

Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd

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ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020

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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 2019 – 2020

Chairman	Vacant
Executive Director (Acting Chairman)	John Burgess
Business Director	Joe Garufi
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)

2019/20 has been a pretty tough and challenging year for all of us. Initially with prolonged drought putting our inland river systems under duress with major fish kills across the state and then followed up by bush fires raging across the nation causing unbelievable damage and havoc for regional communities with loss of life, extensive injury, damage to property and horrendous impacts upon our wildlife and fishery habitat. Just when you expect things might be turning for the better we then get hit with the Covid 19 pandemic and its harsh but necessary restrictions on personal freedoms. You have to wonder what's next.

As a consequence of these natural disasters ANSA has had to be adaptive to the change of circumstances and their impact upon members and recreational fishing activities. Because of travel restrictions, social distancing and the embargo on fishing within Victoria and Qld associated with the original pandemic lockdowns, ANSA at a National level had little choice but to suspend all National Records and Masters Awards effective from 1 April and to send out a message encouraging the cessation of all competitive events and club gatherings and for members to stay at home to protect their health and that of their families. These suspensions were lifted on 31 May but we are keeping our options open should the second wave of the pandemic worsen.

ANSA National being mindful of the financial hardship being experienced by clubs and members also very generously reduced its 2020/21 member affiliation fees by 50% and wiped all fees for students and juniors. These fee reductions were fully passed onto members by most State Branches.

While all this seems like a tale of doom and gloom one positive to emerge has been the unexpected but welcome increase in recreational fishing activity across the nation. With many now working from home there are new opportunities to go fishing mid week and many are taking advantage of this new lifestyle opportunity to enjoy a day out in the fresh air doing what they enjoy with their family and friends while still complying with social distance and gathering restrictions. Ironically some of our more popular boat ramps have experienced a three fold increase in usage mid week and are packed out on weekends. The tackle shops and camping retailers are also doing reasonably well which is great news for that business sector and the tackle wholesalers are now seeing a resumption of stock supply from international markets. Regional travel and accommodation also seems to be on the road to recovery after a disastrous year and a welcome boost for regional economies.

ANSA National is looking at ways and means to capitalise on this surge in recreational fishing activity and we are in conjunction with the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) developing an extended version of the Tackle Box App which will facilitate the capture of fishing activity, capture details, fish identification, location data together with photograph and video imaging. This technology will be free and will capture the sort of data that is essential for the facilitation of virtual fishing competitions and events and or traditional club competitions and events.

Adam Martin (NSW Branch Competition Recorder) has been extensively engaged with the Tackle Box project which is being managed by ARFF with funding provided by Marine Parks Australia. I am also directly involved via my role as a Director of ARFF. It is the intention of ANSA NSW to use this technology to run a number of national and statewide events which will fit around Covid 19 restrictions and potentially facilitate the development a new national competition model which will complement the existing competition agenda both during and post the pandemic. More details on the availability of the Tackle Box App and the new suite of virtual events and competitions will be released shortly.

Also on a positive note ANSA in conjunction with other peak body members of ARFF has successfully reached an agreement with the Federal Government and the commercial sector which will see no changes to the Commonwealth regulations governing recreational fishing for Southern Bluefin Tuna. There have been no changes to SBT State bag and size limits or the allocation of the recreational fishing share of the SBT global catch limit between states or the imposition of a mandatory capture reporting requirement. This is a victory for common sense

after more than a decade of frustrating negotiation between stakeholders and the Australian government. All we need now is a good run of SBT across our southern states and NSW.

The Australian government has also generously come good with an \$8 million Fish Habitat Restoration funding package which will be delivered by Landcare Regional Land Partnership. This funding package was an electoral commitment given to ARFF prior to the last Federal election and was initially to be managed by ARFF and its member bodies. While this did not eventuate there will undoubtedly be many deserving rehabilitation projects that will now go ahead much to the benefit of our fish habitat. Details of projects to be funded are yet to be announced but Ozfish Unlimited which engages in numerous national fish habitat rehabilitation projects and has a very strong presence in several states, will hopefully be a beneficiary of some of the \$8 million that will be spent on regional projects for the benefit of the fish habitat. ANSA is a foundation member of Ozfish and I have served as a director of the company since its establishment and we will do our best to look out for the interests of recreational fishing.

I am also pleased to report that I was appointed as a recreational fisher representative on the Temperate East Marine Park advisory Committee (TEMPAC). The Temperate East network of marine parks covers a number of offshore locations adjacent to Bermagui on the NSW south coast up to Bundaberg in Northern Qld and includes reefs and canyons adjacent to both Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands and deep water canyons and mountain peaks extending well into Commonwealth waters almost as far out as our National borders. The interests of recreational fishing in these Commonwealth marine parks has been well received by all members of the TEMPAC committee which represent a diverse range of stakeholders including conservation groups.

The Commonwealth government is also making headway with its commitment to develop a resource sharing model between the commercial, indigenous and recreational fisher stakeholder groups. While this model will be focusing on only those species managed by the Commonwealth (mainly pelagic species) where there is competing fishing activity there are broader national ramifications as many states are also looking to develop similar resource sharing models which will impact on a much larger cohort of bread and butter species. The main challenges for the government and all stakeholders is how do we equitably share the resource - quantify the current extent of the resource - practically measure the take by all stakeholder groups - and who will pay for this process. ANSA has made a submission to the government on this very significant topic which you can read on the ANSA website. ANSA is also represented on a stakeholder working group.

Finance wise ANSA National is travelling well and we do have the resources to cover any downside as a consequence of the Covid 19 pandemic. Revenue generated from member fees will be down considerably due to the cut in member fees and likewise the challenges faced by most ANSA affiliated clubs operating as usual. Member wise our numbers are holding up but it is likely we will see some decline in numbers over the current year

Looking forward, hopefully 1920/21 will be a less formidable year and we can all get back to a level of normality and enjoy the company of others and put the risk of health back into a more balanced perspective - and of course enjoy more fishing and a resumption of traditional ANSA activities. Thanks also for the support from all members of the ANSA National executive and Branch committees over these challenging times.

Keep safe and keep fishing



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

National Finance Director's Report

ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

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FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

Financial statements for the financial year end 30 June 2020 together with comparative results for the preceding year are appended. The following points are highlighted:

- a) The Association traded at a surplus of \$2225 for the 2019/20 year. This was an improvement on the budgeted deficit of \$5600.

- b) Income over the 2018/19 year of \$14342 was slightly less than budget forecast of \$15300. Member affiliation fees \$12847 were \$153 less than budget and ANSA Ware sales of \$648 were also below budget of \$1000. Bank interest of \$597 was below budget of \$1000 reflecting the prevailing low interest rates and there was no web advertising revenue generated albeit that a \$200 late payment was received and will reflect through the 2020/21 financials. An amount of \$250 was also received from ANSA NSW as a contribution towards an ANSA media promotion with Fishing World.

- c) Expenditure over the 2019/20 year was \$13123 as compared to budget \$20900. Main variances to budget were savings on travel expenses \$3955 (budget \$6000), cost of goods sold \$441 (budget \$1000) and non payment of trade mark registration expense (budget \$500), conference fees (budget \$1000) and printing of new rule books (budget \$2000).

- d) The Association at year end 30 June 2020 possessed total assets of \$92378 (\$91159 @ 2019) consisting of cash at bank \$16801, term deposit \$71858, ANSA Ware stock on hand \$3680 and accrued but unpaid interest \$39. Overall the Association had a net equity of \$89859 at 30 June 2020.

- e) A financial budget forecast for the 2020/21 year is attached. For the coming year the association is forecasting a deficit of \$7500. This deficit is predicated on income for the coming year of \$7500 which is well below last year's revenue of \$14342 - this due to the decision by the national executive to temporarily reduce membership fees by 50% as a covid 19 financial relief initiative. Expenditure of \$15000 is forecast for 2020/21 which is slightly in excess of last year's spend of \$13123.

