proposed FRDC grant refund. Overall the Association had a net equity of \$85,505 at 30 June 2018 but this includes \$11,226 of unexpended FRDC grant moneys. It is expected that the unexpended \$11,226 in grant money will be returned to FRDC and the project wrapped up over 2018/19.
- e) A financial budget forecast for the 2018/19 year is attached. For the coming year the association is forecasting a deficit of \$1,000. This deficit is predicated on income for the coming year of \$15,900. Other than for affiliation fees which have been budgeted at \$13,000 (which allows for the fall in membership revenue) all other sources of income are generally in line with actual receipts for 2017/18.
- Expenditure of \$16,900 is forecast for 2018/19. Travel expenditure for meetings etc has been budgeted at \$7,000 (\$10,953 actual over 2017/18). Other major expense will be auditors fees \$1,000 (\$3,118 actual last year but included 3 years of audit), IGFA fees \$500 which are paid 3 years in advance and ARFF fees which were increased to \$1100 for 2018/19.

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.



Patricia Wloch

Finance Director

4 October 2018

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ABN 80 063 293 514

DIRECTOR REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

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 2018.

Directors

Your directors present their report on the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2018. The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Chairman Mr Ron Poole - Retired 29/10/2017	(Rasmussan QLD 4815)
Executive Officer/Director Mr John Burgess	(Maroubra NSW 2035)
Finance Director/Treasurer Mrs Patricia Wloch	(Westmeadows VIC 3049)
Finance Director/Treasurer Mrs Suzanne Malton – Retired 29/10/2017	(Kalbarri WA 6536)
Membership Services Director Mr Joe Garufi	(Mascot NSW 2020)
Promotions Director Mr Ron Poole – Retired 29/10/2017	(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)
Business Director Vacant	(Vacant)
Research Director Vacant	(Vacant)

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 sports fishing in Australia.

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

Operating Results

The Company made a deficit for the financial year 2018 of \$19,416 (2017: deficit of \$214).

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

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

DIRECTOR REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

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 or there is considered limited or no impact likely upon the Company from any likely developments.

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, auditor or reviewer 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 legal proceedings during the year.

Audit and Reviewer Independence

The directors note the attached annual independence declaration provided by the Company's external accountant reviewer.

The reviewer's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2018 has been received.

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



John Burgess

Director

4 October 2018

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

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 2018 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

4 October 2018

Director

REVIEW INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

REVIEW INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

REVIEW OPINION FRAMEWORK AND DISCLOSURE

The Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd (the Company) is an incorporated not-for-profit sporting entity with liabilities limited to a member guarantee. Due to Commonwealth law reform that deals with the reporting obligations of the Company, an independent audit is not required. The Company's Board of Directors are, however, required to commission a **review opinion** on the Company's annual financial report using the services of a qualified public accountant. This requirement is driven by the Company's constitution.

This disclosure statement outlines the framework of the **review opinion** and it provides information to assist the members with their understanding of the **review opinion** and the independence declaration that follows this disclosure statement.

The report of the Company is drafted by the Board of Directors. The directors of the Company are legally responsible for reviewing, finalising and approving the Company's financial report. The directors are also both responsible for the information contained in the report and ensuring that it meets the information needs of the members of the Company, within the reporting requirements of the law.

The public accountant provides a professional **review opinion** on the Company's report. The review is based on many of the principals of an audit, but it is not an independent audit, and it must not be relied upon as being an independent audit. The Company is not a public interest entity and so the review can take place, in accordance with professional standards and the law, notwithstanding that the reviewer's Firm may assist with the preparation of the Company's accounting records and the drafting of the Company's report.

The reviewer's accounting Firm is obligated to act in accordance with the ethical rules of a registered Chartered Accountancy firm and the review opinion provided must be accurate. There is a legal obligation upon the Firm and its Principal to conduct a proper review and report accurately to the members of the Company. The accounting firm has segregated roles such that the accounting and tax review teams are separate from the review opinion team.

This notwithstanding, the members of the Company may also wish to commission an independent audit by a registered company auditor. Should any Company member so wish this then the Company's board has agreed to put the request to the Company members at a properly convened general meeting.

Furthermore, any member, or any interested party with a valid reason, is free to inspect the accounting records of the Company upon proper notice being given in writing to the Company's board.

The independence declaration on the next page and the review opinion following on the pages after that, are made on the basis of this **review opinion framework and disclosure statement**.

**REVIEW INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

**REVIEWER'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD**

Subject to the limitations of the review opinion framework and disclosure statement set out on the previous page, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, and during the year ended 30 June 2018 there have been:

1. No contraventions of the independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review, and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.



Mark Antony Guest

Chartered Accountant

4 October 2018

REVIEWER REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

Reviewer's Report to the Members of the
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

Review opinion on the financial report

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd (the Company), which comprises the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2018, notes to the financial report and the directors' declaration.

Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 / ACNC Act, the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Reviewer's responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described; I have become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001/ ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations 2001. ASRE 2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my review, I have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 with limitations, as is stated in my independence declaration.

REVIEWER REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

Conclusion on the financial report

Based on my review I have not become aware of any matter that makes me believe that the financial report of the Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and I believe that the financial report:

- Gives a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2018;
and
- Complies with Australian Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations 2001 to the extent outlined in Note 1 of the financial report.



Mark Antony Guest

Chartered Accountant

4 October 2018

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ABN 80 063 293 514

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue from Ordinary Activities			
Affiliation Fees	Note 1	13,130	14,369
ANSA Ware Sales		2,286	1,386
Interest Received		1,092	1,610
Web Sponsorship		620	0
Government Grants – Angel Ring Project	Note 2	0	0
Total Revenues		17,128	17,365
Expenditures			
Travel & Meeting Expenses		10,953	7,362
Peak Body Subscriptions		0	904
Post & Stationary		2,974	2,044
Insurance		455	455
Phone & Internet Expenses		776	1,386
Website Expenses		222	421
Records & Masters Expenses		484	1,483
Computer Upgrades & Supplies		0	0
Cost of Goods Sold	Note 3	1,713	1,190
Trade Mark Fees		0	0
ASIC Fees		96	94
Rule Book Printing		0	0
Donation / Tributes		2,000	0
Review/Audit Fees		3,118	0
Recfishing Conference Fees		240	105
Bank Fees		0	0
50 th Anniversary Subsidy		2,287	996
Angel Ring Project Expenses Paid	Note 2	0	1,139
Angel Ring Project Grant to Return	Note 2	11,226	0
Total expenditure		36,544	17,579
Surplus / (Deficit) Before Income Tax		(19,416)	(214)
Income Tax Expense	Note 4	0	0
Surplus / (Deficit) After Income Tax		(19,416)	(214)

The Statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ABN 80 063 293 514

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current Assets			
Cash	Note 5	11,570	19,138
Term Deposit		80,230	78,969
Inventory		4,775	6,488
Receivables – Interest		156	325
Total Current Assets		<u>96,731</u>	<u>104,920</u>
Non Current Assets			
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets		<u>96,731</u>	<u>104,920</u>
Current Liabilities			
Angel Ring Project	Note 2	11,226	0
Total Current Liabilities		<u>11,226</u>	<u>0</u>
Non Current Liabilities			
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>11,226</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Assets		<u>85,505</u>	<u>104,920</u>
Member's Equity			
Retained Earnings (Page 12)		85,505	104,920
Total Member's Equity		<u>85,505</u>	<u>104,920</u>

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ABN 80 063 293 514

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Receipts from Operations		16,036	16,055
Payment to Suppliers		(23,605)	(19,697)
Interest Received		1,261	1,508
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	Note 6	(6,308)	(2,134)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		(6,308)	(2,134)
Add opening cash		98,107	100,241
Rounding		1	0
Closing Cash		91,800	98,107

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
ABN 80 063 293 514

STATEMENT OF CHANGE TO EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Retained Earnings at 1 July		104,920	105,134
Deficit for the period		(19,416)	(214)
Rounding		1	0
Retained Earnings at 30 June		<u>85,505</u>	<u>104,920</u>

The Statement of Change to Equity is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

NOTES OF FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by the Directors and members of the Company. The Directors have determined that the Company is not a reporting entity, however, it is a sporting entity with legal and community obligations.

