

Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

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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 2020 – 2021

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| 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 | Simon Green |
| 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 |
| 2021 | Joe Garufi | New South Wales |

*Deceased

National Executive Director's Report (Acting Chairman)

2020/21 has been another challenging year for all of us. Just when we appear to have put the era of drought and bushfires behind us and with management of Covid 19 seemingly under steady control we have now been plunged into a new level of uncertainty and personal restrictions associated with the wide and rapid spread of the Delta virus.

In spite of the virus and its many restrictions, recreational fishing has remained a main escape avenue for most of us to get out of home and enjoy the health and mental benefits of being outdoors and at one with nature. I am constantly amazed by the number of people I see fishing the rocks, estuaries and rivers - 7 days of the week.

While recreational fishing does seem to be enjoying a boom, this is more at an individual level and unfortunately fishing clubs are by and large not enjoying a similar outcome. The restrictions on assembly over most of the past year have made it very difficult for clubs to get together for social gatherings or for participation in traditional organised competitive events. Fortunately there are some clubs that have shown initiative and are keeping in touch with their members via social media, video meetings and the running of virtual fishing competitions and events.

It is evident from the decline in ANSA memberships over the past year that our network of affiliated clubs are facing membership challenges. Hopefully once we get back to some prolonged period of normality we will see a recovery in membership numbers. There are certainly more people wetting a line than I can ever remember so the opportunity is there for the recruitment of new members and the rebuilding of clubs.

ANSA National extended the 50 % membership fee concession over 2020/21 to assist those branches, clubs and members where finances might be tight due to Covid impacts. Most branches did pass on this concession to their members and some went a little further and reduced their own fees.

The tackle, boating and outdoors retail sectors seem to be doing very well in spite of the lockdowns and its good to see these sectors recovering after some hard times. It is important that we continue to support our local tackle stores over good and hard times.

Financially ANSA has weathered the Covid crisis reasonably well. Our revenue from membership fees has dropped by some 60% compared to recent years due to the membership fee concession and a fall in club and member numbers. Fortunately we have the financial reserves to cope with these challenges but it is essential that we all do whatever we can to bring these former clubs and members back into the ANSA fold.

It is interesting to note that the number of national record claims and meritorious captures are down on normal and no doubt this is linked to harsh covid restrictions in some states and club activities being put on hold.

The ANSA website was hacked during the year and a collection of our archive content has gone missing. The Executive is now looking at the option of building a new site which will give us much stronger security control.

On the national recreational fishing peak body scene, ANSA remains a full member of the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) which is the government recognised peak body for all recreational fishers and recfisher peak bodies. ANSA is a foundation member of ARFF and I have been privileged to serve as a director of the company since its inception in 2012. I did not nominate as a director at the January 2021 elections as felt it was time for some new young blood to take on the direction of the peak body. I did offer to continue the role of Acting Chair of ARFF until an external appointee could be found but this unfortunately did not work out as expected. ARFF is a vital peak body essential for the advocacy and promotion of national recreational fishing interests and issues with the Australian government and Commonwealth Fishery Management agencies.

As ANSA's representative on ARFF I continue to sit on the National Recreational Fishing Council which is the formal communication link between the Australian government and recreational fishers nationally. I also continue to sit on the Temperate East Marine park Advisory Committee (Tempac) which plays an important role in looking after the interests of all stakeholders in the

marine park which extends from Bermagui on the NSW south coast up to Bundaberg in northern Qld and includes reefs and canyons adjacent to Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands.

One of the major projects undertaken by ARFF over the past few years has been the development of the Tackle Box app with funding provided by Marine Parks Australia. It was intended that this app which is capable of capturing all manner of recreational fishing data would serve ANSA as a valuable tool for the running of events, competitions, citizen science activities etc at a national, state and club level at no cost. The Tackle Box project remains a work in progress.

On the political scene we will soon be gearing up for a Federal election some time before March 2022. ANSA and other ARFF member peak bodies will be once again asking the major political parties what they intend to do for recreational fishing and the fish habitat. Two critical issues that need to be addressed are the perilous state of our World heritage protected coral reefs and our inland river systems. Its going to be hard to forget the tragic media images of so many iconic native fish species left to die on the Murray Darling and its tributaries and lakes with little or no water. It beggars belief that politicians of all persuasions at both a federal and state level can get this so wrong for so long. Resource sharing is also a hot topic as we move towards a supposed fair and equitable sharing of national fish resources between the commercial, recreational and indigenous sectors.

There are also a number of major national events scheduled for later this year such as the World Fisheries Congress (September), the National Recreational Fishing Conference (November) and Gone Fishing Day (10 October 2021). Due to travel and gathering restrictions it is hard to see the first two events going ahead as planned and Gone Fishing Day activities will need to be scaled back as was the case last year but nevertheless still a popular and widely enjoyed event. Keep the date free for the Gone Fishing Day event which incidentally aligns with International Mental Health day.

I also continue to sit on the Board of Ozfish Unlimited which has achieved remarkable progress over the years since its inception in 2014 . Some of the major fish habitat restoration projects and initiatives of Ozfish over the past year have included sea grass restoration, shellfish/ oyster reefs, river resnagging/fish hotels, mangrove/saltmarsh rejuvenation, fish screens on irrigation pumps and fish emergency initiatives on the Murray Darling such as the translocation of endangered native species and oxygenation of drought distressed inland river systems. Ozfish is keen to see ANSA members become more directly involved with fish habitat restoration projects at a local level via the establishment of Ozfish chapters. Ozfish has the resources to assist ANSA members set up these chapters and get projects funded and running. This relationship with Ozfish does provide an opportunity for ANSA to engage in activities that safeguard and preserve our critical fish habitat consistent with ANSA's own strong conservation ethos. You can find more about Ozfish at ozfish.org.au .

There are many other issues that could be covered in this report but I am cognizant of time and space limitations. I will do my best to bring you up to date on any significant developments at the 2021 AGM and Branch delegates meeting. I must thank my colleagues on the National Executive for their support and contribution to ANSA over this past tough and challenging year.

Hopefully 2021/22 will be better and we can all get back to normal - whatever form that may take. Enjoy outdoor life and make the best of your health and mental wellbeing by wetting a line where and whenever permissible. Most importantly look after yourself and family and keep safe.



John Burgess
Executive officer/ Director - ANSA National Ltd

National Finance Director's Report

ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

ACN 063 293 514

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Financial statements for the financial year end 30 June 2021 together with comparative results for the preceding year are appended. The following points are highlighted:

a) The Association traded at a surplus of \$736 for the 2020/21 year. This was an improvement on the budgeted deficit of \$7500.

b) Income over the 2020/21 year of \$6211 was less than budget forecast of \$7500. Member affiliation fees \$5010 were less than budget \$6000 and well short of fee revenue of \$12847 generated over 2019/20. This revenue reduction was due to a temporary reduction of membership fees by 50% as a covid 19 relief initiative to assist ANSA branches/ clubs and their members combined with a reduction in overall membership. Bank interest of \$137 was below budget of \$500 reflecting the prevailing low interest rate environment and web advertising revenue \$440 was above budget \$300 due to a late payment of \$200 due for the previous year. ANSA Ware sales of \$624 were slightly below budget \$700.

c) Expenditure over the 2020/21 year was \$5475 as compared to budget \$150000. Main variances to budget were savings on travel expenses \$0 (budget \$3000), records/masters expenses \$0 (budget \$300), post/stationary \$1173 (budget \$2500), Angel Ring project \$0 (\$1000) trade mark registration expense \$0 (budget \$500), conference fees \$0 (budget \$1000), line tester recalibration \$0 (budget \$300).

d) The Association at year end 30 June 2021 possessed total assets of \$93116 (\$92378 @ 2020) consisting of cash at bank \$17666, term deposit \$72030, ANSA Ware stock on hand \$3415 and accrued but unpaid interest \$5. Overall the company had a net equity of \$90597 at 30 June 2021.

e) A financial budget forecast for the 2021/22 year is attached. For the coming year the association is forecasting a deficit of \$7350. This deficit is predicated on income for the coming year of \$7150 which is slightly above last year's revenue of \$6211. The National executive has extended the 50% membership fee reduction to the 2021/22 year and we are expecting a recovery of membership numbers once pandemic restrictions are eased. Expenditure of \$14500 is forecast for 2021/22 which is well in excess of last year's spend of \$5475 but there are a number of essential expense items that were deferred from 2020/21 that now must be initiated.