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

29 September 2020

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

ACN 063 293 514

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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 2020.

Directors and Officers

Your directors present their report on the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2020. The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Mr John Burgess – Director (Executive Officer)	(Maroubra NSW 2035)
Mrs Patricia Wloch – Director (Treasurer)	(Westmeadows VIC 3049)
Mr Joe Garufi – Director (Membership Services)	(Mascot NSW 2020)
Mr Knut Gassmanis – Director (National Masters Keeper)	(Morphett Vale SA 5162)
Mrs Patricia Ashbury – Director (Appointed 27/10/2019)	(Liberty Grove NSW 2138)
Mr Phil Turner – Officer (National Recorder)	(Yarrawarra NSW 2233)
Mr Ken Johnson – Officer (National Recorder)	(Cardwell QLD 4849)
Mr Stan Konstantaras – Officer (National Safety Officer)	(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 sports fishing in Australia.

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

Operating Results

The Company made a surplus for the financial year 2020 of \$2,225 (2019: surplus of \$2,129).

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

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

DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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

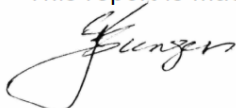
No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibilities on behalf of the Company for all or any part of those proceedings. The Company was not a party to any such 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 2020 has been received.

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



John Burgess

Director

05 November 2020

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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 2020 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.

When signed this directors' declaration is made as a formal company resolution approved by the directors.



John Burgess

Director

05 November 2020

REVIEW INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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 2020

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 2020 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

05 November 2020

REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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 (pages 8 to 14), 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, the Statement of Cash Flows, notes to the financial report and the directors' declaration (page 3), for the year ended 30 June 2020.

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 2020 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.

REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

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 2020;
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

05 November 2020

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Revenue from Ordinary Activities			
Affiliation Fees	Note 1	12,847	13,258
ANSA Ware Sales		648	792
Interest Received		597	914
Web Sponsorship		0	220
Media Promotion Cost Recovery		250	0
Total Revenue		14,342	15,184
Expenditures			
Travel & Meeting Expenses		3,955	4,707
Peak Body Subscriptions		1,633	1,450
Post & Stationary		2,051	2,491
Insurance		399	458
Phone & Internet Expenses		1,250	1,070
Website Expenses		0	25
Records & Masters Expenses		285	255
Computer Upgrades & Supplies		0	198
Cost of Goods Sold	Note 3	441	654
Media Promotion		825	0
ASIC Fees		329	248
Rule Book Printing		0	399
Donation / Tributes		75	0
Review/Audit Fees		874	1,100
Angel Ring Project Expenses Paid	Note 2	1,006	7,701
Angel Ring Project Grant to Return	Note 2	(1,006)	(7,701)
Total expenditure		12,117	13,055
Surplus / (Deficit) Before Income Tax		2,225	2,129
Income Tax Expense	Note 4	0	0
Surplus / (Deficit) After Income Tax		2,225	2,129

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Current Assets			
Cash	Note 5	16,801	15,738
Term Deposit		71,858	71,195
Inventory		3,680	4,121
Receivables – Interest		39	105
Total Current Assets		92,378	91,159
Non Current Assets			
		0	0
Total Assets		92,378	91,159
Current Liabilities			
Angel Ring Project	Note 2	2,519	3,525
Total Current Liabilities		2,519	3,525
Non Current Liabilities			
		0	0
Total Liabilities		2,519	3,525
Net Assets		89,859	87,634
Member's Equity			
Retained Earnings (Page 11)		89,859	87,634
Total Member's Equity		89,859	87,634

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

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Receipts from Operations		13,745	15,184
Payment to Suppliers		(12,682)	(20,102)
Interest Received		663	965
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	Note 6	<u>1,726</u>	<u>(4,867)</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		1726	(4,867)
Add opening cash		86,933	91,800
Rounding		0	0
Closing Cash		<u><u>88,659</u></u>	<u><u>86,933</u></u>

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGE TO EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		\$	\$
Retained Earnings at 1 July		87,634	85,505
Surplus for the period		2,225	2,129
Rounding		0	0
Retained Earnings at 30 June		89,859	87,634

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 2020

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 accountant's 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
Total Grant received	46,420
Total Grant expended on project or returned	(42,895)
Unexpended grant at year ended 30.06.2019	3,525
Less Angel Ring expenditure 2019/2020	(1,006)
Remaining Angel Ring provision at year end	2,519

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NOTES OF FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

Note 3 – Cost of Goods Sold

Opening Inventory 1 July 2019	4,121
Add, Purchases	0
Less, Closing Inventory 30 June 2020	3,680
Cost of Goods Sold	441

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 organises and encourages sports fishing.

Note 5 – Cash

Cash and Cash Equivalents	2020	2019
ANZ Business Classic 1063	18,738	15,914
Add, Un-deposited Funds	0	0
Less, Un-presented Cheques	(1,937)	(176)
Term Deposit	71,858	71,195
Total Cash	88,659	86,933

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:	2020	2019
Operating surplus / (deficit) after Income Tax	2,225	2,129
<i>Non-cash flows in the surplus or deficit from ordinary activities:</i>		
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
<i>(Increase) / decrease in inventory</i>	441	654
<i>(Increase) / decrease in receivables</i>	66	51
<i>Increase / (decrease) in liabilities</i>	(1,006)	(7,701)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	1,726	(4,867)

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 2020 (30 June 2019 – None).

NOTES OF FINANCIAL REPORT
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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 30.6.2020
Budget forecast for 2012/21 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>2020/21</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2017/18</u>
Income								
Branch affiliation fees	6000	12847	13000	13258	15000	13130		
ANSA Ware sales	700	648	1500	792	1000	2286		
Bank Interest	500	597	1000	914	1600	1092		
Web Advertising	300	0	400	220	400	620		
Media promo cost recovery	0	250	0	0	0	0		
Total Income	7500	14342	15900	15184	18000	17128		
Expenditure								
Travel/ Accomodation/ Meals	3000	3955	6000	4707	9000	10953		
Recfish membership	0	0	0	0	0	0		
IGFA Membership	0	533	500	170	0	0		
ARFF membership	1100	1100	1100	1100	550	0		
Other Memberships	200	0	200	180	300	0		
Auditor fees	1000	874	1000	1100	2800	3118		
Insurance	500	399	500	458	500	455		
Website	200	0	400	25	400	222		
Phone /internet	1400	1250	1000	1070	1500	776		
Bank fees	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Post/ Stationery	2500	2051	2500	2491	2500	2974		
Records/ Masters expenses	300	285	400	255	300	484		
ASIC Fees	300	329	100	248	100	96		
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Cost of goods sold	500	441	1500	654	1500	1713		
Sundries - Angel Ring National Project	1000	1006	0	7701	3000	0		
Computer Upgrade/ supplies	0	0	0	198	500	0		
ANSA Promotion	1000	825	1000	399	1000	0		
Trade Mark Registration	500	0	500	0	500	0		
Line Tester Service	300	0	0	0	0	0		
50 Yr Anniversary subsidy	0	0	0	0	4000	2287		

	Budget 2019/20	Actual 2019/20	Budget 2018/19	Actual 2018/19	Budget 2017/18	Actual 2017/18
0	2000	0	0	0	0	0
Rule Book printing	1000	0	0	0	500	240
Conference Fees	200	75	200	0	100	2000
Donations/Tributes						
Total Expenditures	<u>15000</u>	<u>13123</u>	<u>16900</u>	<u>20756</u>	<u>29050</u>	<u>25318</u>
Net profit/(Loss)	<u>-7500</u>	<u>1219</u>	<u>-1000</u>	<u>-5572</u>	<u>-11050</u>	<u>-8190</u>
Notional adjust for Angel Ring Project income/ expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>1006</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7701</u>	<u>3000</u>	<u>0</u>
Notional Net Profit/ (Loss) after adjust for Angel Ring Project	<u>-7500</u>	<u>2225</u>	<u>-1000</u>	<u>2129</u>	<u>-8050</u>	<u>-8190</u>

National Membership Director's Report

ANSA National's total overall membership at the year ending 30.6.2020 was comprised of approximately 3000 membership in Australia.