The financial report is, unless otherwise stated, prepared on an accrual basis using the historical cost of transactions. It does not take into account changing money values or except where specifically stated, the current valuations of non-current assets.

Membership fees are recognised on a cash received basis.

The Company recognises other assets and income when it has legal title or interest in the applicable asset or income.

Auditor review fees are recognised when the accountants' review fee is paid or when the review is complete and thus the fee is payable.

The Company recognises liabilities and expenses when there is a legal obligation to pay the applicable liability or expense.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards.

AASB1031: Materiality

AASB110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date

No other Accounting Standards, Urgent Issue Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

Note 2 – 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
Grant from FRDC 2018	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
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NOTES OF FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

Note 2 – National Angel Ring Project (continued)

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
Grant Expenditure 2018	0
Total Grant Expended	35,194
Grant Expenditure yet to be Incurred	64,806
Total FRDC Expenditures	100,000

Note 3 – Cost of Goods Sold

Opening Inventory 1 July 2017	6,488
Add, Purchases	0
Less, Closing Inventory 30 June 2018	4,775
Cost of Goods Sold	1,713

Note 4 – Income Tax

The Company is exempt from paying income tax due to it being a not-for-profit mutual entity and a sporting entity that encourages sports fishing.

Note 5 – Cash

Cash and Cash Equivalents	2018	2017
ANZ Business Classic 1063	11,344	17,759
Add, Un-deposited Funds	502	2,662
Less, Un-presented Cheques	276	1,283
Term Deposit	80,230	78,969
Total Cash	91,800	98,107

Note 6 – Cash Flow Information

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions and is net of bank overdrafts.

Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus (deficit) from ordinary activities after income tax:	2018	2017
Operating surplus / (deficit) after Income Tax	(19,416)	(214)
<i>Non-cash flows in the surplus or deficit from ordinary activities:</i>		
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
<i>(Increase) / decrease in inventory</i>	1,713	(1,818)
<i>(Increase) / decrease in receivables</i>	169	(102)

NOTES OF FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

Note 6 – Cash Flow Information (continued)

<i>Increase / (decrease) in liabilities</i>	11,226	0
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(6,308)	(2,134)

Note 7 – Registration Address

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

Note 8 – Directors' Opinion

In the opinion of the directors, the Company did not have any contingent liabilities at 30 June 2018 (30 June 2017 – None).

Note 9 - 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 30.6.2018
Budget forecast for 2018/19 financial year

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
Income							
Branch affiliation fees	13000	15000	13130	16000	14369	18000	17315
ANSA Ware sales	1500	1000	2286	1500	1386	1500	1082
Bank Interest	1000	1600	1092	1800	1610	2000	1856
Web Advertising	400	400	620	500	0	400	550
FHP Memb Fee. NSW Co-contribution	0	0	0	0	300	0	0
Govt grants - Angel Rings National	0	0	0	10000	0	53600	0
Total Income	15900	18000	17128	29800	17665	75500	20803
Expenditure							
Travel/ Accomodation/ Meals	7000	9000	10953	12000	7362	12000	11611
Recfish membership	0	0	0	0	0	500	0
IGFA Membership	500	0	0	0	54	0	0
ARFF membership	1100	550	0	1000	550	1000	550
Other Memberships	200	300	0	250	600	250	0
Auditor fees	1000	2800	3118	2000	0	2000	0
Insurance	500	500	455	800	455	800	695
Website	400	400	222	300	421	500	94
Phone /internet	1000	1500	776	2000	1386	2500	1882
Bank fees	0	0	0	50	0	50	0
Post/ Stationery	2500	2500	2974	2500	2044	2500	2564
Records/ Masters expenses	400	300	484	1500	1483	500	288
ASIC Fees	100	100	96	100	94	100	92
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost of goods sold	1500	1500	1713	4000	1190	1000	592
Sundries - Angel Ring National Project	0	3000	0	10000	1139	70000	4184
Computer Upgrade/ supplies	0	500	0	500	0	0	0
ANSA Promotion	1000	1000	0	1000	0	2000	0
Trade Mark Registration	500	500	0	500	0	0	0
Line Tester Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	462
50 Yr Anniversary subsidy	0	4000	2287	0	996	0	0

	<u>Budget</u> <u>2018/19</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2017/18</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2017/18</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2016/17</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2016/17</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2015/16</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2015/16</u>
Rule Book printing	0	0	0	0	0	8000	3555
Conference Fees	0	500	240	0	105	300	275
Donations/Tributes	200	100	2000	200	0	0	186
Total Expenditure	16900	29050	25318	38700	17879	-104000	27030
Net profit/(Loss)	-1000	-11050	-8190	-8900	-214	-28500	-6227
Notional Adjust for Angel Ring Project income/ expenses	0	3000	0	0	1139	16400	4184
Notional Net Profit/ (Loss) after adjust for Angel Ring Project	-1000	-8050	-8190	-8900	925	-12100	-2043

National Membership Director's Report

ANSA National's total membership at the year ending 30.6.2018 was 2581. This comprised of New South Wales 1299, Queensland 585, Victoria 327, Western Australia 130, South Australia 213 and Tasmania 27. These numbers are down compared to last years membership tally of 2635. New South Wales membership increased by 128. Queensland's membership increased by 23 members. South Australia's membership decreased by 7 members; Victoria's membership decreased by 6 members; Western Australia's membership decreased by 187 members and Tasmania's membership decreased by 5 members. Overall ANSA National's membership decreased by 54 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 all branch census forms have been received and our contact email database has been updated. I urge all States to update their committee contact details for the coming financial year (2018/2019) and get these details to me 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 2018/2019 year and are due on the 31st October 2018. 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 active and has some 906 likes. This is approximately the same amount of like as this time last year (900 likes). If you haven't like the ANSA National Facebook page, please do. 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

ANSA National FRDC Angel Ring Report.

The FRDC National Angel Ring Project (“Project”) set out to deliver a complete package of rock fishing safety equipment to all the State Branches of ANSA that had experienced rock fishing incidents and fatalities and as a way of updating the branches on current practices and alerting the branches to some of the rock fishing safety initiatives underway in the other states. Its secondary focus was a roll out of education material and messages into the community via the ANSA network. The package was to include angel rings, to aid in the event of a rescue of an angler washed in off the rocks. It was to also contain resource material for copy and distribution within the relevant State. The project was primarily focused on helping the state branches of ANSA raise the level of awareness amongst rock fishing anglers on how to participate in the sport safely and how they could get involved in some of the initiatives being implemented around Australia.

The Project achieved some great inroads in establishing Angel Rings in some states like Western Australia and has led to relationships in other states that has seen ANSA share and develop rockfishing safety awareness and education campaigns in a cohesive and consistent matter. Whilst these milestones have been achieved ANSA also understand that FRDC has extended ANSA many liberties in keeping the Project open under their guidance beyond the agreed and schedule milestones. Notwithstanding this the Project progressed at a staggered pace and ANSA and each State or Territory has progressed according to their abilities to allocate resources to deal with location selection, approvals, installations and finally on going management.