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

15 September 2021

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

ANSA - AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD

ACN 063 293 514

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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 2021.

Directors and Officers

Your directors present their report on the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2021. 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 2021) |
| Mr Simon Green – Director (Appointed 31/08/2020) | (Parafield Gardens SA 5107) |
| 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 2021 of \$736 (2020: surplus of \$2,225).

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

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

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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 2021 has been received.

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



John Burgess

Director

06 October 2021

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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 2021 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

06 October 2021

REVIEW INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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 the 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.

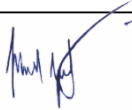
The independence declaration on the next page and the review opinion following on the pages after that, are made on the basis of this **review opinion framework and disclosure** statement.

REVIEW INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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 2021 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

06 October 2021

REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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 2021.

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 2021 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.

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REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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 2021;
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

06 October 2021

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

| | Note | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|--|--------|--------------|---------------|
| Revenue from Ordinary Activities | | | |
| Affiliation Fees | Note 1 | 5,010 | 12,847 |
| ANSA Ware Sales | | 624 | 648 |
| Interest Received | | 137 | 597 |
| Web Sponsorship | | 440 | 0 |
| Media Promotion Cost Recovery | | 0 | 250 |
| Total Revenue | | 6,211 | 15,184 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Travel & Meeting Expenses | | 0 | 3,955 |
| Peak Body Subscriptions | | 1,100 | 1,633 |
| Post & Stationary | | 1,173 | 2,051 |
| Insurance | | 366 | 399 |
| Phone & Internet Expenses | | 1,117 | 1,250 |
| Website Expenses | | 141 | 0 |
| Records & Masters Expenses | | 0 | 285 |
| Computer Upgrades & Supplies | | 0 | 0 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | Note 3 | 265 | 441 |
| Media Promotion | | 0 | 825 |
| ASIC Fees | | 438 | 329 |
| Rule Book Printing | | 0 | 0 |
| Donation / Tributes | | 0 | 75 |
| Review/Audit Fees | | 875 | 874 |
| Angel Ring Project Expenses Paid | Note 2 | 0 | 1,006 |
| Angel Ring Project Grant to Return | Note 2 | 0 | (1,006) |
| Total expenditure | | 5,475 | 12,117 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) Before Income Tax | | 736 | 2,225 |
| Income Tax Expense | Note 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) After Income Tax | | 736 | 2,225 |

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 2021

| | Note | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash | Note 5 | 17,666 | 16,801 |
| Term Deposit | | 72,030 | 71,858 |
| Inventory | | 3,415 | 3,680 |
| Receivables – Interest | | 5 | 39 |
| Total Current Assets | | 93,116 | 91,159 |
| Non Current Assets | | | |
| | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Assets | | 93,116 | 91,159 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Angel Ring Project | Note 2 | 2,519 | 2,519 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 2,519 | 2,519 |
| Non Current Liabilities | | | |
| | | 0 | 0 |
| Total Liabilities | | 2,519 | 2,519 |
| Net Assets | | 90,597 | 89,859 |
| Member's Equity | | | |
| Retained Earnings (Page 11) | | 90,597 | 89,859 |
| Total Member's Equity | | 90,597 | 89,859 |

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 2021

| | Note | 2021 \$ | 2020 \$ |
|--|--------|---------------|----------------|
| Receipts from Operations | | 6,074 | 13,745 |
| Payment to Suppliers | | (5,210) | (12,682) |
| Interest Received | | 171 | 663 |
| Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities | Note 6 | 1,035 | (1,726) |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash held | | 1,035 | 1,726 |
| Add opening cash | | 88,659 | 86,933 |
| Rounding | | (2) | 0 |
| Closing Cash | | 89,696 | 88,659 |

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

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION LTD
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STATEMENT OF CHANGE TO EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

| | Note | 2021 | 2020 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| Retained Earnings at 1 July | | 89,859 | 87,634 |
| Surplus for the period | | 736 | 2,225 |
| Rounding | | 2 | 0 |
| Retained Earnings at 30 June | | 90,597 | 89,859 |

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 2021

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 and the prior year | 2,519 |

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Note 3 – Cost of Goods Sold

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Opening Inventory 1 July 2020 | 3,680 |
| Add, Purchases | 0 |
| Less, Closing Inventory 30 June 2021 | 3,415 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | 265 |

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 | 2021 | 2020 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| ANZ Business Classic 1063 | 18,082 | 18,738 |
| Add, Un-deposited Funds | 0 | 0 |
| Less, Un-presented Cheques | (416) | (1,937) |
| Term Deposit | 72,030 | 71,858 |
| Total Cash | 89,696 | 88,659 |

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: | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Operating surplus / (deficit) after Income Tax | 736 | 2,225 |
| <i>Non-cash flows in the surplus or deficit from ordinary activities:</i> | | |
| Changes in Assets and Liabilities | | |
| <i>(Increase) / decrease in inventory</i> | 265 | 441 |
| <i>(Increase) / decrease in receivables</i> | 34 | 66 |
| <i>Increase / (decrease) in liabilities</i> | 0 | (1,006) |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | 1,035 | 1,726 |

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 2021 (30 June 2020 – None).

NOTES OF FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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 30.6.2021
Budget forecast for 2021/22 financial year

| | <u>Budget</u> <u>2021/22</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>2020/21</u> | <u>Actual</u> <u>2020/21</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>2019/20</u> | <u>Actual</u> <u>2019/20</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>2018/19</u> | <u>Actual</u> <u>2018/19</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Income | | | | | | | |
| Branch affiliation fees | 6000 | 6000 | 5010 | 13000 | 12847 | 13000 | 13258 |
| ANSA Ware Sales | 700 | 700 | 624 | 1000 | 648 | 1500 | 792 |
| Bank Interest | 150 | 500 | 137 | 1000 | 597 | 1000 | 914 |
| Web Advertising | 300 | 300 | 440 | 300 | 0 | 400 | 220 |
| Media promo cost recovery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Income | 7150 | 7500 | 6211 | 15300 | 14342 | 15900 | 15184 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| Travel/ Accomodation/ Meals | 1000 | 3000 | 0 | 6000 | 3955 | 6000 | 4707 |
| Recfish membership | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| IGFA Membership | 500 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 533 | 500 | 170 |
| ARFF membership | 1100 | 1100 | 1100 | 1100 | 1100 | 1100 | 1100 |
| Other Memberships | 0 | 200 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 200 | 180 |
| Auditor fees | 900 | 1000 | 875 | 1200 | 874 | 1000 | 1100 |
| Insurance | 400 | 500 | 366 | 500 | 399 | 500 | 458 |
| Website | 200 | 200 | 141 | 200 | 0 | 400 | 25 |
| Phone /internet | 1200 | 1400 | 1117 | 1000 | 1250 | 1000 | 1070 |
| Bank fees | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Post/ Stationery | 1500 | 2500 | 1173 | 2500 | 2051 | 2500 | 2491 |
| Records/ Masters expenses | 1700 | 300 | 0 | 300 | 285 | 400 | 255 |
| ASIC Fees | 500 | 300 | 438 | 300 | 329 | 100 | 248 |
| Depreciation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cost of goods sold | 3000 | 500 | 265 | 1000 | 441 | 1500 | 654 |
| Sundries - Angel Ring National Project | 0 | 1000 | 0 | 1500 | 1006 | 0 | 7701 |
| Computer Upgrade/ supplies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 198 |
| ANSA Promotion | 500 | 1000 | 0 | 1000 | 825 | 1000 | 399 |
| Trade Mark Registration | 500 | 500 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| Line Tester Service | 300 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 50 Yr Anniversary subsidy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | <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>2021/22</u> | <u>2020/21</u> | <u>2020/21</u> | <u>2019/20</u> | <u>2019/20</u> | <u>2018/19</u> | <u>2018/19</u> | <u>2018/19</u> |
| Rule Book printing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Conference Fees | 1000 | 1000 | 0 | 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations/Tributes | 200 | 200 | 0 | 200 | 75 | 200 | 200 | 0 |
| Total Expenditures | 14500 | 15000 | 5475 | 20900 | 13123 | 16900 | 20756 | |
| Net profit/(Loss) | -7350 | -7500 | 736 | -5600 | 1219 | -1000 | -5572 | |
| Notional adjust for Angel Ring Project income/ expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1500 | 1006 | 0 | 7701 | |
| Notional Net Profit/ (Loss) after adjust for Angel Ring Project | -7350 | -7500 | 736 | -4100 | 2225 | -1000 | 2129 | |

National Membership Director's Report

ANSA National's total overall membership at the year ending 30.6.2021 was comprised of 2052 membership in Australia. Unfortunately Covid 19 has had an effect on our overall membership, but the member States have embarked on a membership drive to recover those losses in membership.