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 (2020/2021) 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 2020/2021 year and are were due on the 31st October 2020. 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 well. The website address is www.ansa.com.au.

The ANSA National facebook page is active and has some 971 likes. This is slightly more likes than this time last year (1057 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.



Joe Garufi
Membership Services Director
ANSA National

National Recorder's Report (Line Class)

During the 2019– 2020 shortened season due to COVID 19, 36 Australian Line Class Records have been claimed and awarded. Special congratulations 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
2016-17	102
2017-18	71
2018-19	47
2019-20	36

Records per State

W.A	30
Vic.	2
N.S.W.	2
SA.	2



Mia Grasso: SJS
Shark Mackerel 2.52kg on 3kg



Jessica Hornhardt JG
Sailfish 28.7kg on 4kg



Chloe Hornhardt: JS
Brassy Trevally
10.12kg on 6kg

Most successful clubs:

Nichol Bay SFC- W.A. - 30 Australian Records

Most successful anglers:

Max Grasso - 22 Sub-Junior/Junior Australian Records

Jessica Hornhardt – 6 Sub-Junior Australian Records

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



Jordan Dremel: JS – Sailfish 12.11kg on 4kg



Luke Robinson: LF – Southern Bluefin
15.45kg on 3kg



Max Grasso: SJS -Mackerel Tuna
6.28kg on 4kg

Congratulations to all those anglers who gained Australian records in 2019-20.

Phil Turner
ANSA National Line Class Records.

National Recorder's Report (Trophy Length Only)

Another season has passed with Covid, it has been a tough year as states had fishing restrictions and National ANSA shut down any National Record Claims. However as the State opens up again the Records are now flowing again.

Total Record Claims for this season 2019-20 was 30

Queensland -19 NSW- 1 WA -1 Victoria- 2 Tasmania- 2 SA- 5

Some of the outstanding captures for the season was:

1. Daniel Somerfield with a SPANISH MACKEREL of 1750 mm taken on a lure of Stanage Bay Qld.



2. Ethan Moyle with a RED EMPEROR of 800 mm
3. Helen Johnson with a prehistoric SOUTHERN SARATOGA taken at Cania Dam Qld



Of the 30 record claims, 19 captures were kept with 11 being released, as the Covid restrictions were eased and National reopened, the Record claims started flowing again.

Remain safe and well on the water as we ride out the Covid time and continue to enjoy your fishing.

Ken

National Length Recorder



Matthew Leavy with a lovely Barramundi of 1130 mm taken out of the Gleeson's Weir Townsville



Shaun Manthey with an 860mm Red Emperor taken of Broomfield Reef

Below is Hope Royle holding a Junior National Record Giant Queenfish of 960mm taken off the Lucinda Jetty Qld

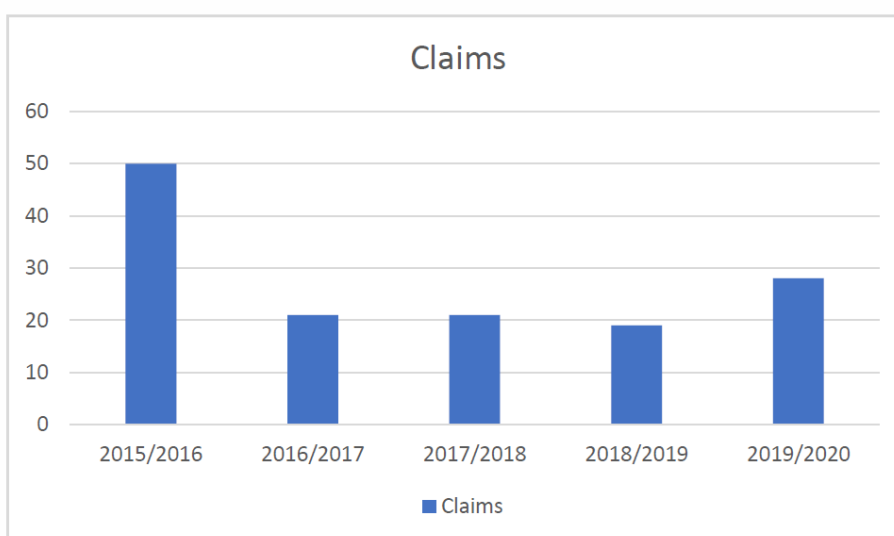


Ken Johnson
National Trophy Length Recorder
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National Masters Keeper Report

It is with a heavy heart that I present this report to you. Knut sadly passed away in September 2020. Knut held National Master Keeper from 2007 until this time and was part of the National Executive for over 20 years. Knut was dedicated to making ANSA the best it could be and we thank him for all of his work towards this. He will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with his family at this time.

This year we had 28 records approved with the majority coming from Queensland and Victoria. This is an increase from 2018/2019. Hopefully this upward trend continues.



Impressively this year in the specie division there were claims of 80, 60, 30, 20 and 10. Billy Stringer had a particularly good year clocking up his 80th trophy length Barred Javelin Fish and 60th trophy length Whaler Shark. Well done Billy. Saratoga was the most popular trophy length specie making up 5 of the 12 claims.

We had 3 Trophy Length records of 50, 20 and 10. Helen Johnson managed to get to a staggering 50 different Trophy Length fish. Great achievement Helen.

Records Approved

Division	SA	NSW	QLD	VIC	Total
Trophy Length			2	1	3
Specie		1	12		13
Sportfishing	2		1	8	11
Game Fishing					0
Fly Fishing			1		1
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>28</u>

Simon Green for Knut Gassmanis
Master Keeper
ANSA National

ANSA New South Wales Report

It has been a remarkable year that brought us together from the fish kills to the bushfire crisis that engulfed NSW during December, January and February and then with the current Covid pandemic. I have sat back and watched the ANSA NSW clubs respond to the situations with great pride. From banding together during the bushfires that saw clubs like the Eurobodalla Fishing Alliance and especially Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club cement their places in their communities with their bushfire responses and leadership. From us here at ANSA NSW, a huge thank you to Les Waldock and the Narooma club who opened their club up as an emergency shelter, well done Les and the membership. Many other clubs chipped in to help out so a collective thanks to all.

The other issue has been the struggle with Covid, both at a club and committee level. I know last year I wrote about the fact that our focus needs to be making the job of running a club easier for the members to participate and drive greater connection between the NSW Clubs. Today the recreational fishing community has changed significantly due to the digital age and modern practices, but more importantly the impacts of Covid 19.

If anything Covid 19 has seen all clubs adapt to a very restricted club scene, the likes of which we have never seen before. I have watched the clubs embrace social media, become creative in the way they engage their membership and watched them struggle with keeping the ship on an even keel but they are managing and evolving every day so thank you to all the members and committees who make this happen.

In this day and age the mental health benefits that fishing provide are well documented and the literature available is wide ranging but when it is put into perspective in today's Covid 19 situation - fishing is by nature a reflective and meditative activity that forces you to slow down and enjoy your surroundings. People fish for many reasons. Some fish just for food and some for sport, while others just want an excuse to be outside or get together with friends. No matter what gets them out there, any fisherman can attest to the supreme sense of relaxation and calmness that spending a morning or evening doing their favourite activity provides. This very quality has made fishing a popular therapeutic exercise used by counsellors and therapists who work with veterans, people with chronic illnesses, and others who have experienced trauma in their lives. I didn't write that but I realise how important fishing is and how important the clubs are in looking after their members and that we have been doing it for a long time before Covid 19 hit our shores.