The staggered nature that each state has progressed has ultimately meant that ANSA has been unable to deliver all the 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 were it has been a great success. In all fairness to the other states WA was and continues to deal with the very same issues surrounding rock fishing safety that NSW has previously dealt with. ANSA acknowledges that this situation is not ideal or what has been agreed upon with FRDC but as the project has evolved this has been the best scenario we have been able to operate under. Apart from the staggered nature of the roll-out one of the biggest impediments for ANSA has been the changes in the configuration of the GPS Tracker units from our supplier. The entire project was founded around the ability for the states and government agencies agreeing to install Angel Rings on the basis that remote access would also be provided from GPS trackers located and embedded within the Angel rings and could be checked remotely from a computer console anywhere in the world. This alleviated the need for physical checks. ANSA had already committed to and had rings operational in WA with GPS trackers when it had to essentially shut the remote monitoring down due to the lack of suitability and availability of GPS trackers to continue the project.

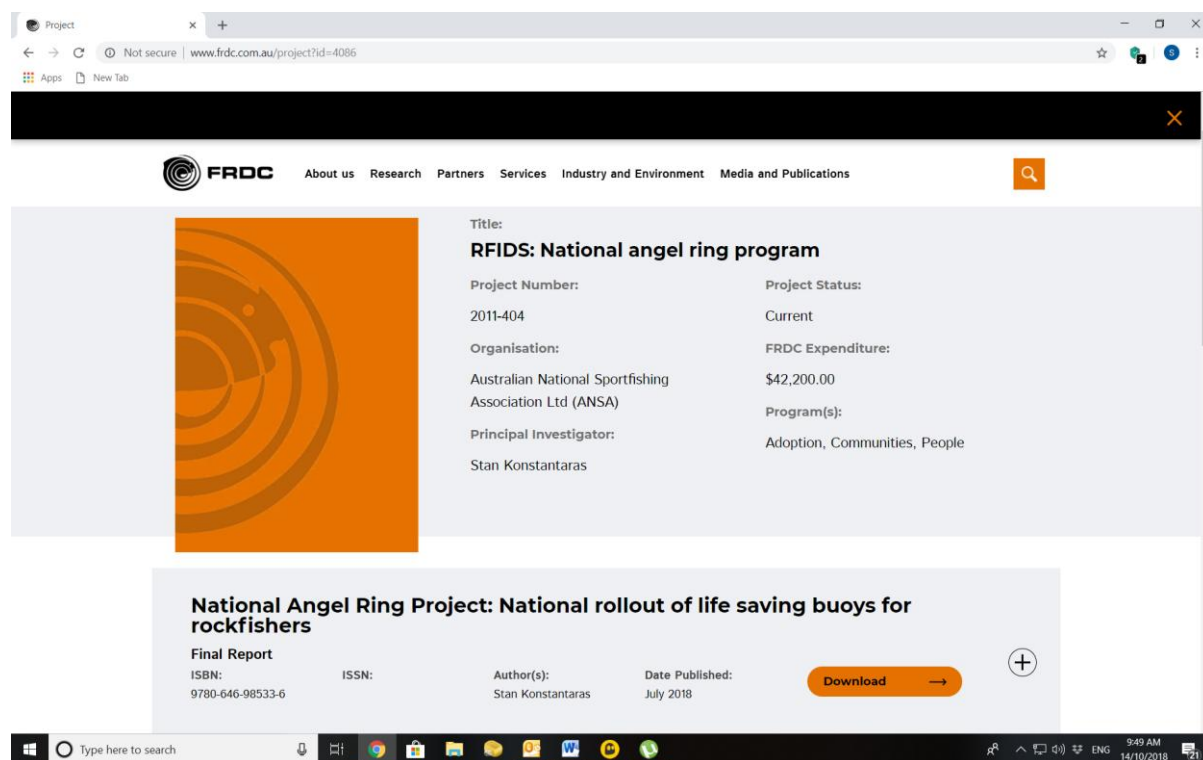
Thankfully WA had a very supporting Government that committed extra funds to assist in monitoring of the Angel Rings and Peak Body groups like RECFISH WEST, who were involved in working with ANSA had an extensive network of anglers all over WA who would handle the physical checking of the rings and handle replacing any missing ones. From very early on in the Project's foundation these changes to the tracking system made the option of installing GPS trackers cost prohibitive and the need to increase on site checking of remote assemblies extremely costly and ultimately less palatable to the states and agencies they were dealing with and who ultimately assume responsibility for them. 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. 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.

See final Report here:

<http://www.frdc.com.au/project?id=4086>



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the FRDC project page for 'RFIDS: National angel ring program'. The page features a navigation menu with links for 'About us', 'Research', 'Partners', 'Services', 'Industry and Environment', and 'Media and Publications'. A search icon is visible in the top right. The main content area includes a large orange graphic on the left and a table of project details on the right. Below this, there is a section for the 'National Angel Ring Project: National rollout of life saving buoys for rockfishers' with a 'Final Report' link, ISSN, author information, and a 'Download' button. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom.

Title:	
RFIDS: National angel ring program	
Project Number:	Project Status:
2011-404	Current
Organisation:	FRDC Expenditure:
Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd (ANSA)	\$42,200.00
Principal Investigator:	Program(s):
Stan Konstantaras	Adoption, Communities, People

National Angel Ring Project: National rollout of life saving buoys for rockfishers
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ANSA National is committed to provide ongoing support to the states on issues like angel rings and fishing safety.

Don't Put Your Life On The Line



Stan Konstantaras
National Safety Officer
ANSA National

National Recorder's Report (Line Class)

National Line Class Records

During the 2017 – 2018 season, 74 Australian Line Class Records have been claimed and 71 of those have been awarded. Two failed the line tests and one did not better the previous record. Special congratulations again to the Nickol Bay SFC for their great effort in obtaining so many Australian Records and in promoting juniors and sub-juniors in their club.

Year	Australian Records
2012-13	40
2013-14	36
2015-16	72
2016-17	102
2017-18	71

Records per State

WA	65
NSW	3
SA	3
Qld.	2

Most successful club:

Nickol Bay SFC- W.A. - 65 Australian Records

Most successful anglers:

Max Grasso :18 Sub-Junior Australian Records

Jessica Hornhardt : 2 Sub-Junior, 9 Junior & 2 Senior Australian Records

Chloe Hornhardt : 10 Junior Australian Record

Ethon Moyle : 4 Junior, 7 Senior & 1 All Tackle Australian Records



Jessica Hornhardt
Sailfish 12.4kg on 4kg
IC



Chloe Hornhardt
Narrow Barred Mackerel
13.98kg on 3kg JG



Max Grasso
Snapper 11.2kg on
6kg SJS



Ethon Moyle
Golden Trevally 9kg on 6kg JG

Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Senior	8	5	0	12	0	0	1
Junior	2	1	0	20	0	0	0
Sub-Junior	13	4	0	4	0	0	0



Brendon Cartiedge
Northern Bluefin Tuna 13.37kg on 2kg
SF

Darrin Clarke
Cobia 38kg on 10
LBG



Congratulations to all those anglers who gained Australian records in 2017-18.

Phil Turner ANSA National Line Class Records.

National Recorder's Report (Trophy Length Only)

For no apparent reason Trophy Length Record claims were down over 2017/18

All State's claims were:

South Australia: 6

New South Wales: 5

Queensland: 4

Victoria: 1

Western Australia: 1

Overall 17 records were claimed over 2017/18 of which 4 were released and 13 kept.

The greatest capture that stood out this year was from Scott Tillman from the Basin Lure Fly Club in New South Wales. Scott caught a 995mm Tailor from St George Basin, New South Wales.

We are still having problems with fish not being laid naturally on the Brag Mat, especially holding the tail together or bending the top or lower fork of the tail to gain extra centimetres. Other than that, the claims have been well presented.

Claims can be sent by email or by post; as I live in Far North Queensland delays are possible, but I try to get the claims returned as quickly as possible.

I hope to see a lot more claims in the next season.