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 (2021/2022) 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 2021/2022 year and were due on the 31st October 2021. 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 1085 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
Business Director
ANSA National

National Recorder's Report (Line Class)

During the 2020– 2021 season, 32 Australian Line Class Records have been claimed and awarded. Again, 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 |
|---------|--------------------|
| 2017-18 | 71 |
| 2018-19 | 47 |
| 2019-20 | 36 |
| 2020-21 | 32 |

Records per State

| | |
|--------|----|
| WA. | 23 |
| Qld. | 5 |
| N.S.W. | 2 |
| Vic. | 2 |



Mia Grasso: SJS
NB Mackerel 10.12kg
on 3kg



Jessica Hornhardt JG
Cobia 10.62kg
on 4kg



Tameeka Dodd G
Cobia 20.07kg
on 2kg

Most successful clubs:

Nichol Bay SFC- W.A. -23 Australian Records

Most successful anglers:

Max Grasso - 16 Junior Australian Records
Chloe Hornhardt –5 Junior Australian Records
Lily Sims – 5 Junior Australian Records

| Division | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------|---|----|---|----|---|---|---|
| Senior | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior | 5 | 10 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sub-Junior | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



Lily Sims: JG – Wahoo 25.51kg on 24kg



Chloe Hornhardt: JG – Sailfish 17.66kg on 3kg



Max Grasso: JS Golden Trevally 13.06kg on 8kg

Congratulations to all those anglers who gained Australian records in 2020-21.

Phil Turner
ANSA National Line Class Records.

National Recorder's Report (Trophy Length Only)

This was a covid 19 year with fishing a challenge for most members having to endure restrictions on travel to their fishing areas.

Queensland members have been fortunate to be able to fish their regular grounds and have stood out with most records for the season with 26 new records, followed by SA with 2 and NSW 1.

Outstanding records coming from these records were:



Don Patterson with a Bar Cheek Trout of 860 mm taken off Bundaberg



Steve King with a great looking Coronation Trout of 760mm taken off Bundaberg Wide



Steve King also captured a great Dusky Flathead of 865 mm only to be released to live another day

Nicholas Thompson with a Mulloway of 1420 mm taken Yalata SA.

Diego Zambrana Sea Mullet of 515 mm from Pine River Qld

With Covid slowly letting us free, I hope the next season will be more fruitful, with every one staying safe and well.

Ken Johnson
National Trophy Length Recorder
Kfish1955@bigpond.com
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National Masters Keeper Report

I hope that this report finds you all safe and well. This is my first year of being Master Keeper and I'm really enjoying the role. I love seeing a wide variety of fish speciemasters that come through. Most of which I only dream about catching as we don't get majority of them here in South Australia. I did have a minor problem early on by supplying the wrong email address but this has now been fixed up. If there are any claims that haven't been processed, please let me know. My contact details are at the end of this report.

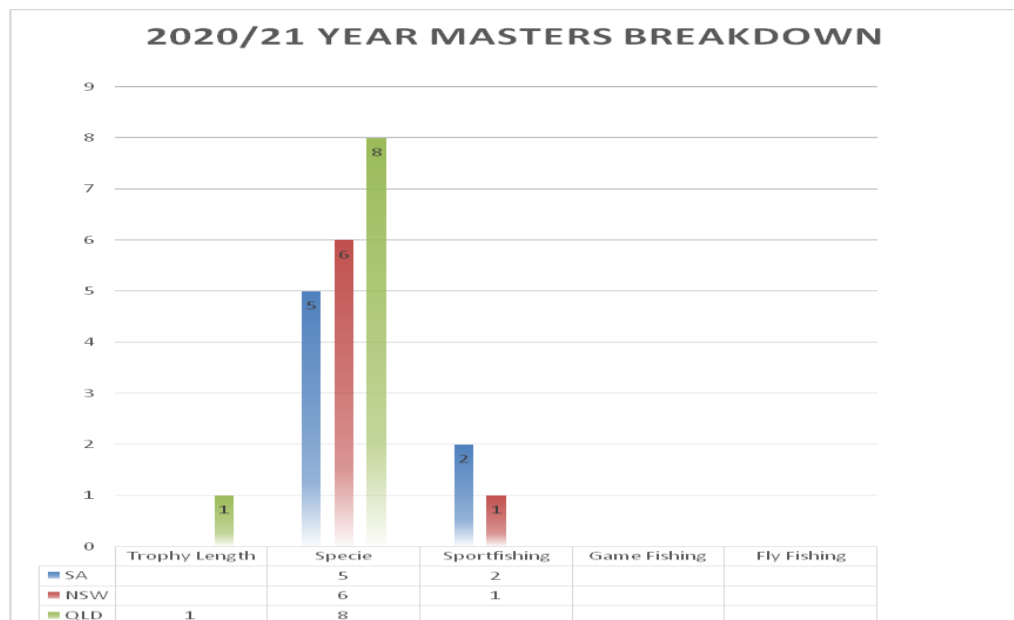
This year we had 23 approved Masters Claims which is down by 5 from 2019/20's 28 claims. I think that we can attribute this partly to the COVID conditions that we have had. Every state and territory had a lockdown at some point which has impacted fishing time. With Victoria, and Melbourne in particular, having a 112 day lockdown their claims reduced from 9 last year to 0 this year. With COVID still impacting us and continued potential lockdowns I can't imagine that we will see more claims this year but I hope to be proved wrong.

Queensland once again had the most claims with 9 followed by New South Wales and South Australia with 7 each. As mentioned earlier Victoria was hampered and didn't have any claims. Fingers crossed Victorians can get a few in this year.

The dominant type of claim this year was in the Specie Division, accounting for 19 of the 23 claims. This is up by 6 from last years 13 claims. Of those 19 claims, 5 of them were for Australian Salmon, 3 for Southern Saratoga and 2 each of Spanish Mackerel, Dusky Flathead, Bight Redfish (Nannygai). A notable mention goes to Helen Johnson from Bundaberg SFC with her 50th Southern Saratoga and 40th Spanish Mackerel. Well done Helen.

This year saw Travis Anderson from New South Wales reach his 20 masters in Sportfishing. June Oldenbeuving and Darryl Tiffin from South Australia reached their 10 species in Sportfishing. Well done to all and especially June, who is the first female in South Australia to attain this achievement.

There was only one Trophy Length Masters claim this year and that was Nelson Phillips from Bundaberg SFC. Nelson clocked up his 20 Trophy Length Masters, well done.



I hope that we all have a healthy, safe and prosperous fishing year and looking forward to your next Masters claim that comes though.

Simon Green
 Master Keeper
 ANSA National
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ANSA New South Wales Report

It has been another remarkable year that brought us together and once again we have watched the ANSA NSW clubs respond to the situation with great pride.

Last year our focus was 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. This process now is underway to at least help us modernise the way we do things.

In 2021 / 2022 we can expect to see more online events from ANSA NSW (once these movement restrictions are lifted as of the time of writing) and a more streamlined way to claim records, enter competitions and manage your club memberships and one central portal where this will be all from. I am excited to see this finally happen in 2021/2022

“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”

I wrote this last year, but who would have thought it was still relevant exactly one year on. As you will see from the following reports we have been busy, take the time to read the reports and see the efforts that go into keeping the doors open at ANSA NSW and what we can achieve by staying focused and united.