I am also pleased to report that John Burgess was appointed as a recreational fisher representative on the Temperate East Marine Park advisory Committee (TEMPAC). The Temperate East network of marine parks covers a number of offshore locations adjacent to Bermagui on the NSW south coast up to Bundaberg in Northern Qld and includes reefs and canyons adjacent to both Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands and deepwater canyons and mountain peaks extending well into Commonwealth waters almost as far out as our National borders.

The interests of recreational fishing in these Commonwealth marine parks has been well received by all members of the TEMPAC committee who represent a diverse range of stakeholders including conservation groups.

The NSW Branch Committee will continue to engage with NSW Fisheries and other government agencies in terms of preserving recreational fisher access to our waterways - fresh and salt and - and to ensure that any new proposals for state marine parks or state significant developments will involve constructive and genuine consultation with the recreational fishing sector - current issues on the boil include a proposed cruise ship terminal at Yarra Bay and a new Ferry Service and wharves at La Perouse and Kurnell - both of which are located in Botany Bay a declared recreational fishing haven. There is also ongoing lobbying for a state government buy out of the Southern Fish Trawl operation and for a review of the NSW Impounding Amended (Unattended Boat Trailers) Act which prohibits boat owners from legally parking their boats outside their homes for more than 28 days and risk of fine and impoundment for any breach.

The politics, letter writing and representation roles that come with the job are challenging roles to deal with, but the welcomed distractions have been working on the Fishing 4 Therapy Project and Angel Ring Project which provide a welcome relief for all of us. A massive thank you to all who work behind the scenes and keep the ball rolling for these projects and the next chapter for these projects, whatever they may be. Special mention has to be made on the Great Swordfish Race as outlined below, an evolving project that pushes the envelope of citizen science, read on;

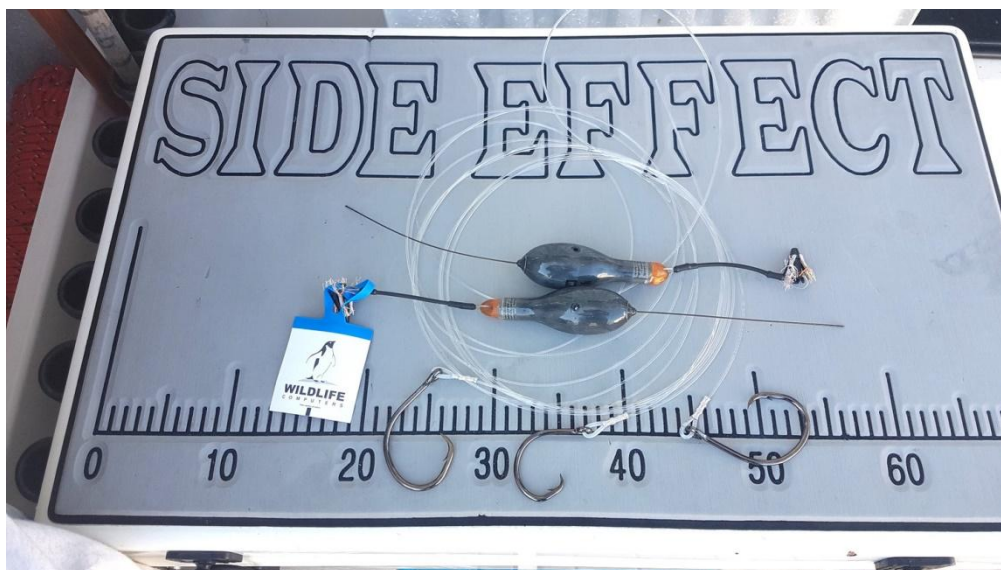
Special Projects – Great Swordfish Race

This Great Swordfish Race Project aims to provide data on this exciting new fishery, including information on the timing and availability of swordfish in Eastern Australian waters, whether swords return to the same grounds seasonally and their suitability for catch and release. This research will help us to learn more about the recreational swordfish fishery in NSW to maximise its potential while ensuring the longevity of the fishery is maintained.

DPI is undertaking the project with the Australian National Sportfishing Association (NSW) and the NSW Game Fishing Association. A small team of NSW-based game and sportfishing swordfish experts will be provided with the sat tags to enable the collection of data. Data from this project will be used as part of a larger swordfish project being undertaken by Dr Sean Tracey of the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies in Hobart, with similar objectives completed in Tasmania and currently underway in Victoria.

Pop-up satellite archival tags (PSATs) are used to track the movement of marine animals, particularly highly migratory species such as sharks, tuna and billfish. The tags are like mini computers that are externally attached to the fish and travel along with the fish whilst logging information on water depth, light levels and temperature, and gathering information on its location (geolocation). This allows us to gain a greater understanding of the behaviour of the fish, their migratory patterns and catch and release survival. The great benefit of satellite tags is that they do not have to be retrieved to collect the recorded information. After a predetermined time (twelve months) the tag decouples from the fish and ‘pops-off’, floating to the surface. The tag then transmits the data that it has stored whilst it has been underwater to orbiting satellites that pass overhead. This data is then relayed back to DPI.

The project will provide us with data on the exciting new recreational fishery including information on the timing and availability of swordfish in NSW, whether swordfish tend to return back to the same grounds seasonally and their suitability for catch and release. DPI is undertaking the project with the Australian National Sportfishing Association (NSW) and NSW Game Fishing Association.



Satellite tags and rigged circle hooks ready for action.

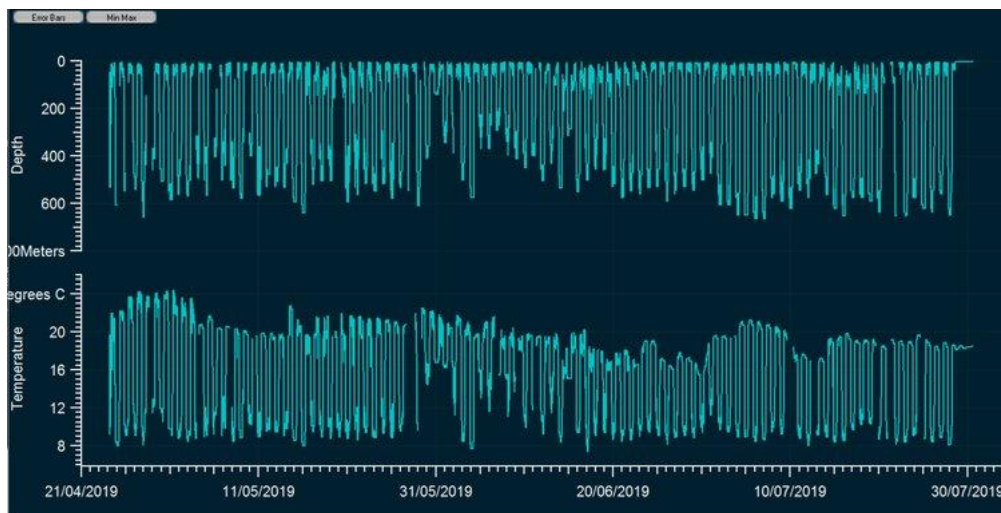
NEWS FLASH!! September 2019 Swordfish sat tag pops off west of Lord Howe Island!



The swordfish that was tagged in April.

The first satellite tag, deployed on a swordfish off Sydney has popped off. The 30kg fish was tagged at the end of April by Chris Cleaver and Ryan Camlin and popped off east of the Dampier Ridge at the end of July. This is an early release for the tag; however this is a common occurrence for satellite tags and has still provided us with plenty of interesting info.