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



Helen Johnson – National Record Long Nose Emperor



Paul Newman – Bundy SFC National Record Saddle Tail Snapper



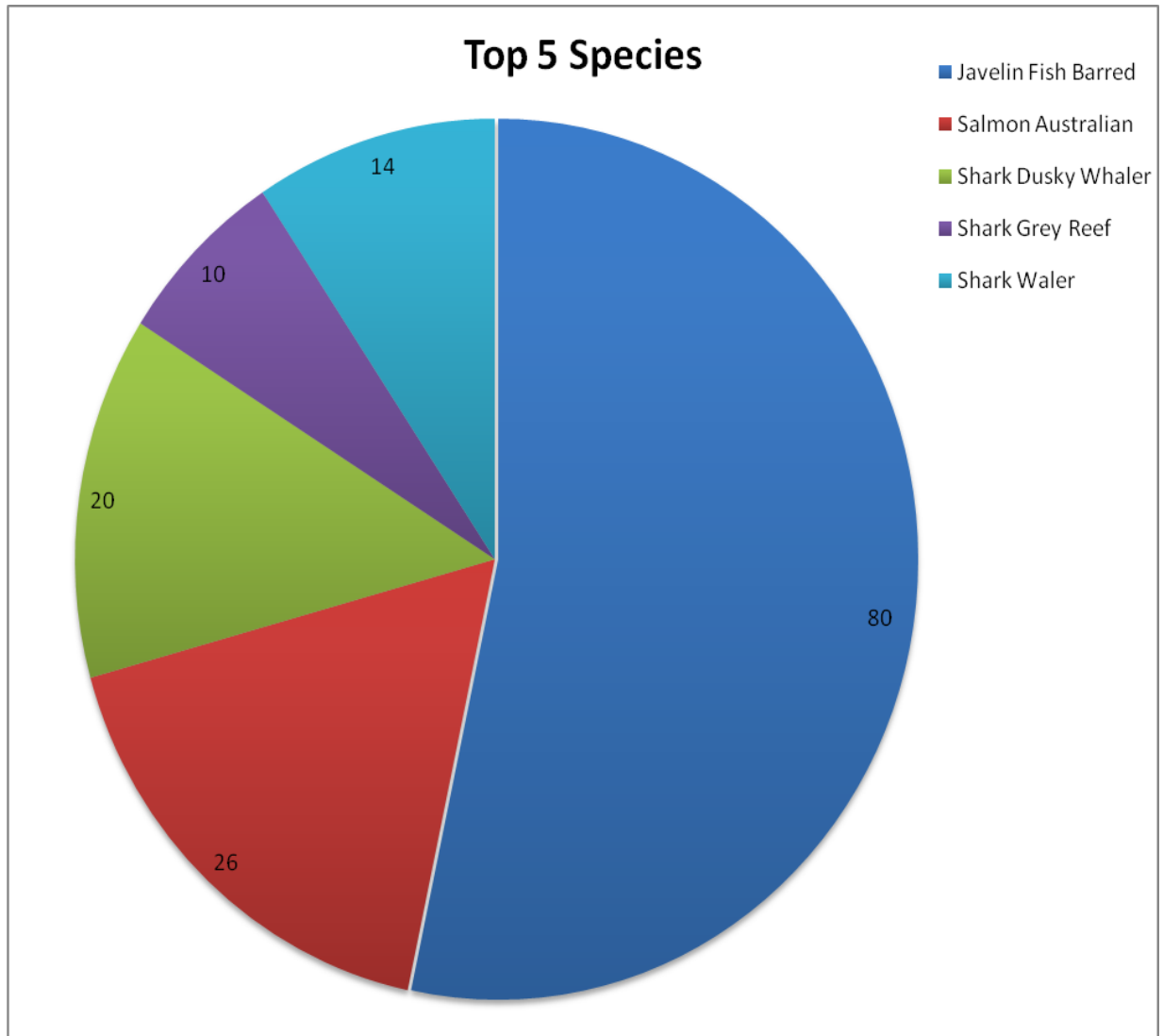
Trevor Beckerleg – Otway Region SFC Metre plus Queenfish on 2kg



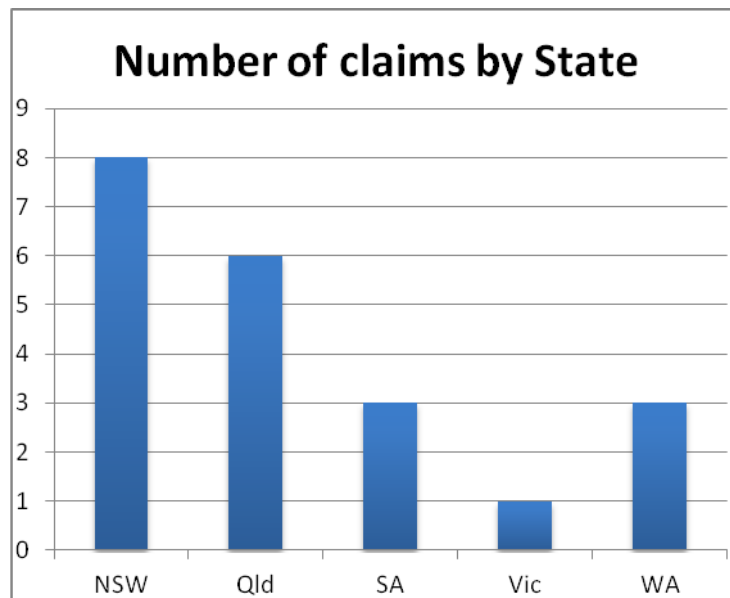
Trevor Beckerleg – Otway Region SFC Metre plus Giant Trevally

National Masters Keeper Report

Once again another year comes to a close and a new one opens. There was a healthy number of different specie caught (54) ranging in 5 different claim classes. Below is a chart of only the top 5 specie caught as there were a lot of single or double specie captures, too many to list.



The number of claims seemed to have decreased a bit with 21 being presented. There were some junior and sub junior with one claiming a 20 in Sportfishing. There was a 90 in the specie division followed by 80, 70, 60, 50, 20, and 10. with NSW and Qld leading the pack with these claims.



The number of masters claims records so far is 3020 that breached the 3000 mark in 2017/2018 season. This is quite an achievement by ANSA members and hope that this will continue into the future.

From the data below one can see the breakdown of claims by division and Branch. It seems to indicate that the Sub Tropical and Tropical areas lend itself to a greater variety of species when compared with the more Southern Branches.

Having said this some of the Southern Branches claims have traveled to the Northern parts and included some tropical with Southern species to achieve their award.

Branch	Game				
	Fly fishing	fishing	Length Only	Specie	Sportfishing
NSW	1		1	4	1
Qld			7		
SA			3		
Vic					1
WA		1	1		1

Knut Gassmanis
 Master Keeper
 ANSA National

ANSA New South Wales Report

What a year it has been – challenging to say the least, but after many years at the helm I still get a huge kick of working with a great Committee and getting out whenever I can to meet and greet the clubs and also wet a line occasionally.

2018 also marked our 50th Year, so a great milestone to reach, especially with an increase in membership numbers to bolster our voice as the leading sportfishing group in NSW. I did get out to almost every convention this year and catch up with old and new friends and I am still amazed to see that the engine rooms of the ANSA NSW clubs can still produce some great events that bring us all together.

The politics, letter writing and representation roles that come with the job are challenging roles to deal with but the welcomed distractions our NEWTAG and Fishing 4 Therapy Project provides a welcome relief for all of who work behind the scenes to keep the ball rolling. It's not too often I have to push this remarkable team to do its job, cheques get banked, bills get paid, letters get sent, membership cards go out, records and masters sent and so on, and all the while continually trying to serve the members clubs as best we can.