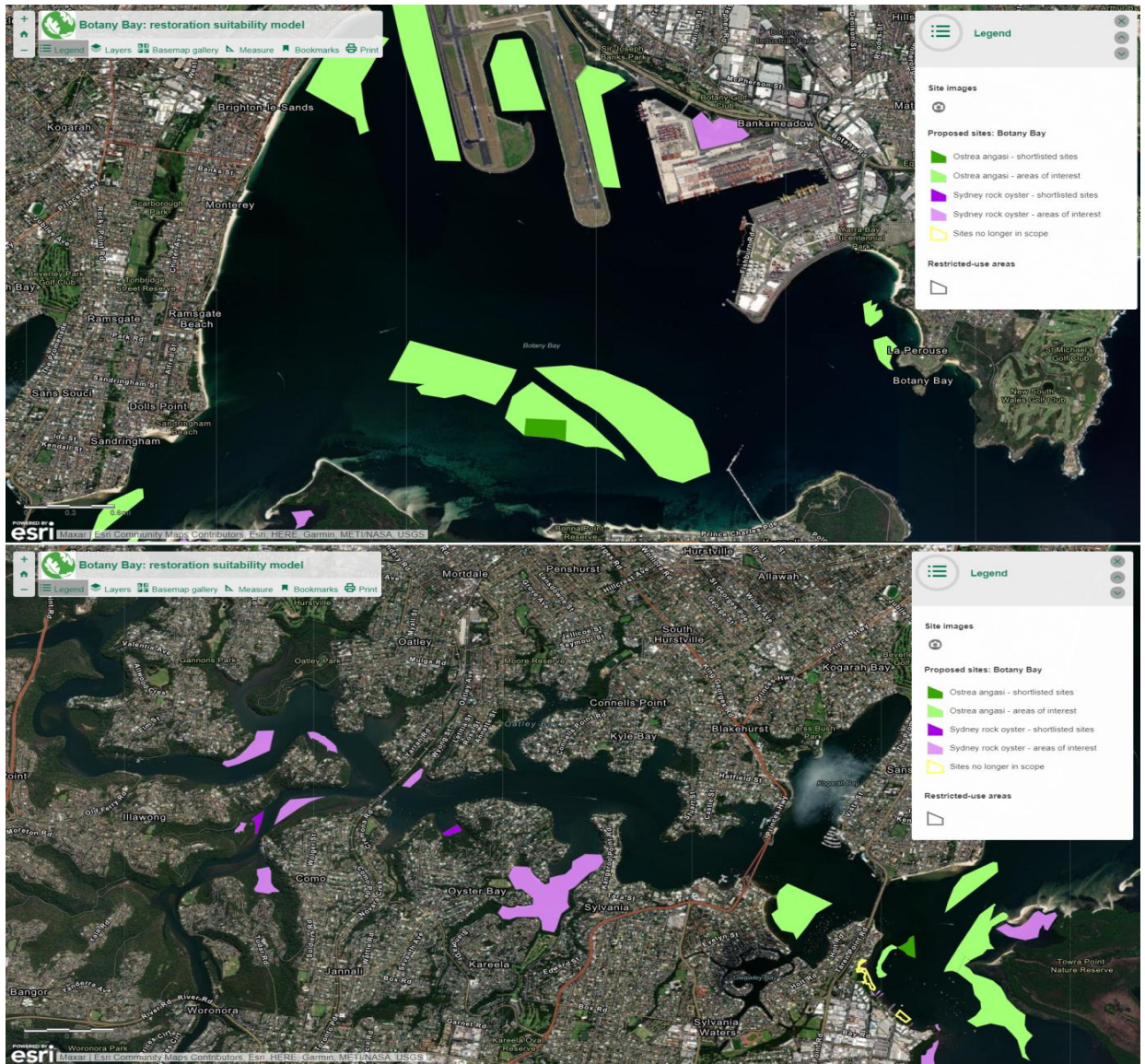
Environmental Report

Botany Bay / George River Oyster Reefs are GO!

The Nature Conservancy teamed up with ANSA NSW to start rebuilding oyster reefs in Botany Bay which will help boost fish stocks, improve water quality and create local jobs. The Botany Bay project is part of an Australia-wide initiative called Reef Builder, which aims to restore oyster reefs in 60 locations across Australia. Other locations are in the pipeline and we will be looking for other ANSA NSW clubs to help out.

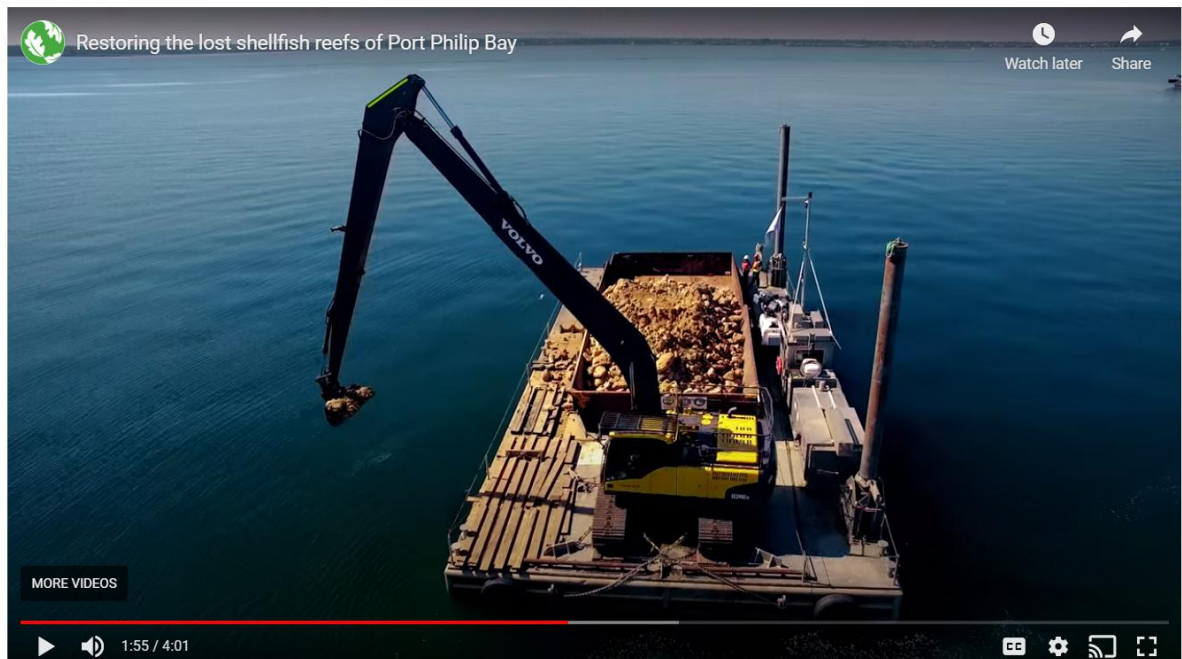
Keen to make a difference when it comes to habitat restoration? Then get involved and stay updated via local fishing clubs who work hand in hand with NSW and Federal Governments and NGO's to get projects off the ground. Recently the Nature Conservancy and the Local Land Services secured about \$2million dollars to restore oyster reefs in Botany Bay and workshops with local fishing clubs has seen a series a sites shortlisted that they would like to see developed into new habitat for fish that has been destroyed over the years in Botany Bay.

The map shows oyster reefs to be developed and the will be varying in size and shape and will be set within the proposed sites in an organic distribution embedded on the sediment matrix. In 2022, the pilots will be built within a small patch of the proposed sites, and if successful, each site will be scaled up during the consecutive years within the proposed site's total area. Monitoring activities on the development of the reef and on the ecological communities of the area will happen during restoration and post-restoration. We would love your help and support during these works so if you are willing to participate in the monitoring activities, please contact us at ANSA NSW.



<https://youtu.be/vlhYd9WsSc>

Watch this video to see how we're rebuilding reefs



SEE HOW WE'RE REBUILDING REEFS at one of our projects - in Port Phillip Bay, Victoria

Tagging Report

Great Swordfish Race Update

It has been a slow start, middle and end to 2020/2021 BUT we did manage to get one good tag in just after the official season ended. Pretty much most of 2020 / 2021 was touch and go with where we could fish and how far we could go but in June of this year Al McGlashan sniffed an opening and headed down south before the borders and state of NSW really shut down in early July.

On 8 July 2021 Al McGlashan deployed a Satellite Tag (PSAT) into a swordfish of approximately 90 kg while fishing at the productive fishing grounds off Mallacoota, Victoria. Al and his son Cooper McGlashan had spent a few days fishing the area and had released a small sword and kept a fish of approximately 250 kg.

