



NEWSLETTER

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A Special Announcement

This year is the **50th anniversary of our club** being formed. The first club in ANSA to achieve this milestone. And number of exciting events are being arranged to celebrate this achievement. It is expected the Minister will be invited along with the president of ANSA and presidents of all other NSW ANSA clubs. An invitation could be sent to the president of St George & Sutherland Shire Anglers from whom our forming president and publicity officer came & many of our early members. See article regarding the events by Chris Holland hereabouts.

A warm welcome to **new member Mark Hydes**.

Mark is a friend of Andrew Perros who introduced him to the club. Trust your time with us Mark is an enjoyable one and that you join in with members *at any of the outings*.

Birthday people for March

1st Peter Logan	12th Jenny Webb
6 th Don Rayment	12th Bruce Rayment
8th Brendan McMahon	22 nd Josh Colling
	24 th Grant Erskine

Happy Birthday folks—may you have a happy happy day

The EAR

John Everett (our secretary) at the last meeting issued a challenge to those present regarding attendance at outings. He advised the club calendar had ample opportunities for members to go fishing with both week end and mid week events listed. As an example he said, the coming Nowra Convention had only two members listed as attending – whereas not that long ago, St George had the most attendees of any club and took out the competition. John likened St George to a number of Bowling Clubs with ageing members, closing. Members are ageing and have other commitments and the effort to attend outings is becoming more difficult. The Narooma Convention has a good number of members attending – certainly Narooma has more going for it fishing wise with Montague Island nearby and socially with the fishing club house. Accommodation is mainly in flats or motels.

John suggested the clubs 50th Anniversary coming up in October this year could see the demise of the club unless we get more juniors and members. Juniors are our future and members are encouraged to involve the younger and new members by taking or going fishing with them, John said.

Belinda mentioned at the meeting they joined the club because of the tuition evenings where members heard and viewed demonstrations and were able to ask questions.

This *editor is of the opinion* that club outings should nominate the launching location, the launching time and the time to return to the ramp (and a possible BBQ) to compare notes and to socialise. Sure it might be a bit more driving for some but to be able to talk to others and compare notes. Radio/phone communication needs to be sorted and encouraged.

And *another three pennyworth if I may*, how about outings with specific fishing methods? How about plastics fishing only for that day? The meeting before would be dedicated and concentrate on the location, the tackle required, the recommended lures and the likely species to be encountered. How about a luderick fishing day – the season starts on Mother's Day?



Coming Events—the detail

1 Mar **General meeting #541** with club speakers as detailed in the Presidents Report opposite this column.

9-11 Mar **Narooma Convention**—the 50th convention. See flyer hereabouts.

18 Mar **Set up afternoon** in preparation for the Sydney Tournament for the following weekend

23-25 Mar **Sydney Tournament** See flyer hereabouts.

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The EAR continued

Had a phone call from the second President of this club—Roy Allen. Roy gave up the job as president mid term when he and his family moved to Cairns early 1970's. Roy crewed on some of the famous game boats fishing for marlin off the Great Barrier Reef. The editor fished barramundi with him in North Queensland in 1977 along with St George members Barry Crowther (dec) and Alan Minogue. Roy now lives at Tuncurry and gets fishing the lake only occasionally these days as visits to specialists for heart and skin cancer issues and more recently a crook back keeps him busy. He does however fish a lagoon off the Roper River in the Northern Territory. Google Earth has not revealed the lagoon but Roy said for any member interested to contact him for directions. Heaps and heaps of barra apparently.



And just in case you missed the news - **green frogs are available again.**

Presidents Report



Several Fishing Tournaments are now upon us with Nowra, Narooma and Sydney, the latter of which we co-host. Whether or not intending to fish in a tournament, the understanding of line class is important particularly if looking to catch a Masters fish.

What is a Masters fish? What is line class? An introduction to this will be provided at our next meeting along with fishing for flathead, bream and whiting and fishing breakwalls from several speakers.

Memorabilia in the form of photos, documents, etc particularly the early days of the club is urgently required as we prepare an historical record for the 50th Anniversary in October this year.

This should be forwarded direct to John Everett who can be contacted on 0411 403 029 or via email jomar1@iinet.net.au

I and the committee look forward to meeting and fishing with you during the forthcoming year.

Should you wish to contact me my email address is dlsimpson2@bigpond.com or

mob 0428 887 540.

Dennis

Our Committee

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St George Sportfishing Club will be 50 in November this year

Having been formed at the first meeting on 13 November 1968, the committee is arranging a number of activities and events over the coming months.