I put this list up below last year and to say I can tick some things off as being completed would be remiss of me, these issues drag over many years and in 2017 / 2018 are still on our radar and sadly will be still on our radar in 2018/2019;

- 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 reform.
- Intervention in the proposal by the NSW government to hand over management of the SE Trawl Fishery to the Commonwealth. This is not in the best interests of any stakeholder or the fishery itself. The better option which is supported by 23 out of 24 licensed SE Trawl fishers is to exit the fishery with an appropriate compensatory package. It would be a real win for everyone and targeted fish species if this type of commercial fishing activity off NSW south coastal waters was come to a negotiated end. Let's hope we can bring this to a meaningful and productive conclusion.

Also at state level we have a voice on the NSW Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council (MFAC) and the Recreational Fishing NSW Council (RFNSW) and representation on the NSW Recreational Fishing Saltwater Licence Trust Expenditure Committee (FSTEC).

This is where we need help and succession planning to pick up where many of us will be leaving off. The fight does not end and the good fight needs good people to run good clubs.

We have built a great platform of clubs and advocacy roles over the years but we need fresh blood to keep pushing our agenda which seems to have shifted from ethics and conservation, to maintaining access and our right to fish.

In our 50th year put your hand up, we need help 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, but more importantly having the right team of willing people at the helm.

Tight Lines,



Stan Konstantaras
President
ANSA New South Wales

QLD SPORTFISHERS

Australian National Sportfishing Association QLD



QUEENSLAND STATEWIDE REPORT

This is the third year since taking on the President's role with ANSA QLD and it is an honour serve our great organization and to be presenting our statewide update. Firstly, I would like to recognise the financial support from ANSA National and executive attendance for the 50 year celebration last year. We also thank ANSA NSW, in particular Tony Steiner for taking time to run us through the Fishing for Therapy program and helping run an event in Rockhampton.

Local news coverage of the Rockhampton fishing for therapy event:

<https://www.facebook.com/WINNewsCentralQueensland/videos/1409257282511038/>

Promotional video from Sydney Fishing for Therapy visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/QueenslandSportfishers/videos/1711922332207487/>

Recently we celebrated 51 years of sportfishing in Bundaberg for our annual sportfishing festival and AGM. This event was attended by 80 members and was hosted by the Bundaberg Sportfishing Club, who did a great job in helping to make the event a success. We had a great time again at our annual awards night as we recognised the important work of Dr Ben Diggles in advancing recreational fishing in Queensland as he received the Ron Dempster award. Bundaberg local, Helen Johnson received the Eric Moller award for the exceptional contributions to her club and young Nick Thompson, one of our Vic McCristal Sportfishing Writer Scholarship Recipients this year delighted the crowd with an entertaining Q&A session. A video summary of the event can be found at our facebook page:

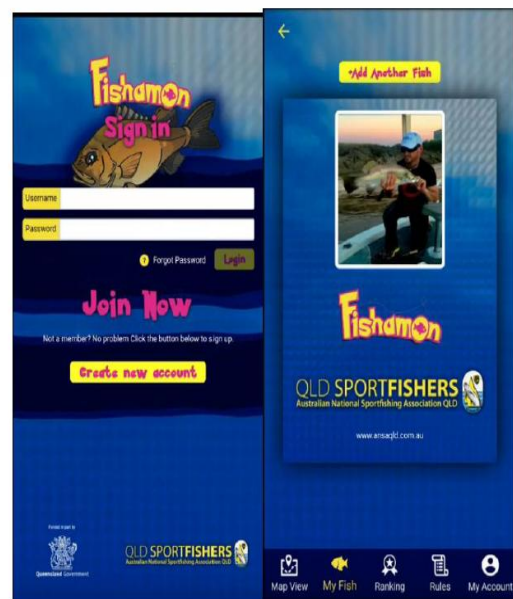
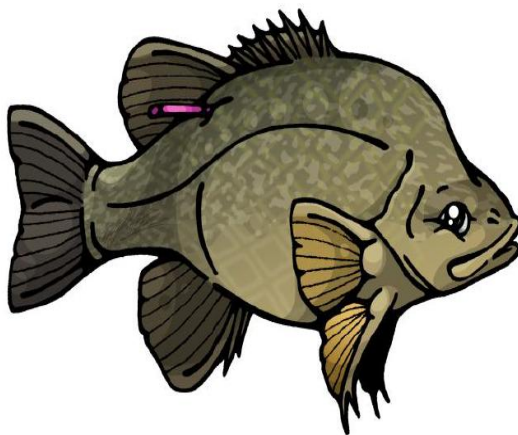
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Presentation night - Nick Thompson addressing the crowd (left), Helen Johnson receiving the Eric Moller Award (centre) and Dr Ben Diggles receiving the Ron Dempster award (right)

Our current strategy is to rotate these annual festivals to north, central and then south each year with a different club taking on the host role. Next year Sunshine Coast SFC will be our hosts and we will also be reintroducing a reconfigured Statewide Championships at this event after many years in hiatus.

In the first year of our new executive, we spent efforts stabilising our great organisation and getting the basics right after a motion was raised to wind the organisation up. Our second year saw a focus on the Aussie Sportfisher Conference and celebrating 50 years of Sportfishing. This year we have completed the bulk of the work on an online platform development that sees our competitions, awards and tagging streamlined and integrated. This has culminated in release of a fishing App called 'Fishamon', supported through grant funding secured from the Queensland Government used on this application and other projects of mutual benefit to both parties, like the Insightful Anglers program.



Twelve custom fish characters were designed by one of our members for use in the Fishamon App including this Golden Perch. The Fishamon App is in final stages of development

On this note, we have also finalized the Insightful Anglers self-assessment and this can be found and completed at: <http://www.ansaqld.com.au/insightful-anglers/> Please jump online and fill out the self-assessment! This 'best management practice' framework aligns with the national code of practice and sets our organisation, clubs and members apart as national leaders in this regard.

We have recently established an [online store](#) to sell clothing and accessories bearing the organizational logo and motto. We will soon be offering gift vouchers as an incentive through this online store for those who complete the Insightful Angler self-assessments.



[Some Items currently for sale at our online store](#)

We supported an excellent Interclub hosted by Ipswich SFC, run a variety of statewide competitions and initiatives and continued to nurture the tagging program, with more than 1,000 fish tagged and entered into the capture database.



[More than 1,000 fish have now been tagged under the revitalized pink tag program](#)

Administration, insurance and managing financial affairs is a perennial focus and I am happy to report that our financial position is firm. We have also changed financial institutions, which is saving the organisation money in fees and making the payments process much simpler. All banking is now completed online, usually via smartphone app, while still allowing for necessary two step authorization and doing away with cheques.

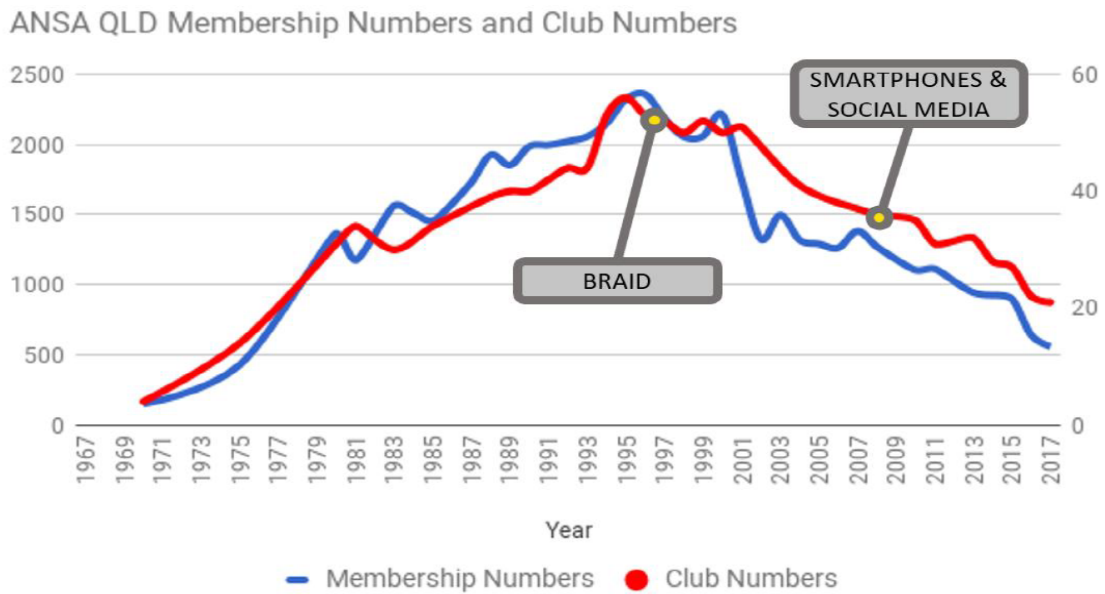
We also continue to offer the Vic McCristal Sportfishing Writers Scholarship, On the subject of fishing journalism, I have recently started writing for Fish and Boat Magazine to help raise the profile of our organisation and also share some knowledge, thoughts and opinions about sportfishing.