This was the third to their boat and they made the call to tag the fish based on the opportunity available. We understand the fish was in excellent condition when boatside, making it a great candidate for tagging. Whilst it was a NSW PSAT tag deployed in Vic waters, the fish are recognised to be from the same stock.

Tagging provides valuable data on this 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 this project in collaboration with the Australian National Sportfishing Association (NSW) and NSW Game Fishing Association. The data from this project will also be used as part of a larger project being undertaken by Dr Sean Tracey, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), with similar objectives completed in Tasmania and currently underway in Victoria (both supported by funds from FRDC and a Victorian Recreational Fishing Grant).

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.

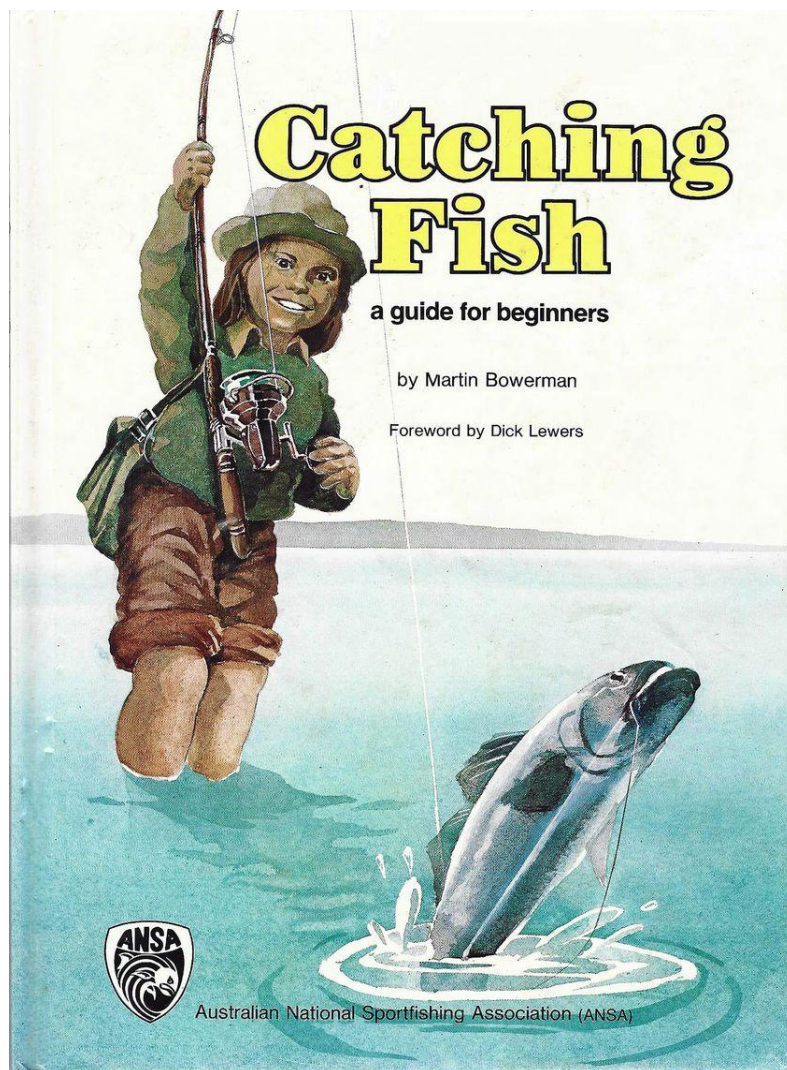


In the meantime, head to <http://www.greatswordfishrace.com.au> for more info on NSW's Great Swordfish Race and ANSA NSW will also keep you posted.

The Great Swordfish Race is funded by the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust. ANSA NSW has also worked with Rod Harrison on issues like Floodplain Harvesting and included Rod's piece on ANSA in its most recent Annual Report.

A Nostalgic look at ANSA from Harro

A for ANSA
By Rod Harrison



This sparse book was the best thing published on the understanding and how-to of contemporary fishing. Compressed between soft covers, all the essential nitty-gritty one needs to catch fish. Published under the auspices of The Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA) it is as relevant today as fifty years ago when hot off the press.

Written by Martin Bowerman, accredited journalist and no slouch on a rod, the thoughts and philosophies of Calcutt, McCristal and Dunn come through in the text and revealing hand drawn illustrations.

The unique synergy of McCristal, Calcutt, Dunn and their genius mate Jack Erskine ignited and fuelled the sportfishing movement.

Beginnings...the mid-1960s saw the appearance of a quarterly magazine called Sportfishing. It lasted four issues but was a sign of things to come. A good read included McCristal, Bethune, and another article on bass by Clyde Kelton, then a technical assistant with the Fisheries department, working on the fish. Clyde had a pet bass; Ted for short, Bassted to be formal.

An intriguing piece of by Ron Calcutt discussed a new fishing philosophy; Are we Ready for Sportfishing challenged the prevailing kill-it and fillet doctrine. There was more to fishing than an esky full of take-home meat and competition cricket scores of tailer ending up at the tip.

Tucked away in a page corner should anyone be interested, a contact for the newly formed Sportfishing Association, one Jack Erskine, Central Avenue, Oak Flats. The well-informed secretary of Sydney Sportfishing Club, Kelton was ahead of his time, blazing trails into the unknown. Clyde introduced Bill Fitch, noted rod builder, patient mentor and war hero. Bill enlisted at seventeen and survived a brutal four years as a POW following the fall of Singapore. He'd a launch moored at The Spit and would take us out to The Peak and Long Reef after we'd mastered the essential fishing knots. While 99.9% of fishermen thought fly rods were for catching trout, Clyde had been bending his on bonito, striped tuna, salmon, tailer and kingfish. Inshore it was giant Herring and mangrove Jack from Queenscliff lagoon, backyard water, by the way. Bucktail jigs were also his thing; cast in the right place and intelligently manipulated, just about everything with fins was and is possibly. No accident this simplest of lures remains in the survival kits of military people in harm's way.

Urbane customs agent and proprietor of the Antiquarian Angler, purveyor of rare fishing books, Bob Dunn was the architect of a regional clubs infra-structure absorbing a membership groundswell that'd become a tsunami. With able assistance of Bill Harvey and Tom Boylan, the still active St. George Sportfishing Club was founded. Following the formal part of the evening at the 20th anniversary banquet, I joined Bob among leather upholstered armchairs to savour a single malt and share the equine fumes of his Ranch pipe tobacco. I'd not thanked Bob for the inclusion in his opus – Fishing in Australia: History and Writings. For someone still sorting adjective and adverb it was a heady acknowledgement for a headshot and sample of my work to appear alongside that of Calcutt and McCristal.

John Day of the Nowra Sportfishing Club, ushered in a golden era for ANSA with a get-together at the Currarong camping ground. Crop-duster pilot Don "Darby" Munro towed his ski-boat down from Central West. My Olympic 460 fly reel, the best I could afford was never the same after I popped the leader on a half-hundredweight yellowfin at the boat. The Jap copy of the Pfleuger 1498 was all I could afford along with a load of monofilament backing. A stretch factor I wasn't aware of warped the spool when recovered under pressure.

The Narooma Sportfishing Club picked up on the vibe and announced the first Sportfishing Convention. The gathering of noted sticks at Mystery Bay venue was reminiscent of the opening pars in Banjo's Man from Snowy River...So all the cracks had gathered to the fray. All the tried and noted riders from stations near and far, had mustered at the homestead overnight.

I fished with Mick Orford from the Sydney club for a good time and mixed bag. A highlight was John Bell's day long battle with a yellowfin from the bow of Gordon Simmons' trawler. Then a young staffer at Jim Allen's Melbourne Compleat Angler, Bell rose to a control position in the Pure Fishing Empire. The combatant Simmons, with whom I'd later lock horns, was busted with a boatful of Budda Sticks.

The Mystery Bay nightly goings-on included some explosive entertainment - 'Verdamnte Bombe' shouted Werner Kossman of WK Arrow and yellowfin tuna fame when Snow Philp and Kipper Keefe of HMAS Albatross rolled some sort of pyrotechnic into the long drop dug pre-convention with an excavator.