Commencing in this edition of the Newsletter, Chris Holland has asked a number of ~~the older members~~ members who have been members for a number of years to write their reasons for joining the club. We started with Peter Hewitt and Lloyd Anderson. Bob McMahon and others will follow next month and others after that.

A BURGLAR CHANGED OUR LIVES !

In early 1976 after an unsuccessful break-in at our house at Maroubra, we called on Eric Dunk from Red Alert Alarm Company to wire up an alarm system.



On seeing our half cabin Pongrass in the yard, he asked “ are you in a Fishing Club?”. My reply was not at the moment, we would like to be but most clubs around here think fishing is a day on the water with a slab of beer! Eric gave us huge praises of St George Sportfishing Club and suggested as we were very keen and had 2 young daughters, “ if you are looking for a great social and friendly club, come along to our meeting and see what you think”.

We were so impressed at the first meeting that we had Ian Keohan sign us up there and then ,and to this day have rarely missed a club night.

From being fairly basic fishos, and with such a wealth of knowledge within our club, we quickly honed our skills and became more successful with our chosen sport. Our then 2 young girls became very keen and took out many Junior awards in Competition including Danielle age 15 with a 20.9 kg mulloway on 10kg and Deborah with a State record Mulloway.

In those days there were as many kids as adults and the outings, comps, picnics, and the social weekend away were fantastic .From day one we made lifelong friendships and have never looked back on our years with our Club.

Proud to be with the Club for 41 years as St George Sportfishing Club soon reaches half a Century not out.

Worsley Family.

The December meeting had come around yet again and my Grandpa asked if I would like to come to the Christmas party and set up activities for the children. I started to think about ideas to keep them amused and occupied whilst the adults were having their meeting.



Once I found out how many children were going to be coming and their ages I started to make a list of ideas. I wanted to have different activities set up so the children could choose what they wanted to do. I used Pinterest to look for ideas for games as well.

Grandpa also asked for ideas to make up Christmas bags for the children. Each year we try to have a theme with the gift bags. Last year we did "Books" and this year we thought we might focus on "Stationary". So, I helped Grandpa go to Officeworks to choose a special gift for each child taking into account their age. And going shopping with Grandpa wasn't easy, I have to keep him focused on what we were trying to achieve.

With all the prizes chosen and wrapped, I was just left with finalising the games and activities. I decided to have playdough in Christmas colours with tools, drawing, Christmas stencils with find a words/word scrambles, board games and decorating cupcakes

On the night there was confusion over where I would be able to set up the children's area as the room was double booked. So, once we got sorted and found a lounge area with a few small tables I was able to set up a few activities for the children. I ended up being a good area as we were in the air conditioning and away from the main meeting/raffle.

The children got straight into the activities and most wanted to start with decorating their own Christmas cupcake with icing, gel and lots sprinkles. We then played board games like battleship, connect 4, snakes and ladders and trivial pursuit which quickly merged into designing Christmas themed objects with play dough. We made objects like Christmas trees, bells and reindeers, the kids turned this into a competition with a judge and a score board.

Once we brought out the gifts, the children were shocked that they were getting a present. They all opened them very quickly and wanted to use them straight away. The smiles on their faces shows that the gifts were perfect and the amount of thank yous I got showed that they appreciated them. After the gifts were received the games I had planned seemed obsolete to the kids as all they wanted to do was draw in their books or practise running writing.

Towards the end of the evening we had a small children's raffle one for the girls and one for the boys. The children were really excited, and at first were worried cause they didn't have a raffle ticket, but were reassured that their name was written on a piece of paper in the bowl. Leon won the boys prize and Claudia won the girls prize and were lucky enough to win a Christmas Gift Card.

So even though we had a rough start to the evening and didn't have a big space we made it work and the children were so happy to sit and play games and do drawings. They children were so well behaved and loved the activities so much that some didn't want to leave.

Thanks

Stephanie James

(Grand daughter of Chris and Yvonne Holland)

Fishing Reports

Bermagui over the Christmas break was a great success.

Plenty of flathead out bottom fishing from Bermagui to Montague Island, Kingfish and Snapper (surprisingly) were on and off around Montague Island. Loads of Marlin caught all up the coast from Eden to Tuross.

We enjoyed fishing Wallaga lake (especially around the Island) with surface lures and small hard bodies. Over the week period we caught well 40 Bream ranging up to the 40cm mark, flathead up to 65cm and whiting. Can never get tired of estuary fishing on the surface and watching the strike in front of you!

A great trip away, very successful as always.

Regards,

Andrew Agius



Fishing Reports cont

Port Stephens – February 2018

Bruce and I headed to Port Stephens to participate in two NSW GFA tournaments. We arrived a week early to practice out live baiting for marlin and work out the areas we wanted to fish for the tournaments. We've also had a couple friends come and stay and fish with us, and there has been plenty of action so far.