At our recent AGM there was a unanimous resolution to change our working name used in media and promotions to 'Queensland Sportfishers'. The official legal entity name of "The Queensland Branch of the Australian National Sportfishing Association" will be retained.



[Queensland Sportfishers has recently been adopted as our working name](#)

Our organisation was originally borne from a fishing club in Cairns. Others saw what was going on in Cairns and decided to form similar clubs in their own areas. Before long there was interest between the clubs to collaborate, socialise and compete in fishing competitions together and also to share ideas and the workload associated with running these volunteer clubs. As a result, our association of fishing clubs was formed and Sportfishing Clubs were established left, right and center up to the mid-nineties. The sad news is from the mid-nineties we have seen a steady decline in club numbers and member numbers.



The rise and fall of ANSA QLD clubs and member numbers

The trend we are seeing is that clubs that retain strong numbers and active social calendars seem to survive and thrive, while smaller, less active clubs are at risk of disappearing. Despite attracting existing clubs like Chinchilla Fishing Club and Stocking Group to our organization, we saw Tully and Brisbane Sportfishing Clubs fold this year. It's really sad to see these once strong clubs wind up.

This is why in the coming years Queensland Sportfishers will be focusing on strengthening existing clubs and building capacity that leads to the creation of new clubs. We want to play our part. In saying this, it is important to understand that as a statewide organisation, we can only do so much! Ultimately it ends up being that small handful of inspirational members in each club that are responsible for nurturing strong vibrant and successful clubs. These members deserve all of the accolades. Without these people, clubs slowly shrivel up and die.

So how can Queensland Sportfishers support these local leaders in existing clubs? How can we unearth and build capacity of talented individuals with the ability and desire to establish new clubs in towns that do not have an active fishing club? We are open to ideas from our members and also have some of our own based on a suite of success factors.

Club Success Factors

- 1. Nurturing a strong core of individuals actively promoting the club and organizing activities.**

2. **Building capacity for newer members to take greater part in club operations and decision making**
3. ***Willingness to change and adapt activities or fishing outing rules in order to attract and retain anglers***
4. ***Active calendar of internal social events that keep existing members interested, active and happy.***
5. ***Activities or promotions that give the club visibility to the wider fishing community.***

We call upon ANSA National to also consider the issue of loss of clubs and the aging demographic of other clubs putting some at grave risk of folding in the years ahead. We must work on a collective strategy, starting with renewal of communication, promotion and awards that are more in keeping with a society that expects fast and streamlined fishing experiences.

In closing, I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to the members of the State and National Executive for the hard work and dedication. Finally and most importantly I would like to thank each and every member for their passion of our sport. We look forward to the year ahead and the many exciting initiatives on our agenda



Nathan Johnston
President
Australian National Sportfishing Association, Queensland
14/10/2018

ANSA South Australia Report

As of September 2018 ANSA SA has 9 registered Clubs totalling 209 members which is the best position ANSA SA has been in for some time. At our last AGM it was decided that we would have our single memberships and family at the same cost to facilitate easier record keeping. This could be a contributing factor in our rise in membership which is pleasing.

This past year has also seen a change in government in South Australia which has and is having an effect on recreational fishing representation in SA. The new Liberal government has proposed and installing a new Recreational Fishing Advisory Council (MRFAC) of which our present advisory body RecFish SA will be a part of as well as a fishing forum, SAFA (South Australian Fishing Alliance) and Recfish Central. Some of these groups are very questionable and we hope that the Minister will investigate their credentials before making them a sitting member on the new body.

ANSA SA has been invited by RecFish SA to have an organisational representative sitting on the board of RecFish SA which we would hope make RecFish SA a stronger representative body.

Whyalla Sportfishing Club and Northern Districts Sportfishing Club did hold an inter club event this year at Whyalla which hasn't happened for quite a few years which was very pleasing.

Once again, I acknowledge the work carried out by our State recorder (Paul Wolfendale) and our Tagging Co Ordinator (Marcel Vandergoot). The quality of their work can be seen in their respective reports.

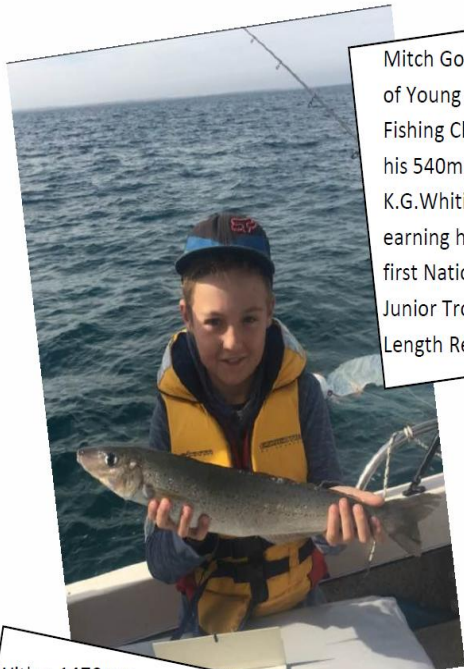
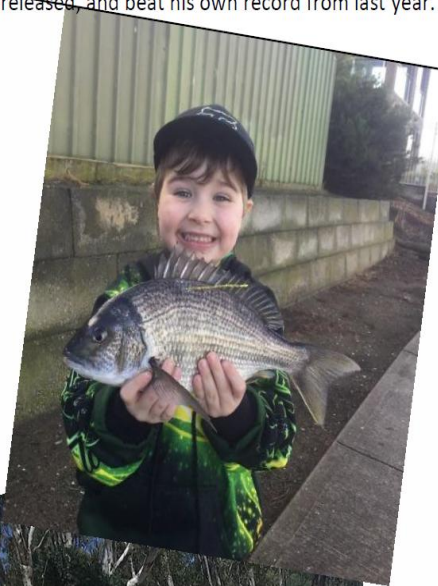
Overall a pretty good year for ANSA SA

Alan Hall
President
ANSA SA

ANSA S.A. RECORDERS REPORT, 2017/2018

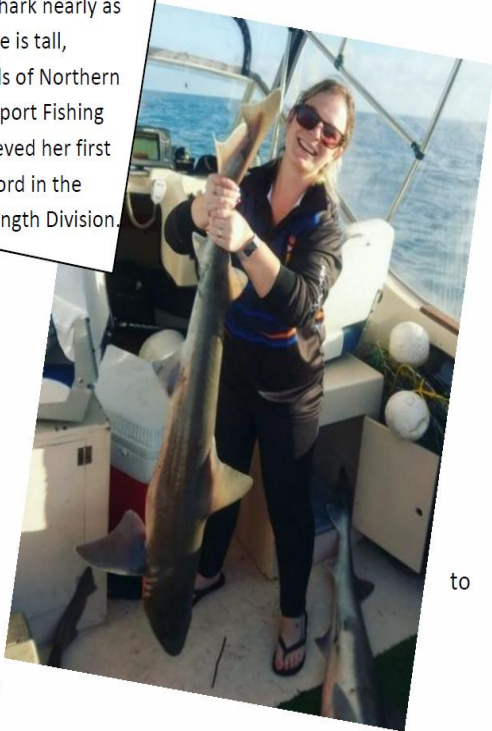
In South Australia, we have seen an excellent variety of record claims, with the Juniors and the Ladies getting involved. It was great to see all 13 claims landing on my desk were accepted into the record books for the 2017/2018 season, with 5 in the Line Class division and 8 in the ever increasingly popular Trophy Length division.