The following year I fished with Joe Gausepohl and Wayne Hanstedt and learned much about rod angles, boat positioning and pacing the fight from the cool Californians. Sportfishing Conventions began to pop up all over the calendar. Our club staged one at Wyangala dam. Noted attendees included Alex Julius and the crew from Mascot Anglers, a seasoned crew that played hard. The lake was a trout fishery back then but Bryan Pratt and I caught some nice Macquarie perch in the Abercrombie arm.

Peter Steen from the Albury Sportfishing club got off to a good start with his streak, exit strategy and all but hadn't counted on an accidentally locked door by someone rugged up inside. It was the middle of winter. Modern Fishing editor Peter Horrobin and I were invited over by the South Australia crew to their convention at Victor Harbour. Horrobin was looked

after by Shane Mensforth while the hospitality of George Apat and Steve Ellis, setting the Adelaide tackle world on fire through their O'Halloran Hill shop, made my trip. My account in Fishing World included encounters a metre long pike called snook in and the biggest whiting I'd ever laid hands on.

The standout thing about conventions was the sharing. If you wanted to know anything about fishing's cutting edge an ANSA get-together was where you found it. Sure, it was competitive, but the competition was between angler and fish according to the line class being used. It wasn't until money entered the comp mix that the secret squirrel and skulduggery came out.

The approach of the new millennium saw ANSA at a cross-roads. An ideology alumni had cut their teeth on - the capture of the largest possible fish on the lightest possible line - was incompatible with a catch and release ethos fast catching on.

The advent of gel spun lines in the same timeframe came as a double-whammy. Braids would do to monofilaments what mono did to Cuttyhunk and cat-gut. The uptake was total, there was no going back.

The difficulties facing line class anglers and line makers lay in the production and availability of lines to break within ounces of the limit when an unused sample was tested. The issue lay in the self-lubricating nature of polyethylene fibres produced via the gel-spinning process. Instead of binding as do monofilaments, gel spuns are subject to on-going creep that develops into a hotspot at any pressure point. A progressive elongation takes over with terminal results. An infusion of new blood when most needed has kept the movement alive, though nowadays focusing on broader ANSA objectives of education and advocacy.

Sportfishing was good for the times, exciting and never to be repeated times that they were. And while times have moved on to where it's hard to come up with an untraveled fishing backroad, the legacy of ANSA's founding fathers is alive and well today.

Till next tide,
Harro



Every single ANSA NSW member, Club Committee member and State Executive member should be extremely honoured and gratified that a small 0.001% can be pivotal in swaying how the NSW and Federal Governments decide on all of the stakeholder's access to the land, water and resource. This is why all of us should put our hands up to lead, build our clubs up and try and leave the fishery in a better way than we found it.

Stay safe and stay in touch.

Stan Konstantaras
President
ANSA New South Wales

QLD SPORTFISHERS

Australian National Sportfishing Association QLD



President's Report

This annual general meeting marks my second year as president. Throughout this time, I've been fortunate to have served alongside a stable and very supportive state committee, all of whom I feel privileged to call my friends. I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank them for their friendship, support, and commitment in their respective roles.

While there has certainly been plenty to do these past 12 months, 2020/21 was in some ways less challenging than my first 12 months as president. Over the past year QLD Sportfishers have managed to navigate our way through a number of achievements.

One of the more significant achievements has been a number of upgrades to our online member services. These would not have been possible without the support provided by the Queensland government through their Queensland recreational fishing grant. Through this grant, and co-investment from QLD Sportfishers, we've been able to deliver the following improvements and upgrades to our website.

- a new interactive map to assist with identifying target species x locations
- improvements to our tagging and recapture pages and functionality
- expansion and automation of our e-certificates for angling achievements
- the addition of a registration and ticketing page for events
- the addition of a statewide target species tagging and monitoring plan

The grant also provided assistance to our pink tag program by injecting funds to purchase a further 3500 pink tags, all of which are freely available to our active taggers through their various clubs.

Financial Position

Our largest single expenditure item for 2020/21 was our public liability (PLI) and accident insurance, which has risen by a further 27% this past financial year. This equates to a 40% increase in just two years. Insurance premiums are now at an unsustainable level and QLD Sportfishers have engaged a new insurance broker to investigate options to reduce this burden. The issue of insurance will also be tabled for discussion with club delegates during this year's state council meeting.

Now for some good news. In 2019/20 I reported that expenditure on IT services had reached an all-time high. I'm pleased to announce that in 2020/21 expenditure has stabilised to what I believe is now a sustainable level. Most of the expenditure on IT over the past 12 months was associated with our grant funding and planned upgrade, with IT fixes and basic maintenance falling by almost 80% compared to the previous financial year. A significant proportion of these savings have been related to the engagement of Bitplex, our current IT service provider. Bitplex were engaged in 2019 to assist with fixing issues with, and subsequently maintaining, our web-based platform and services.

Membership fees returned to normal this past financial year and despite a temporary reduction in national fees over the coming financial year QLD Sportfishers will not be passing on these reductions to its membership. Instead, the extra short-term revenue, which equates to \$2.00-\$2.50 per member, will be used to counter the increase in insurance premiums while the state committee attempts to find a more sustainable solution.

Despite the large increase in insurance premiums, and the 50% reduction in membership fees during past financial year, QLD Sportfishers registered a loss of just \$2727 for the 2020/21 financial year. This is half of our original forecast and I'd like to thank my fellow committee members, especially our treasurer Andrew Doherty, for achieving such a significant reduction in expenditure, without affecting member benefits and services.

Membership

After the impacts of COVID-19 I'm pleased to announce that in 2020/21 our membership numbers rose by 7.5%, from 557 (2019/20) to 598 (2020/21). While a long way short of ANSA Queensland's heyday membership numbers, this is never-the-less a significant milestone in halting the decline of the past decade.

It also pleases me to announce that we have added two new clubs to our affiliated clubs listing. The Barcoo fishing club and the Hinchinbrook Flyfishers where both formed over the past financial year and each approached QLD Sportfishers to request affiliation. I sincerely welcome each of these clubs and their members to the ANSA family and look forward to seeing them become a part of the QLD Sportfisher landscape over the coming years.

Events

Aside from our official events, QLD Sportfishers is proud to support our clubs through in-kind support, insurance coverage and awards. These events include the North Qld Sportfishing Championships, Tag-a-toga and Hinchinbrook flyfishing challenge and the Redcliffe sportfishing challenge, to name just a few.

In October 2020, QLD Sportfishers, with assistance from our hosts the Hinchinbrook Sportfishing club, held our annual Sportfishing Festival. The Hinchinbrook Sportfishing Festival saw over 65 anglers attend the fishing and social activities. During the awards dinner Nathan Johnston and Shaun Manthey were bestowed with the Ron Dempster and Eric Moller awards respectively. Congratulations once again to all of our annual and event award winners.

After cancellation earlier in 2020 due to COVID-19, the QLD Sportfishers statewide species challenge was held over the same weekend as the Hinchinbrook Sportfishing festival, before returning to its normal calendar slot in May 2021. Congratulations to our 2020 winners, Chris Bache, Kattie Hulme, Diego Zambrana, Hudson Schiffke, as well as to our 2021 winners, Chris Bache, Kattie Hulme, Diego Zambrana, Toby Hulme.

In 2021, thanks to members feedback, QLD Sportfishers introduced a winning club to the statewide species challenge. Well done Bundaberg for taking out the inaugural 2021 statewide species challenge champion club award and I look forward to seeing all of our clubs battling it out again in 2022.

I'd like to thank the crew from Ipswich United for managing and hosting our Southern Qld Interclub event at Lake Sommerset earlier this year. A special mention to Chris Proctor and Warren Kidd from Ipswich, and our very own events co-ordinator Mick King, for their efforts in organising a great event. Although the fishing was tough the event was well supported and will hopefully become a fixture on the fishing calendar over the coming years. If there are any southern clubs who would like to host a southern Qld interclub event please get in contact with myself or Mick King.

The Future of QLD Sportfishers

Inevitably, my role as president of QLD Sportfishers is to balance the needs and expectations of our current and future members and affiliated clubs, with the historical legacy handed down by our founding and past members.