The big Mahi Mahi that have been off Sydney most of the summer are still around Port Stephens, and we have landed 3 between 12kg and 15kg this week, along with two Black Marlin, a Striped Marlin and Whaler Shark, together with a few lost in the fight.

Last weekend was the Garmin Billfish Shootout Tournament, and Saturday was an incredible day fishing with 10 bites - 8 Marlin and 2 Sharks. 4 Marlin hooked up, but unfortunately all were lost before being tagged. We lost the first after an hour long fight on 10kg when the Marlin bill wore through the light leader. The second we got



impatient with and lost close to the boat, our fault. The third got cut off by another boat, and the fourth jumped on the double. Whilst disappointing, we have never fought 4 Marlin in a day before, and never fished 10kg line for them either, so new ground being made.

Four more days of tournament fishing coming up this weekend with the NSW Interclub.

Belinda

Fishing Reports cont.

Borumba Dam

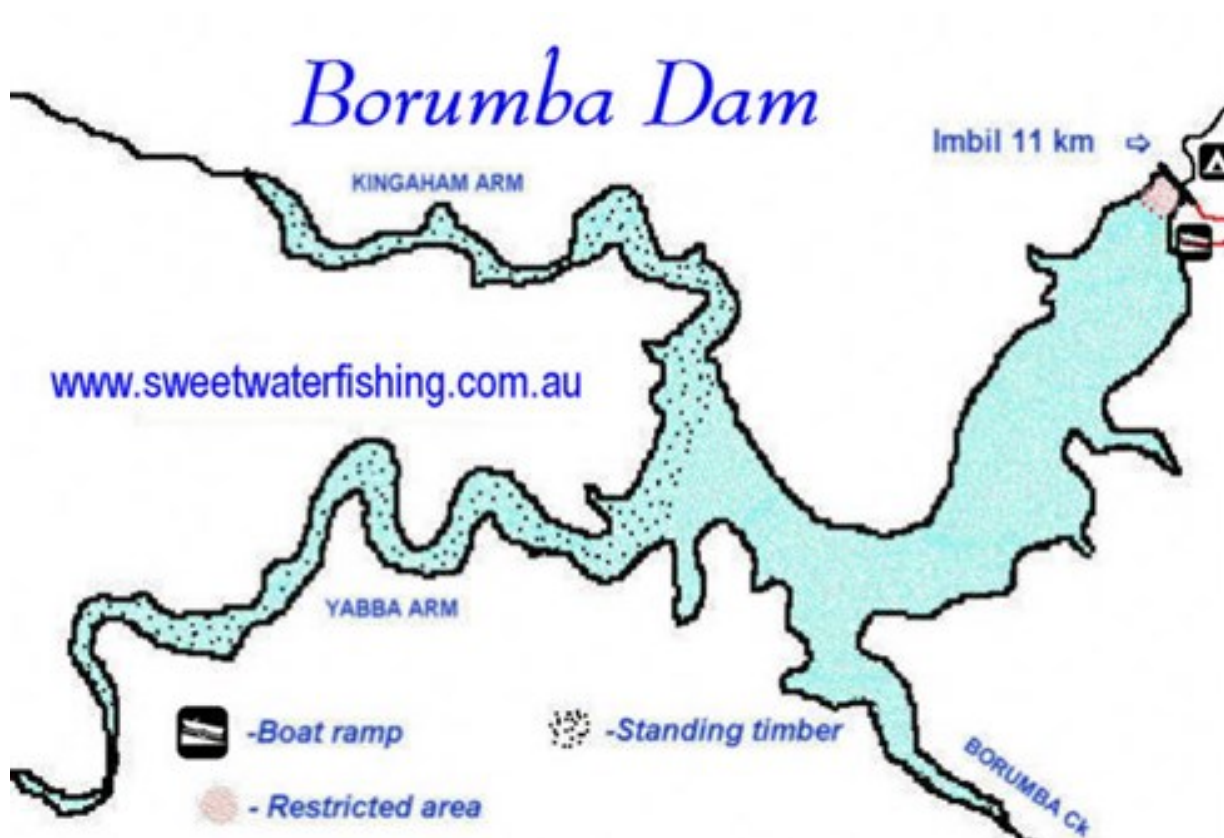
The reason this Newsletter is a little late is the editor went fishing. Towed the boat to Borumba Dam – west of Gympie Queensland – some 1100km from home. Borumba has a huge reputation for plenty of bass on all sorts of lures, plastics, deep divers, stick baits, surface lures, poppers and many others. As a bonus the dam holds a goodly population of red claw yabbies (considered a pest by Fisheries) caught in opera house traps baited with rock melon, mango, and dog food – anything but meat or fish. The red claw caught are to 25cm long and taste delicious. In addition to bass there are saratoga, caught on surface lures or similar running to about a meter below the surface. Most fishing is done at gentleman's hours, 7am to 12 noon – too hot after this time. The nearest town is Imbil some 12kms back, with a pub, and bowls club and the like. But I digress, back to the fishing.