Adrenaline Fishing Clubs, 4 yr old Ashton Stansfield is all smiles with his 330mm National Junior Trophy Length Record Southern Black Bream which he tagged and released, and beat his own record from last year.



Mitch Goldsmith of Young Husband Fishing Club with his 540mm K.G. Whiting, earning him his first National Junior Trophy Length Record.

With a 1470mm Gummy Shark nearly as long as she is tall, Annie Colls of Northern Districts Sport Fishing Club achieved her first State Record in the Trophy Length Division.



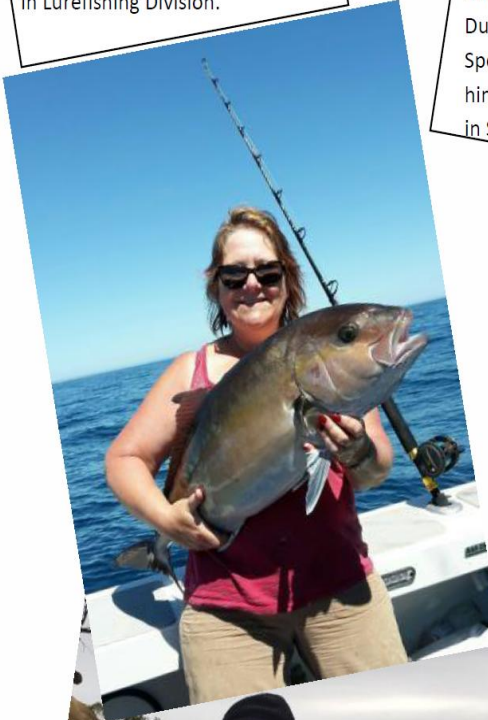
7 yr old Allie Goldsmith of Young Husband Fishing Club releasing her 730mm National Sub Junior Trophy Length Record Murray Cod.

Congratulations to all the fishos who achieved their Records.

In addition to this there has been 4 awesome Meritorious Capture claims submitted. If you want a read of them, get in contact with me or one of your State ANSA representatives.

- The Northern Districts Sport Fishing Club claimed 5 Senior records, 1 in Sportfishing, 2 in Lurefishing, 1 in Gamefishing, and 1 in Trophy Length division.
- Young Husband Fishing Club claimed 4 records, 1 Sub Junior, 1 Junior and 2 Senior, all in Trophy Length division.
- Lower Murray Lure Fishing Club claimed 2 Senior Trophy Length records.
- Whyalla Sportfishing Club claimed 1 Senior Sportfishing record.
- And the newly formed Adrenaline Fishing Club claimed 1 Junior Trophy Length record.

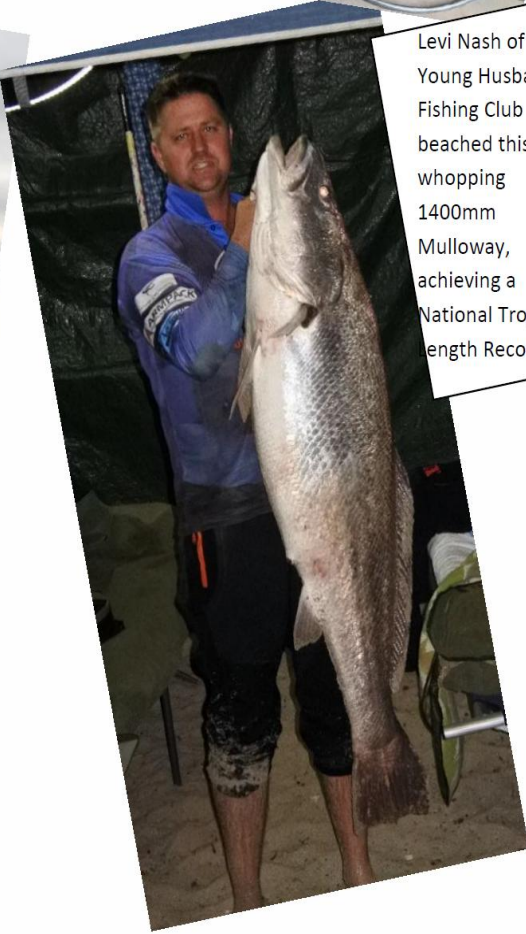
Northern Districts Sport Fishing Clubs June Oldenbeuving claimed her first National Record with a 9.20kg. Samsonfish on 6 kg. line in Lurefishing Division.



With a mighty 35.00 kg. Yellowtail Kingfish on 15kg. line, Andrew Durdin of Whyalla Sportfishing Club nailed himself a State Record in Sportfishing Division.



Lower Murray Lure Fishing Clubs David Dalton with a 610mm State Record Trophy Length Golden Perch.



Levi Nash of Young Husband Fishing Club beached this whopping 1400mm Mulloway, achieving a National Trophy length Record.

Paul Wolfendale,
S.A. ANSA Recorder.





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ANNUAL REPORT 2018

ANSA members, taggers and interested fishers, it is my pleasure to present the SAFTAG Annual report for 2018.

2018 was another interesting year for SAFTAG as we welcomed several new taggers to our little group, including our second lady tagger.

Many of our newer taggers fish exclusively from Kayaks which seems to give them access to areas that are otherwise difficult to reach. The number of monster Bream is growing fast with 3 over 50cm and several 48 and 49cm fish wearing little yellow streamers now. The biggest Bream recaptured still stands at 47cm but I'm confident that fish will be beaten quite soon.

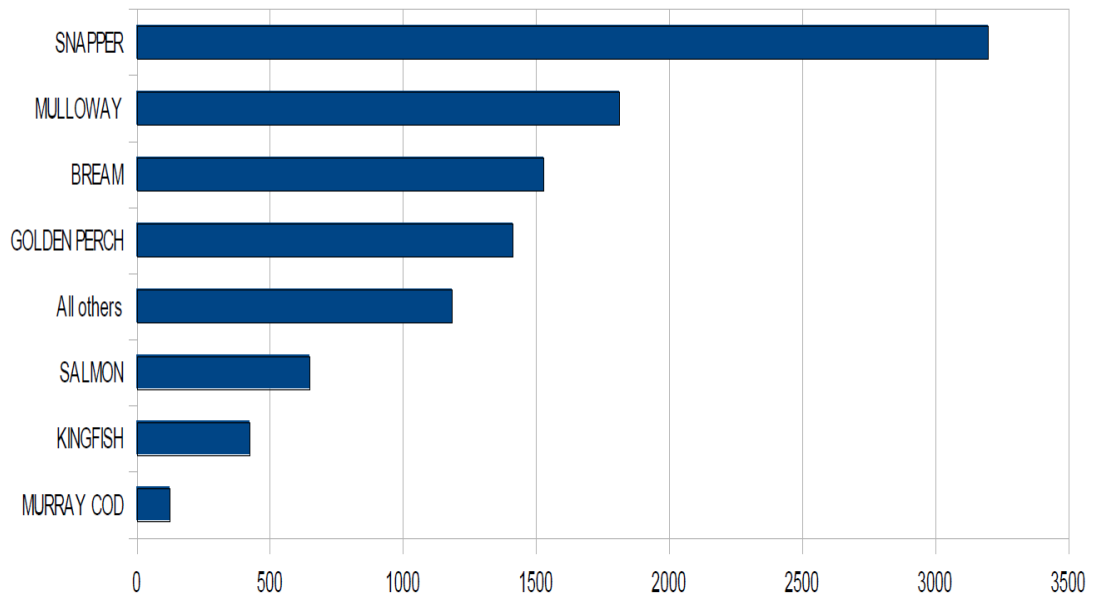
We placed our 10000th tag this year and although the number tagged for the year was down a little, our recaptures were up over last year. Total recaptures now stand at 642.