The tag showed that it still had the pin intact and from the data received it looks as if the tag just pulled out the fish early. The depth data in the image below shows that the swordy carried out the normal diurnal pattern of diving deep during the day (around 400- 600m+) and rising near to the surface at night. There appears to be some change to the behaviour around the end of May, where the daytime dives don't go as deep (150 – 300m+) before the normal dive pattern to 500m+ resumes. You can see the surface water temperatures were relatively high at around 24 degrees when the fish was first tagged off Sydney and they steadily drop off to around 19 degrees when the tag popped off west of Lord Howe Island. The fish headed south towards the south east corner of Australia before it meanders eastwards and then heads on a more northerly bearing.

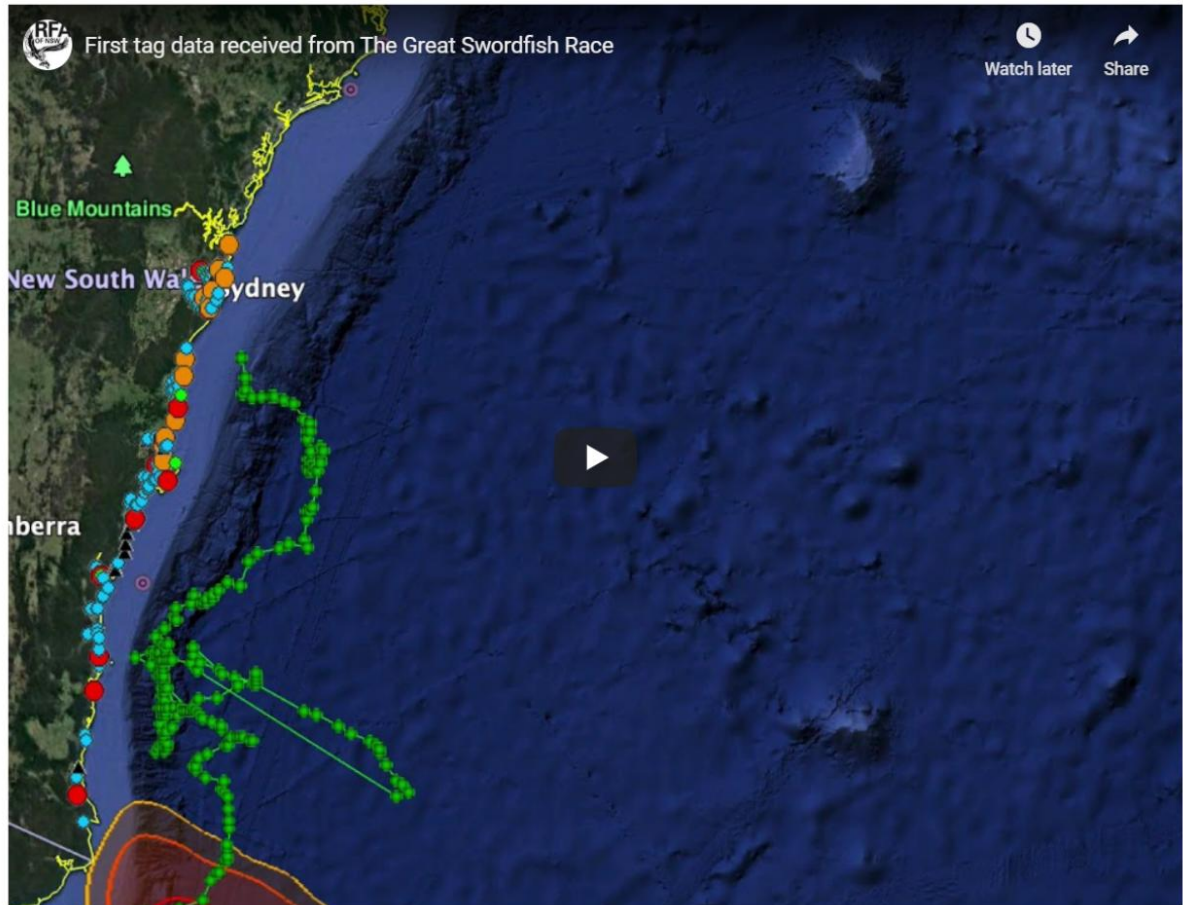


Dive depth and temperature data collected from the tag.

This track has been shared with Dr Sean Tracey of IMAS, who has previously carried out research on swordfish tagged off Tasmania and is currently studying fish tagged off Victoria. Dr Tracey shared a recent track of a Victorian fish tagged by Steve Taranto in May 2019 under a similar program being run out of Victoria by Dr Tracey who goes on to say Sean's provided the following "It's worth noting that swordfish are notoriously difficult to generate good tracks for due to the diving behaviour that sees them spend most of their life in the dark. The tracking model relies on trying to determine dawn and dusk times from the tag to estimate

latitude, and from there work out the noon time to estimate longitude. With swordfish spending much of their time in low light, this is particularly challenging. That is part of the reason that there are some jumps in the track and at times, the error balloons get bigger and may even throw up a couple of probable locations. That said “you can clearly see that the fish travelled south remaining fairly close to the shelf break before turning around somewhere adjacent to the southeast corner of Australia and heading up towards Lord Howe. This was a reasonably common northerly migration path taken by the fish that were tagged off Tasmania.”

<https://youtu.be/5p51EayoeSU>



We'll keep you updated with this exciting project as news becomes available.

Tight Lines,

Stan Konstantaras
President
ANSA New South Wales



QLD Sportfishers President's Report (2020)

To say the past 12 months have been challenging would be an understatement. While holding the position of vice president for several years had prepared me for many of the trials and tribulations in my new role of president, I doubt anything could have prepared me for the events of 2020. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, QLD Sportfishers have managed to navigate our way through a number of achievements.

A few of the more notable achievements have been,

- The release of our Fishamon App.
- further development of our website (revamp of tagging and recapture platform).
- improved access to tagging and recapture data for clubs (via approved club representatives)
- easier access, improved reporting, and promotion of the Insightful Angler BMP self-assessment program
- introduction of two new length based state record divisions (lure fishing & fly fishing)
- financial support for clubs and members through one-off membership fee reductions
- on ground delivery of Active Club grants to assist with club resilience

Along the way I've been fortunate enough to have benefited from the friendship and support of my fellow executive, which has subsequently enabled QLD Sportfishers to deliver these achievements. I cannot thank them enough for their support and sincerely appreciate the commitment each of them have put forward in their respective roles.

I'd also like to thank those members, outside of the current executive, who have offered me their support, wisdom and knowledge. I won't mention any by name for fear of missing anyone, I do however want them to know that I greatly appreciate their input, which has guided many of my decisions these past 12 months.