I believe the best way to achieve this is to ensure that we stay connected and that we all have a say in the way we shape our own destiny. This will continue to be achieved through social experiences including annual interclub events, sportfishing festivals, as well as regular communication between QLD Sportfishers and our members.

To help us recognise and celebrate our past, in particular the contribution individuals have made to ANSA, and our affiliated club, I'll be announcing the launch of a new initiative that will come into effect immediately following the Keppel Bay Sportfishing Festival.

The 'Service to ANSA' recognition initiative is available to members who have provided a service to their club, and/or ANSA, and who have been members of ANSA for 10 and 25 years. Nominations for these recognition awards will come from fellow members and nomination forms are now available from the QLD Sportfishers website.

Today's sportfisher may on paper seem vastly different from those barefoot yobbos who founded this organisation 54 years ago, but what hasn't changed is the shared passion for fishing and for the sharing our experiences with other like-minded anglers. As they embraced new experiences, we too will need to embrace and accept that change can bring about new and positive experiences for us.

In wrapping up, I'd like to re-iterate my sincerest thanks to my fellow executive for their support, efforts, and guidance over the past 12 months. I'd also like to recognise and thank our families, including my own wife Melissa and two daughters Kirra and Hope. While the role our families play is often overlooked, our achievements are often gained on the back of their understanding and support.

A personal thanks also to my 'ANSA Brains Trust' family, who have helped guide my decisions and provide valuable insight into our organisation's past, and more importantly our future. Your wisdom, knowledge, and willingness to support me in my role as president is testament to the ANSA spirit.

And last but by no means least, thank you to Bruce Cowie and the crew from Keppel Bay SFF for hosting our 2021 Keppel Bay Sportfishing Festival. I'm eagerly looking forward to catching up with everyone over the weekend, and perhaps even tangling with one (or more) of the now legendary central Queensland threadfin over the weekend.

Stay safe on and off the water... Catch Ya!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'a. Royle', positioned above a horizontal dotted line.

Adam Royle
President
QLD Sportfishers
10/09/2021

ANSA South Australia Report

It has been a year like no other due to COVID and enforced lockdowns and social distancing.

This has been reflected in the lack of activities that associated clubs have been able to participate in and reflected in the small amount of record and master claims.

In South Australia our Fishery Managers continue to struggle with equitable resource sharing and consultative processes. The MRFAC (Minister Recreational Fisheries Advisory Council) struggles to be heard by fishery managers with members resigning and now elections being held to replace half of the members. ANSA SA did manage to get delegate (Lee Van Soest) on the Council and a new independent chairperson was appointed which we hope will start to improve the situation.

I take this opportunity to thank Tony Whitmore (secretary) Simon Green (treasurer) and Paul Wolfendale (state recorder) for the support and dedication to ANSA SA. Without people like the forementioned ANSA SA wouldn't exist.

SAFTAG : Levi Nash and Mick Wilson have taken on the management of SAFTAG after the passing of Marcel Vandergoot and pleasing to see SAFTAG surviving and growing.

On a personal note, I have completed 12 years as President of ANSA SA and have found it a very enjoyable period meeting many fishers from all over Australia. Information sharing with these contacts has helped myself get a better understanding of the problems faced by recreational fishers all over Australia. I can now say I have fished in each state of Australia.

I am standing down as President this year as I feel it is time for the younger generation to take on the role with new ideas and enthusiasm.

Lee Van Soest has nominated for the position, and I wish her well and offer my assistance if required.

Alan Hall
President ANSA South Australian Division



ANSA-SA RECORDERS REPORT, 2020/2021

This season has been very lean with only 4 record claims being submitted, all of which were in the Trophy Length Only division and all were accepted into the record books. It's great to see families encouraging the Sub Juniors and Juniors to get in on the action, as these youngsters will potentially be our future fishing and ANSA representatives.

Young Dakota Colls (below),also submitted a Meritorious Capture Claim for a 440 mm Golden Perch.

2 Sub Junior Records went to the Northern Districts Sportfishing Club, and 2 Senior Records went to the Adrenaline Fishing Club.

Adrenaline Fishing clubs Michael Kerr with an awesome State and National 1420 mm Mulloway, that he captured, tagged, and released at Yalata on the 16/11/2020.



5 year old Dakota Colls with her State and National Trophy Length Record 410 mm Silver Perch, which she captured, and released in the Bundaleer Reservoir on the 27/2/2021.



7 year old Malachi Cranefield with his State Trophy Length Record 440 mm Australian Salmon captured on the 9/08/2020.

Paul Wolfendale,
ANSA SA Recorder.





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ANNUAL REPORT 2021

ANSA members, and colleagues, it is our pleasure to present the SAFTAG Annual report for 2021.

Another interesting year for fishers right across Australia with some of our South Australian taggers unable at times to fish their usual spots, while some made the most of fishing more local with travel restrictions in place.

Even with Covid still slowing some fishers we still managed to tag a huge 1135 fish which is our fourth largest amount for a one-year period. A big thanks to all the club taggers and tagging co-ordinators for helping out and being patient again as Mick and I endeavour to keep this great little org running as smooth as we can whilst producing some great data.

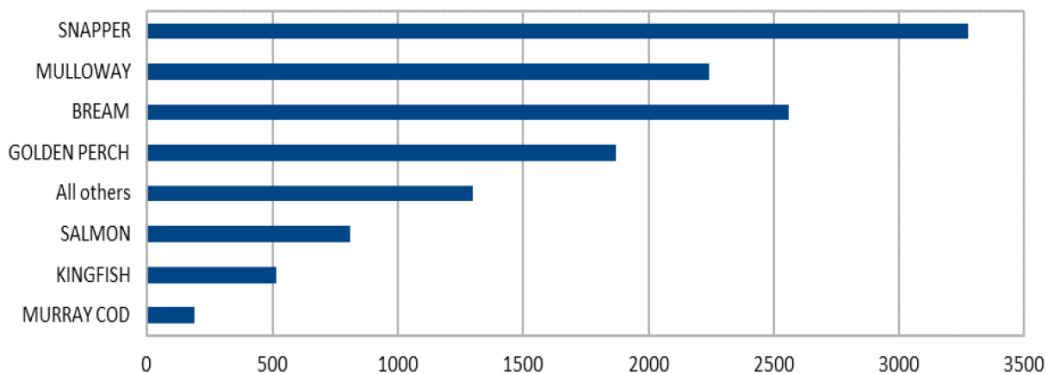
We are still migrating the data to Infofish Australia which should hold us in a better position to grow the organisation and hopefully attract some funding through sponsorship or grants and still maintain tag supply at no ongoing cost as it's always been in the past. Another aim is to make tagging data more accessible to taggers with use of an APP which we are still patiently waiting for through ARFF.

The longest Murray Cod recapture was one of Brad Monssen's of 'Mulloway Taggers SA' which he tagged at lock 7 and it swam upstream a whopping 580km's to Tolleybuc NSW growing 150mm over 829 days out.

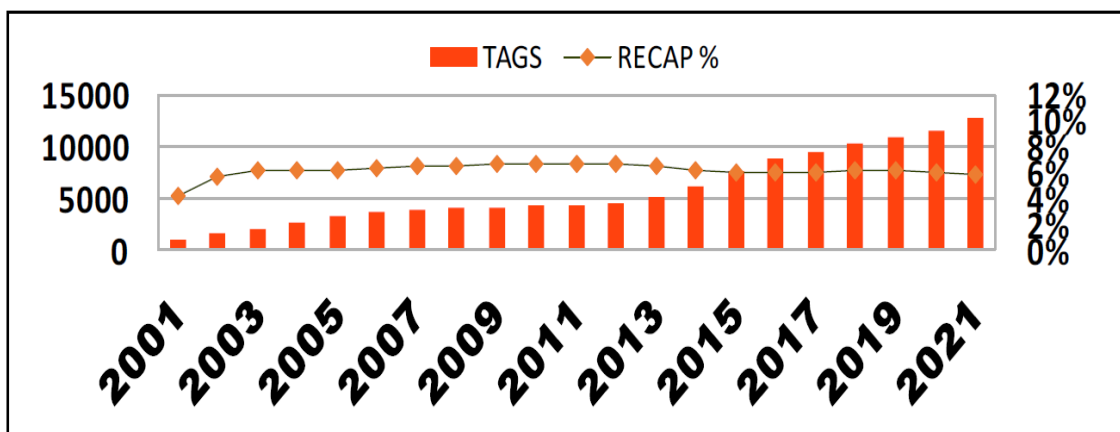
We also had some very interesting Mulloway recaptures both ending up at Ardrossan around the same time. One was Brad Towler's tagged in the Coorong and the other was one of mine tagged at Yalata over the Far West Coast of the state near the WA border. This Mulloway swam a staggering 872km and grew 215mm in a similar 832 days out. This information has confirmed the general area where two different stocks meet.