The Mulloway mentioned in last year's report was recaptured for a fourth time, again within West Lakes.

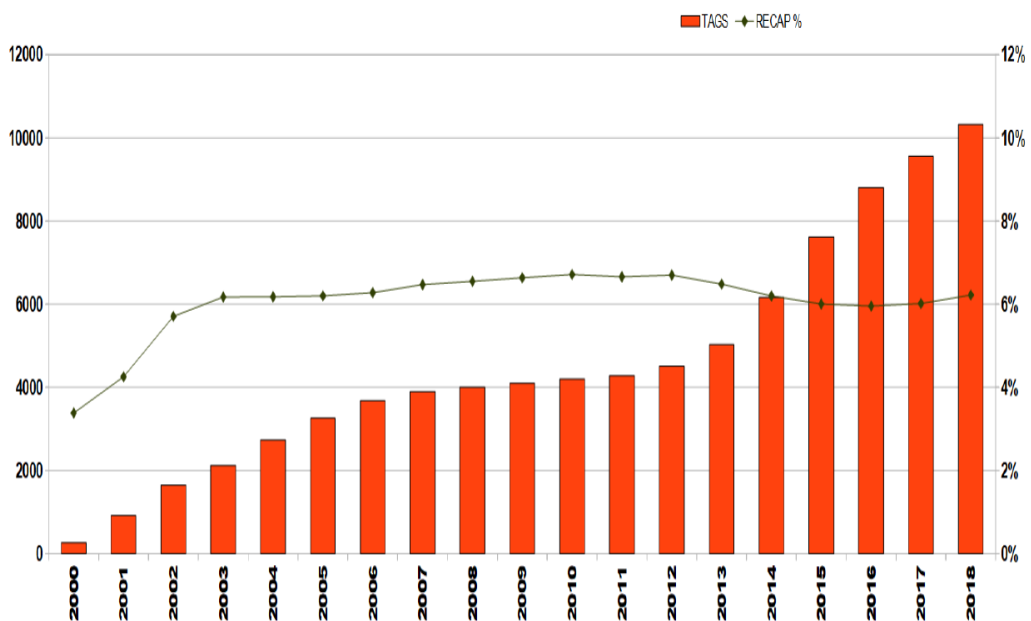
Several more Golden Perch were recaptured in various parts of the Darling River last summer but with lower flows this year they seem to have quietened.

Tagging awards are still being claimed with "tag-a-bag" awards going out fairly regularly. Notable for this year was Simon Green tagging the first bag of Whiting. New tagger Michael Pix scored his bag of Golden Perch on about his 3rd attempt and your author finally tagged his 5 Goldens after almost 4 years of trying.

Below is a graphic breakdown of our main tagging species. Southern Bluefin Tuna have been removed from the main list because although we permit them to be tagged we're no longer encouraging it. To date we've recorded zero recaptures, quite possibly because they seem to spend a fair part of their lives overseas.



Our second graphic displays the total numbers of fish tagged each year.



Happy fishing
 Marcel Vandergoot
 SAFTAG Co-ordinator

ANSA Tasmania Report

This season has been a very productive one on the fishing front for ANSA Tas members.

Most memorable captures go to Tony Pergar who managed his first Snapper in Tasmania and Mark Direen caught his first Blue fin tuna and King fish.

The club has seen new members join from abroad with more new members joining later in the year.

New member Justin Watts has caught a number of new species including some particularly nice Silver Trevally on one of our St Helens trips. A favourite place amongst members for trips.

Fishing trips as normal have been a great success with good attendance and fishing at all events.

Thank you must go out to all committee members for there hard work during the year.

A special thanks to members Nick and Helen Crawford for allowing us to use there home as a base in St Helens.

To Andrew and Jeanie Edwards and Chris Luttrell and family a special thank you to you also for allowing us to use your shacks at Swansea.

All in all every thing is running smoothly with ANSA tas and i look forward to the new season with new members.

Tom Crawford
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 many topics being very passionately put forward to the state government. With topics like the netting buy back in Port Phillip Bay having been already achieved attention now is turning towards Gippsland Lakes.

More recently there has been a launch of “Ramp Rage” a campaign to improve our boat ramps and ensure money raised through the recreational sector is returned. 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 2017/2018. The decrease seems to be carried across all the affiliated clubs. This is disappointing, 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.

We currently are also active in recruiting new members into the State executive, we have a few members that have sat in their positions now for a very long time and would like to get some fresh ideas.

All Conventions this year again were well supported with good numbers in attendance. The competition was hotly contested, so congratulation to all who attended throughout the year. This year we were pleased to see Portland Sportfishing Club successfully host a length only, catch and release Convention at Nelson on the Glenelg River. The State Executive congratulates the Portland Sportfishing Club and urges all members to support this convention. The discussion around the introduction of catch & release or Length only has been around for many years now and it is fantastic to see it finally making way into the ANSA state championship.

It is hoped the change attracts new members into ANSA accommodating for all anglers.

The executive had applied for and 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 were encouraged to provide information that could be used in an editorial in the magazine which was a great way to promote our organisation. The advertisements will expire next month and it is very difficult to see how successful this was, feedback from the member base has been fantastic but exactly how many new members it attracted is difficult to gauge.

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. I can now announce this project is going ahead and will be partnered with an Estuary Perch stocking program. This is a very big win for all recreational fishers!

Over the next 12 months we will continue to play our part with best interests of Recreational fishers in mind and also improve our own Association.

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ANSA Western Australia Report

The West has been a quiet state for new members and clubs this year with waning interest by club members.

I am hopeful of 18-19 being much better with the possible introduction of a state wide fishing comp run on the Infofish phone App and live dashboard system, with a no kill and no blood and guts approach we are hoping for a more friendly reception from people that view angling with discussed.

With funding shortages we were not able to support the annual Kalbarri kids whiting comp this year but should more funds be available it may be possible in the future.

Westag members have continued to grow, with most members being the young, they adapt to the smart phone system with ease, unlike this dinosaur!

The running of Swan-fish using the Track-my-fish app in conjunction with Recfish West was a great success and gained a lot of positive input for ANSA WA and our current direction, maybe a foot in the door for funding.

State Recorders Report.

2017/18 saw a total of 62 successful state line class claims and 61 national. We also had one all tackle claim and one length record claim, all from Nickol bay.

Most Claims

Max Grasso (Sub junior) - 19 claims

Chloe Hornhardt (junior) - 10 claims

Jessica Hornhardt (junior) - 13 claims

We also had two Game-fishing master claims for Max Grasso (sub junior) and Jessica Hornhardt (junior).

WA has now progressed to monitoring most of the state data on tagging from old programs, this has taken many years to finally get in place but at last we are now the go to centre for tag recapture info and constantly receive requests from Fisheries WA and Recfish West when tagged fish are caught, including calls when their own snapper are captured, (ahhh).

The years ahead will continue to be challenging for incoming captains, I hope that the ship I leave will be on a smooth course and have a positive and meaningful direction before my eventual hand over.

Steve Wiseman
President
ANSA Western Australia