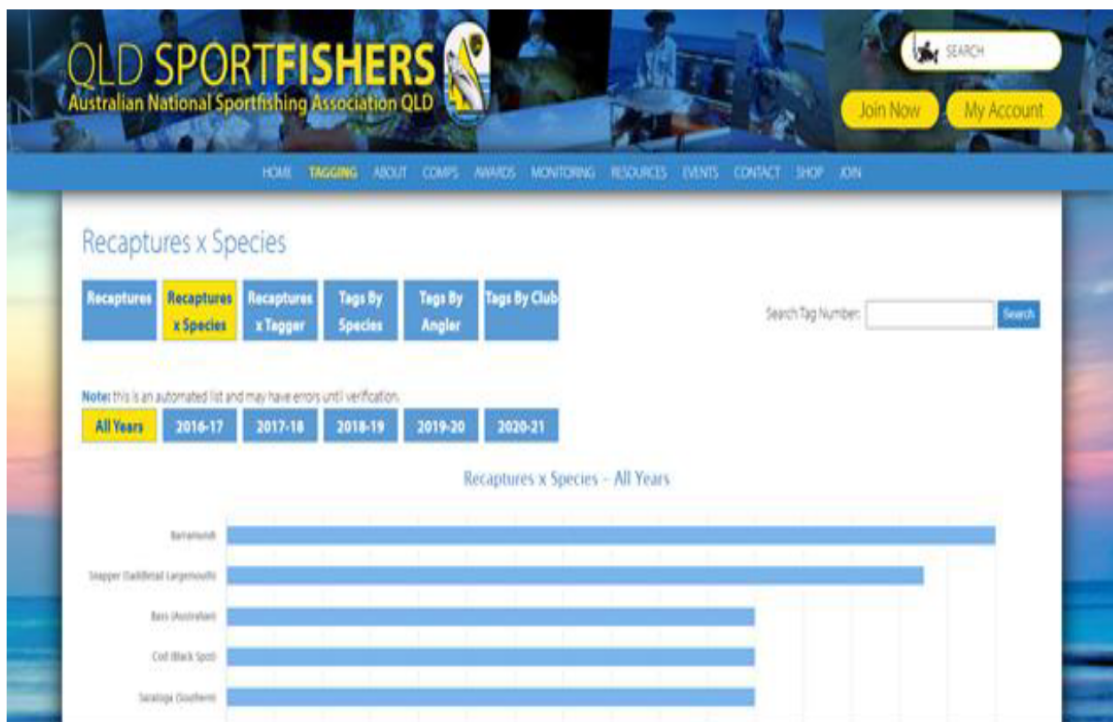


Our Financial Position

The past 12 months saw expenditure on IT services jump markedly. While much of this was attributed to expenditure of grant funding, a substantial proportion of core funds were also used to correct issues relating to our previous IT service provider. I'm pleased to say that our new IT service provider is now delivering a much improved service and I am hopeful of reducing expenditure on the maintenance of our IT services over the coming 12 months. That said, I do expect this area of our member services to continue to require a relatively high proportion of our overall annual expenditure moving forward.

Another of our primary annual expenditure items, public liability insurance (PLI), rose by 15% in 2020/21. Our annual PLI premium currently absorbs over half of our annual income from membership fees. For 2020/21 the executive and I made the decision to downgrade our membership forecast, while still maintaining acceptable margins, in order to reduce this burden. In doing so, we managed to claw back nearly half of this year's increase. My recommendation to the incoming executive will be to investigate further means of reducing our insurance burden, without adversely affecting the insurance cover we provide our membership and affiliated clubs.

As you will see from our financial audit, QLD Sportfishers expended all grant funds in 2019/20. While our main account remains relatively healthy, considering the current climate and forecast reductions in membership revenue, I foresee a slight tightening of the belt for QLD Sportfishers in 2020/21. This does not necessarily mean a reduction in services, but merely a more frugal approach to expenditure.



Membership

With COVID-19 impacting all facets of our lives, QLD Sportfishers made the tough but fair decision to reduce membership fees by 50% for the 2020/21 financial year. The executive and I also announced a freeze in membership renewals for six months, until 1st January 2021. This decision was not taken lightly, however, after consultation with and support from ANSA national, we felt the best way to support members and clubs was to reduce their financial burden during these difficult times.

Some clubs have chosen to pass on these reduction in fees, while others chose to keep the extra revenue to prop up their clubs in lieu of the loss of normal revenue raising streams, which have been impacted due to COVID-19. Regardless, I support whatever decision individual clubs make, provided it is in the spirit of providing support and services to their, and our, membership.

Despite the loss of several clubs over the past few years, overall membership remained relatively stable in 2019/20. We have even welcomed the Miles Condamine Fishing Club to our rank of affiliated clubs. It's also been gratifying to received queries from several other new and pre-existing clubs regarding potential affiliation with QLD Sportfishers, one of which I'm confident will become affiliated in the near future.

Despite the likely need to tighten our belts over the coming 12 months, membership numbers have been relatively stable and we have received interest from new clubs. Because of this, I'll be recommending that the incoming executive maintain the current membership fee structure for 2021/22, while removing the 50% discount that was temporarily put in place for 2020/21.



Member Services, Promotions, Incentives & Events

As already mentioned, 2020 has been a tough year for us all. QLD Sportfishers have had to make several tough decisions, including temporarily shutting down our fish capture entry form during travel restriction earlier this year. The executive discussed at length the need to balance the provision of services to our membership, with the

expectations of the broader community, and I believe that ultimately we struck the right balance.

In response to the fish capture entry form closure, we established the Aussie Fishing Challenge. Run via our Facebook page, we set monthly challenges for our members based on prior fishing achievements. In doing so, we were able to keep our sportfishing community engaged and connected.

In order to foster a sense of community and belonging amongst our fellow sportfishers, keeping in touch and better communicating with members has been a priority for QLD Sportfishers. Aside from social media, one of the key tools to help us achieve this over the past 12 months has been our QLD Sportfisher e-newsletter. Five editions were published electronically in 2019/20 with a reach of up to 300 individual email addresses. When I took on the role of vice president, half a decade ago now, better communication was high on our memberships wish list. Through the use of social media, regular QLD Sportfisher newsletters, and events such as the annual sportfishing festivals, I'm pleased to say that the feedback I've received as president these past 12 months indicates we are on the right path to keeping our sportfishing community connected.

Last year Helen Johnson stepped into the role of Records Officer and went about the task of assessing record captures and establishing two new Queensland all tackle length based records divisions. Added to the pre-existing Sportfishing division has been Lure fishing and Fly fishing. It's my firm belief that focusing on length based captures and records will assist QLD Sportfishers, and affiliated clubs, to better align with the expectations of current and future Sportfishers. I congratulate and thank Helen for the work she has done and look forward to seeing the length based records continue to expand over the coming years.

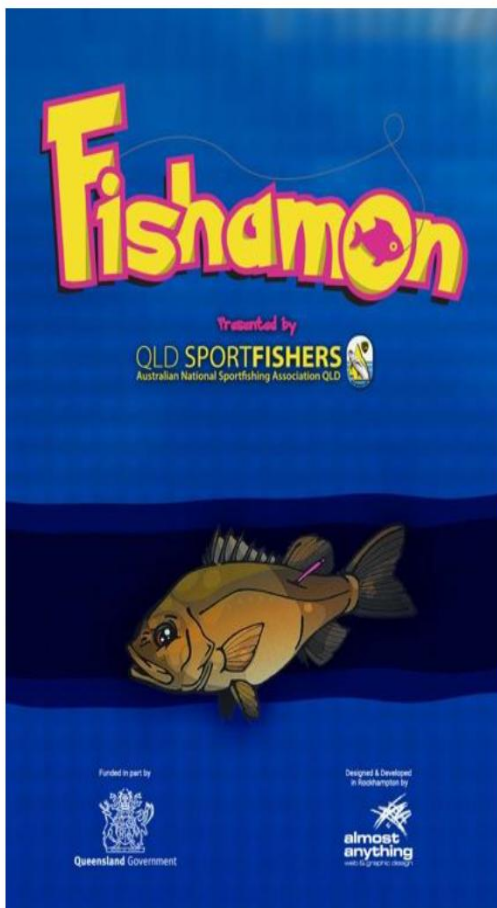
Over the past 12 months we have invested substantially in our online services with a number of functionality upgrades and additional reporting platforms. The most significant of these has been the expansion and improvement in functionality of the tagging and recaptures platform. Along with improved functionality, the reporting of recaptured fish has been expanded and simplified in order to make it easier to navigate through recapture entries. I'll admit, there may still be a few creases to iron out, but as a whole this has been a significant improvement to the way our tagging & monitoring program is reported and viewed.

In 2019, QLD Sportfishers were approached by the Kingaroy Sportfishing, through then club president Shaun Manthey, to investigate options to improve reporting related to specific tagging & monitoring plans. After further investigation and investment, from both the Kingaroy club and QLD Sportfishers, a new 'Exporter' user type was created. Exporter functionality gives the ability for approved club representatives to export data from the primary database, without the ability to edit or manipulate data from within the database itself. It must be noted that Exporter users must have the approval of both their club and QLD Sportfishers, by way of a signed confidentiality and terms of use agreement, before receiving access.