Ah, the fishing. This year after years of successful fishing, the editor caught nothing, zilch, zero. The other boat caught three legal fish, two bass and a yellowbelly. No red claw at all. For what it is worth others fishing caught just as many. But why? The water temperature was around 29 degrees, not gin clear, a little coloured but certainly not muddy. We tried launching just on first light, still nothing.

The boys from Kingaroy Sportfishing Club have a tagging outing next weekend, they have our results and have undertaken to let us know how they get on.

So, 2500kms and not a fish, not one – and no yabbies.

The dam is big with three feeder arms with plenty of standing timber and plenty of likely bass spots along the edges. There is more weed than previous visits and lily pads along the shallower parts. Bass are stocked, saratoga were but now self-sufficient now, breeding in the dam.



Fishing Reports cont

I have been chasing whiting without much success over the past two weeks. Went along Cronulla Beach and collected beach worms then fished some small gutters without any luck. Also went into Kurnell to the sand flats using beach worms and again no luck. Finally tried Mainbar in the canoe with nippers. Fished the run up tide and again no luck.

I have fished the Cronulla area for a few sharks at night but they have been hard to get as the bottom has been stirred up with the swells. I did one session in the Port Hacking one night for a small mullet caught and released.

With the swell up we went into the National Park yesterday and fished the cliffs. We were trying a new method called Slide Baiting where the sinker is anchored out wide and a live bait is sent down to the sinker by sliding on a special rig. We also bobby corked the same washes. Caught some nice tailor on the bobby corks and had a massive bustup on the slide bait. It is a good method in the correct environment.



Drilling rod holder holes in the cliff.



Hooked up on a nice tailor.

Phillip Turner

Veni Vidi Vici (or the Nowra Convention Revisited!)



Well, not really true, but we did have a good time and gave it our best shot. Over 60 fishers participated in this friendly competition with the Happy Hookers Club winning the overall point-score and StGSFC finishing 5th. The scoreboard revealed quite a few of the divisions were lightly represented, indicating that fish overall were patchy and difficult to find. The only division to buck the trend was Blue Water with numerous marlin tagged and released.

Staying in touch using WhatsApp, Ron Camp, Dennis Simpson and myself fished St Georges Basin, while Andrew Perros and Ian Davis tried their luck in the



Shoalhaven during the competition.

Those of us at St Georges Basin really struggled, with only a snapper at 35cm, a bream at 32cm and a small flattie to show for our efforts. There appeared to be numerous energetic tailor removing the rear of our live baits and quite a lot of undersized snapper in the area. Even Mr reliable Ron failed to get a big one on board after getting several good hits and runs from potentially winning fish. Unfortunately I didn't help with my motor deciding not to start partway through the second day but later, fishing out of Ron's boat still didn't increase our score.

Andrew and Ian scored several bream in the 26-27cm range and a 32cm tailor on the Shoalhaven but like other fishers were forced off the water by quite strong winds on the Saturday.

It was good to see a St George contingent contesting this event, and as it is relatively close to Sydney hopefully more of us will compete next year.

John Everett

Hi Bill,

I thought it was about time I submitted a report from Port Stephens!

I've been living in Port for about 10 months now. Much of my time has been spent getting things done around the house – it took me months to unpack all the boxes from moving, then there's lawns and hedges (too many hedges!) and gardens to establish etc.! The original plan, downtrack, was for Yolanda and I to move into a little duplex we bought a few years back as an investment property. It would have been perfect for us... not too big to clean and maintain, leaving more time for fishing. However, Ben and my mother-in-law have moved with us, so we bought a bigger house again, which means more jobs on my "To Do" list! Plus, there have been several day trips to Sydney on days that I would have rather been fishing... but I'm living in paradise and there will be other days!