Another reasonable Murray Cod season saw 6 recaptures boosting their recapture rate to a solid 9%, with 12 Black Bream and 8 Mulloway showing better recapture rates also.

Below is a graphic breakdown of our main tagging species showing Black Bream still charging further ahead of Mulloway with many of both these species being tagged mainly by 'Adrenaline Fishing Club' with Ryan Ottens putting in good numbers. Hopefully some more Coorong Black Bream recaptures soon to give us more information on this fish we all want to see back to it's former glory.



Our second graph displays the total numbers of fish tagged and percentage recaptured each year. This season our total reached 12074.



Mick and I are meeting with SARDI and PIRSA soon to discuss some pressing matters around interpretation of the South Australian Fisheries ACT regarding tagging and also to review our approved to tag 'species list'. We will keep you updated on the outcome.

Tight lines

Levi Nash
Mick Wilson
SAFTAG Co-ordinators

ANSA Tasmania Report

The season has seen many ANSA Tas members enjoying arranged trips or just fishing with friends in many of the local waters around Tasmania. Tasmania has been blessed with only limited impact of Covid 19 although some people have been reticent to travel.

The upcoming season promises to have more planned trips as members feel more encouraged with vaccination rates increasing across the population.

The trips are tending more towards family affairs, with the annual trip to Derwent Bridge on the States west coast including 3 children and 4 partners. It was pleasing to see and everyone had a great time.

The Club continues to support various charity events and was pleased to supply fishing rods and associated products to families at Christmas time. The Club has supported these types of activities for a number of years and will continue to do so into the future.

ANSA Tas has submitted responses to the various reviews into recreational fisheries in Tasmania, and whilst this may take some time for various members we find it useful. It offers an opportunity to meet with other like minded persons and provide government with our perspective on future proposals.

Following a few years of absence, ANSA Tas has also rejoined TARFish (Peak Body) following discussions with various Board Members. ANSA Tas was one of the founding members and believes that it can offer advice and assist the group in its activities going forward.

ANSA Tas wishes all members nation wide a good upcoming season with opening up of the borders and less restrictions in movement around their states, interstate and overseas.

Tom Crawford
President
ANSA Tas

ANSA Victoria Report

I think I could pretty much just copy last year's report as not much has changed here in Victoria over the past 12 months with the pandemic severely curtailing most events over the last year. We did manage to hold a 'condensed' 2020 AGM via Zoom in December where all executive members graciously agreed to continue in their current positions to get us through this difficult time. As things currently stand it looks like this year's AGM will also be a virtual one.

As expected, memberships in 2020/21 were again down (by 25) meaning we've had a drop in numbers of about 20% since 2018/19. One club has also not re-affiliated taking the number of clubs to just 9. At this stage we haven't received membership fees from any clubs for the current year, but I expect these to start coming in once we are able to hold Conventions.

We did manage to sneak in a couple of Conventions this year between lock downs and other restrictions and it was pleasing to see these were well supported. Hopefully in the new year we can proceed with all planned events and maybe even sneak in one or two that had to be cancelled over the past couple of months.

We reported last year that the long-running battle to establish a public boat ramp on the Maribyrnong River appeared to be finally settled. Well, it seems we were misled! The local MP, who had been very supportive of the plan, did a backflip after the plans were made available for final public consultations resulted in upsetting some (more vocal) local residents. He then wrote to the Minister advising he no longer supported the plan. We have written to the Minister making our displeasure with this decision clear but are yet to get a response. In conjunction with VR Fish and others, we will continue to pursue the establishment of a ramp at another area of the river.

Wayne Zita
Secretary
ANSA Victoria

ANSA Western Australia Report

This year has carried on much the same as last year with the disruption caused by Covid restrictions and travel changes for most.

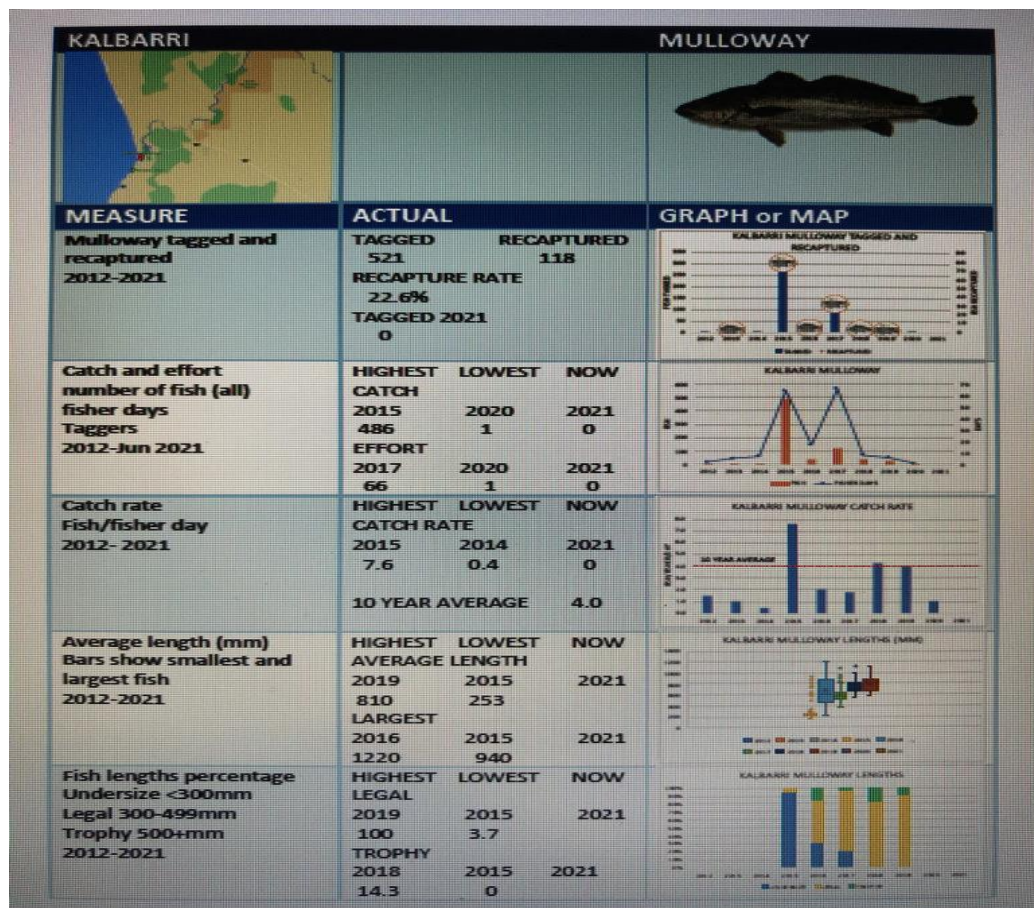
The association has been working with Info-fish in many ways with the tagging data and receiving reports for members on the effects of covid on fishing effort and locations.

Bill Sawynok has been conducting research into the changing fishing habits of anglers and what it may mean to stock numbers in catchments and rivers, all info available on the Info-fish web site.

One of the latest developments in **Westag** the Track My Fish app allowing members to follow their tagged fish, if and when the fish is 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.

Now with the updated data grid map system we have the tracking dashboard to view the movement and growth of different species at different locations along the WA coastline.

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.



RECORDS.

Nickol Bay have again shown the way in the records claim department with 22 National claims.

Max Grasso a total of 15 claims.

Chloe Hornhardt a total of 5 claims.

Jessica Hornhardt 1 claim

Tameeka Dodd 1 claim

After losing our only Metro club a year ago I have been invited to the CPBA open day on the 20th November to man a stand and give members a run through on ANSA and also the Westag program, lest hope things are on the up after such a long and arduous grind through some trying times.

Steve Wiseman

President

ANSA Western Australia