2020 also saw the release of the QLD Sportfishers Fishamon App for both Android and Apple users. The Fishamon App has been designed to record fish captures and track individual anglers' positions in various competitions in a fun and visual way.

Leaderboards and rules for each of these competitions can be found on our website at www.ansaqld.com.au. Aside from complimentary functionality with our website, each fish caught earns users a new Fishamon e-card, some of which feature our beautifully drawn fish illustrations and information about that species. Funded primarily by the Queensland Government via a Qld Fisheries grant, we look forward to receiving feedback from members over the coming months.

Being proactive in supporting a sustainable recreational fishing in Queensland has, and will continue to be, at the heart of QLD Sportfishers. I'm pleased to announce that our Insightful Angler self-assessment BMP program recently achieved its 100th submission. The program challenges all recreational fishers to benchmark and subsequently improve their fishing practises. I'd like to recognise the work and determination of Nathan Johnston in driving this program, and our Media & Promotions Officer Matt Leavy for developing our most recent promotional campaign. Through co-investment with the Queensland government, we were able to run a series of campaigns on social media, print media and through the popular ALF 'Doc Lures' podcast platform. Further improvements in reporting of assessment for individual rec fishers are planned for 2020/21 and I encourage the incoming executive to maintain and continue to promote this worthy program.



The Future of QLD Sportfishers

Over the coming years, the role of QLD Sportfishers will be to balance recognition of our past with the needs of our current membership and affiliated clubs, and the expectations of future Sportfishers.

Staying connected and fulfilling the needs of our current and future membership will require us to consolidate our current services and benefits, as well as continue to provide social experiences such as our annual interclub weekend getaways and of course our annual sportfishing festivals.

To help us recognise and celebrate our past, in particular the contribution individuals have made to ANSA, I'll be announcing not one, but two new incentives in 2021.

The 'Service to ANSA' awards will be granted to those who have been members of ANSA for 10, 25 and 50 years. Nominations for these recognition awards will come from our membership and further details will be made available next year.

The second incentive will be the 'Spirit of ANSA' award. Potential recipients of this award will be nominated by the membership and considered annually by the QLD Sportfishers executive for members who meet specific criteria. Included, but not limited to, will be service to their club and state or national executive, and in providing service will have promoted the ethos of Sport, Conservation & Integrity. There will be a maximum of one recipient per year and I expect recipients to be held in similar esteem as those who have received the Ron Dempster and Eric Moller awards.

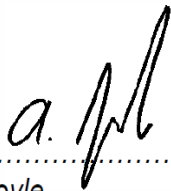
Getting the balance right between recognising our history and providing services that are relevant to our current membership will go a long way to maintaining membership, it may not however guarantee our future. For this, QLD Sportfishers will have to continue to think outside of the box and not be afraid of embracing change.

The modern sportfisher may on paper seem vastly different from those barefoot yobboes who met some 53 years ago, but what has not changed is their shared passion for fishing. Through embracing new experiences, which better fit with current expectations, we must strive to remain relevant.



Similar to the challenge faced by many of our affiliated clubs, QLD Sportfishers must look at ways to attract and maintain our future leaders. Like clubs, QLD Sportfishers cannot survive on members alone, we need leaders to step up from our ranks and take on roles in our state executive. This, while no small task, will be vital if we are to secure a future, and it will be something future executives will need to address.

In wrapping up, I'd like to thank my fellow executive once again for their support, guidance, and efforts in helping QLD Sportfishers achieve what it has over the past year. I'd also like to thank our families, especially my wife and two daughters, for their continued support and understanding, without which none of us could have achieved what we have. Thank you again also to those I affectionately refer to as my 'ANSA Brains Trust', who have helped guide my decisions and provide valuable insight into our organisation's past. Your wisdom, knowledge, and willingness to support me in my role as president is testament to the ANSA spirit.



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Adam Royle
President
QLD Sportfishers
22/09/2020

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Australian National Sportfishing Association QLD



ANSA South Australia Report

I submit my 11th annual report for ANSA SA 2020 which in reality has not been one of the better years for ANSA SA with the loss of our sitting secretary Marcel Vandergoot due to ill health which came as a shock to most of us. Marcel was also the SATAG co-ordinator. We also lost our long serving past secretary Knut Gassmanis also a life member of ANSA SA awarded in 2013 and National Board member sitting as Master Keeper.

I can't thank Tony Whitmore enough for putting his hand up to fill the position left vacant by the passing of Marcel and a sterling job he has done. Mick Wilson and Levi Nash also stepped in to take on the shared role of SAFTAG co-ordinators. Many Thanks from all. Membership remains steady at just over the 200 mark an increase on the last few years figures which is very pleasing and with an increase in clubs from eight to nine (some membership fees still to come in at the time of writing so can't really give an exact membership total)

ANSA National this past year lowered their affiliation fees which we were able to pass onto members bearing in mind this is ANSA SA's only source of income.

Recreational fishing representation at State Government level in South Australia I am disappointed to report has been at an all-time low.

The MRFAC (Ministers recreational Fishing advisory committee) was formed with an intended 10 members and all but 3 elected members have resigned. We have even lost our Minister for Primary Industries (Fisheries) resigning, A new Minister has been appointed and is at time of writing has appointed members of the recreational community to take the place of those that resigned. I am pleased to say ANSA SA did correspond with the new minister expressing our disappointment at not being even considered for a position on the original MRFAC being a peak body in our own right.

We then did receive an invitation from the new minister to nominate a delegate and we accordingly nominated Lee Van Soest a member of Northern Districts Sportfishing Club and well known in Game fishing circles and for her work instigating a Kids Fishing Program due to take off in 2021.

We thank Lee Van Soest for putting her hand up and I am pleased to say Lee now has been accepted onto the MRFAC board.

I once again commend Paul Wolfendale our state recorder for the excellent job he does, and the quality of his report is indicative of the standard of work he produces throughout the year. Simon Green our state treasurer also does a great job collecting affiliation fees and keeping our finances in check and this year nominated for a position on ANSA National Board to fill the role of Mater Keeper left vacant by the passing of Knut.

COVID 19 has influenced how clubs go about their functions and it appears most have found work arounds even using internet-based programs such as Zoom to hold meetings. Lets all hope for a better year in 2021

Alan Hall
President ANSA South Australian Division



ANSA SA Recorders Report

The number of claims submitted for the 2019/2020 season has been a little down on previous years as expected, with just 11 landing on my desk. 10 claims were accepted into the records chart, as 2 claims for a Gummy Shark in the Trophy Length division were claimed in less than 4 weeks of each other, with the second claim being slightly less in length than the first. I also had the reverse with 2 Sub Junior claims for a European Carp in the Trophy Length division, with the second claim breaking the first just 3 weeks later. A special mention needs to go to 10 year old Tyler Whitmore who suffers with Cerebral Palsy. He had an epic battle with a 2.03 kg Silver Drummer on 1 kg line. You can see a video of a bit of his struggle capturing this fish on the ANSA South Australia Facebook Page.



Sub Junior Malachi Cranefield of the Northern Districts Sportfishing Club with his very fat 690 mm. State and National record Trophy Length European Carp.

Northern Districts Sportfishing Club Junior Tyler Whitmore with his State and National record 2.03 kg. Silver Drummer on 1 kg. line in Sportfishing division.



Young Husband Fishing Club Sub Junior Sullivan Nash with a 700 mm. State and National record Trophy Length European Carp.



ANSA S.A. Club records	Sportfishing	Lurefishing	Trophy Length
Northern Districts Sportfishing Club.	1 Junior.	1 Senior.	1 Sub Junior, 3 Senior.
Young Husband Fishing Club.			1 Sub Junior, 1 Junior.
Adrenaline Fishing Club.			2 Senior.



A nice State and National record 5.01 kg. Blue Groper for Martin Jones of the Northern Districts Sportfishing Club captured on 4 kg line in Lurefishing Division.



Junior member Taya Harper from the Young Husband Fishing Club with her 820 mm. State and National record Trophy Length European Carp.



Northern Districts Sportfishing Club member David Crane field with his 980 mm. State record Trophy Length Barracuda Snook.

Paul Wolfendale,
ANSA SA Recorder.





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ANNUAL REPORT 2020

ANSA members, and colleagues, it is our pleasure to present the SAFTAG Annual report for 2020.

2020 was a year of highs and lows. The lows were less numbers of South Australian Snapper tagged or recaptured due to the total collapse of the fishery and a three year closure bought in by our state government. The devastating news losing the pioneer of SAFTAG Marcel Vandergoot rocked our tagging , ANSA and recfishing community in SA and nationally. A hole has been left which we are trying our best to fill. Mick and I will endeavour to keep the SAFTAG organisation running as it was at a minimum and we have finally got a pretty good grasp of the day to day running of the organisation.

With COVIT 19 thrown in on top in March, this made things more difficult and meant less tags moving around as they were previously. But we pushed on sharing the load, finding help from fellow taggers and SUNTAG, surprisingly we still managed to tag 616 fish which was only 68 down on the year before. I big thanks to all the club tagging co-ordinators for helping out and being patient.

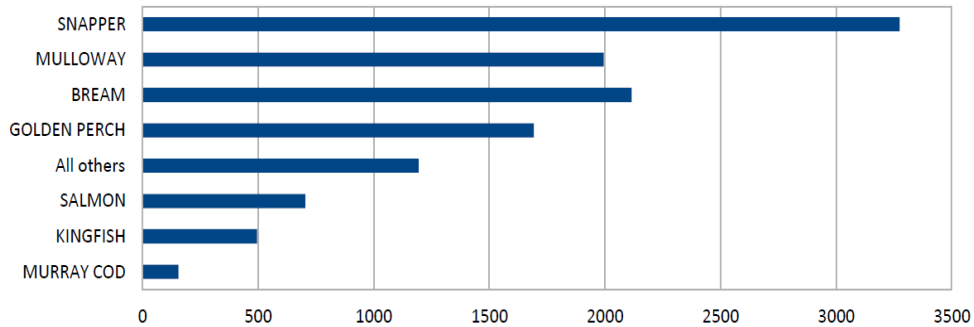
We plan on getting our taggers to come together and celebrate now, “20 years of SAFTAG” which rolled over roughly near the end of the last calendar year. We might even raise a glass to Marcel. I have counted basically 224 fishers have tagged fish or received a start up kit through the 20 years with about 100 still actively tagging, some a lot more than others.

Finally we have seen our first Coorong Black Bream caught which has been long overdue. Also we have had two Black Bream migrate from one Victor Harbour estuary/river to another which is of interest to the scientists working with Black Bream.

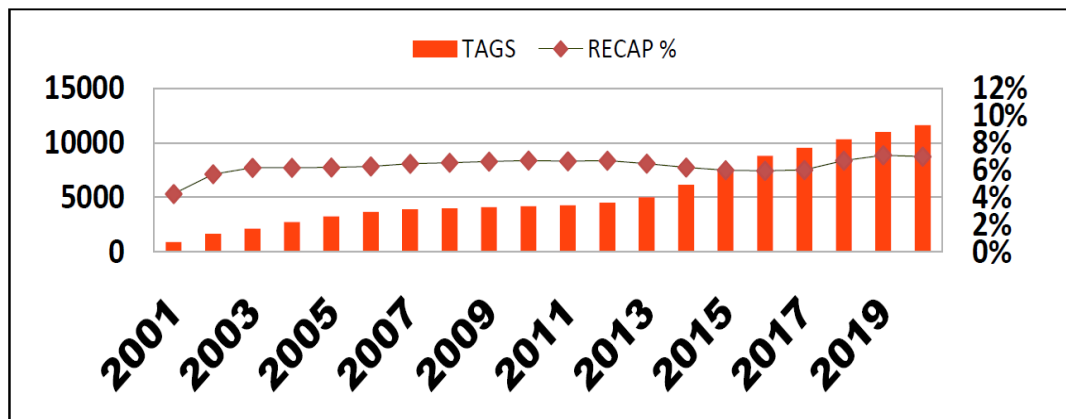
Again we have seen Golden Perch moving interstate but none further than about Mildura/Wentworth.

Even better numbers of Murray Cod have also been tagged and recapped backing up from a good year last year including some smaller sized ones which is good to see.

Below is a graphic breakdown of our main tagging species showing a big overtaking of mulloway by Black Bream.



Our second graph displays the total numbers of fish tagged and percentage recaptured each year.



tight lines

Levi Nash
Mick Wilson
SAFTAG Co-ordinators

ANSA Tasmania Report

This year has been a quiet one socially for ANSA Tas members due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Thank fully members were still able to get out on their own for a quick fish in their local municipalities and fishing has been great.

This year has certainly taught us all the importance of getting outside and fishing as a way of dealing with your own personal head space.

Our membership has remained the same with some new members looking to join in the coming months as restrictions ease and our group trips start up again.

Thanks, must go out to all committee members for their hard work during the year. A special thanks to everyone who helped organise trips by way of lending out their shacks.

All in all, everything is running smoothly with ANSA Tasmania and i look forward to the new season with new members.

Tom Crawford
President

ANSA Victoria Report

It has been a difficult time for most of us here in Victoria over the past 7 months now. While regional Victoria has now had most restrictions lifted, as I write this in mid October, Melbourne residents have effectively been unable to go fishing for 2 and a half months. Most clubs, as well as the State Executive, have been unable to meet face to face or conduct organised events since March which is also impacting on holding AGMs, electing new office bearers, etc.

Memberships in 2019/2020 were down by 30 members on 2018/19 which was disappointing following fairly stable numbers over the last couple of years. COVID-19 obviously had some impact here and no doubt will also affect numbers in 2020/21.

Conventions this year again were well supported with good numbers in attendance. Unfortunately the last 2 Conventions of the year were cancelled due to COVID restrictions. (The first 3 Conventions of the current season have also been cancelled.)

Long-time Minister for Fishing & Boating, Jaala Pulford, was given new responsibilities in June and we acknowledge her work and co-operation over past years. We look forward to a similar relationship with the new Minister, Melissa Horne.

The long-running battle to establish a public boat ramp on the Maribyrnong River appears to be finally settled with the new Minister guaranteeing completion in 2021.

We have continued to work with the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority with the planting of trees and native grasses on river frontage throughout their catchment area which will hopefully continue post-COVID and extend to other CMAs.

Wayne Zita
Secretary
ANSA Victoria

ANSA Western Australia Report

This year has been and still is somewhat different to any other during my time as President of the association in WA.

A number of our members in the North at Nickol Bay were very active in the early part of the year with many claims for records successful, a large proportion of these were by juniors who kept their parents active and on the hop with detailing record paperwork for submission.

A total of 29 state and national records claimed for the 2019/20 season before the shut down at the end of March with COVID-19.

28 were line class claims and one length record.

Record claims granted went to-

Wade Stenhouse -1 (senior)
Jordan Dremel - 1 (junior)
Jessica Hornhardt - 4 (junior)
Chloe Hornhardt - 1 (junior)
Max Grasso - 18 (small fry) 2 (junior)
Mia Grasso - 1 (small fry)

One length record was for a Red Emperor to senior angler Ethan Moyle.



Max Grasso

Westag is going forward with new developments within the Track My Fish app allowing members to follow their tagged fish, if and when recaptured; we can now also keep up to date on monthly data of tagged fish and recaptured fish along with species and quantities all via Periscope within the app. There are more options being added almost monthly, now up and running is the National fishing challenge running through the app, this activity is open to all ANSA WA and WESTAG members and fishing on a National basis with continual updates is fun.

Steve Wiseman
President
ANSA Western Australia