In spite of that, I can honestly say that I have fished more in the past 10 months than I probably have in the last 5 years. My results have not been fantastic but I do usually come home with a feed. I am focussing on scoping out the area, learning some spots and trying new techniques, particularly outside around the islands. I have a lot of fun trolling for bonito in close to the headlands and islands and do okay on the flathead outside, particularly when Ben comes with me – he usually outfishes me then but he *is* a rod grabber! A local fisho, "Scratchie", who I met through the Fishraider website/forums took me up to Broughton Island in my boat the first time and introduced me to snapper on soft plastics. I managed two good pan sized reds on plastics that trip but no big fellas. Strangely, I haven't managed one on plastics since but I have been getting a few pan sized reds on bait. Fishing solo, I don't have crew to pull up the anchor, so I'll usually drift along drop offs near bommies like "The Sisters", flicking plastics but if the drift's not right, I'll use spot lock on the Minn Kota and maybe burley and float some baits back. Working in retail, things were pretty hectic over Christmas/New Year but when the big southerly swell came through last week, I was champing at the bit to get back to Broughton once it dropped off. I had Wednesday 17 to Friday 19 January off work but Wednesday and Thursday were unfishable with 3.5 – 5m swells and Friday was my only chance to get out before working on the weekend. I keep trying to get to Broughton on first light (haven't made it yet!) but deliberately had a later start this day as I didn't want to chance the heads and the slop near the inner islands and Yacaaba headland in the dark. It was a slow enough trip from Soldiers Point ramp to the heads with the swell rolling in and with the swell outside still around 2m I didn't get to Broughton until around 8:30. I did spend a bit of time on the way trolling skirts near a bunch of muttonbirds but they didn't appear to be on bait, so I diverted back to Broughton. I was the only boat at The Sisters and just couldn't seem to get a friendly drift, or find bait, so I went exploring on the northern side of the island and decided to tie up to a public mooring out of the southerly swell for a rest, catch some livies and float an unweighted bait out. Fishing in 5m over sand and first bait out, I hooked up to what I think was my first decent red... I could really feel those head shakes and he stripped line like there was no tomorrow. I was fishing 20lb braid with 20lb flourocarbon leader with a fairly heavy drag but after about 5 minutes, he reefed me on the mooring chain and the braid wore through. I might have struggled getting him in anyway as I'd forgotten the net but maybe he might have been big enough to gaff??? Next bait out, I managed a pan sized red (40cm) but that was it. I saw plenty of birds out around the 40m line, so trolled skirts again for a while but still couldn't find much bait... strange. I punched back through the swell, returning to Port about 2 and bumped into another Fishraider member, Rick, just heading out. He managed 3 good sized reds 68 – 78 cm that afternoon! My mate, Scratchie headed out lunchtime on Saturday (a much better day swell wise) and was planning to spend the night at Broughton. He and his boys bagged out on kings on the way up then they bagged out on big snapper at Broughton and were back home by 8:30pm! The big seas had smashed the kingfish pens in Providence Bay and all the kings from one pen escaped. Newspaper reports said they were all around 50cm but I think Huon might have said that to try and keep fishos away while they try and recapture them. The kings Scratchie caught were very fat – they even managed one on a piece of chewing gum on a hook! I won't get a chance to get out again until the week after Australia Day, so I hope they're still around! Scratchie and Rick are going to try and put me onto a big red and I hope to get onto these kingfish and maybe one of the small black marlin that are starting to show up in close.

Anyway, that's a quick summary of the recent fishing scene in Port Stephens. I love this place! I remember when there used to be an ANSA comp here (October?) and our own club weekend (September?). Maybe we could have another club weekend here... there is no ANSA club in the area, which is a shame. If any St George members are visiting Port, feel free to look me up. I only have a 4.5m side console but could fit 1 person in, 2 at a pinch or if you're bringing your own boat, we could fish in company.

Tight lines!

Baz (Barry Moores)

SYDNEY TOURNAMENT 2018

The Sydney Tournament is on the 23-25 March. I am looking for volunteers to assist with the Setup on the Sunday (18th March) before the tournament and the meals over the tournament weekend.

Volunteers required for

DATE	START TIME	ACTIVITY
18 March	1:00pm	Set-up
23 March	3:00pm	Friday Dinner Preparation
	5:30pm	Friday Dinner Serving
	4:00am	Saturday Breakfast
24 March	5:30pm	Saturday Dinner Serving
25 March	4:00am	Sunday Breakfast
	10:30am	Sunday Lunch
	2:00pm	Pack-up

If you are able to assist please put your name on the roster lists at the March club meeting or give me a call.

Your help will be gratefully appreciated

Thanks

Peter (Logan)

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Keen fishos needed for Fishcare program

DO YOU know how to wet a line, bait a hook and catch and release?

If you have a passion for fish and fishing and you'd like to help protect our aquatic habitat, why not think about becoming a Fishcare Volunteer?

NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) is calling for people keen on mentoring young people on how to fish.

It's all part of the department's popular Fishcare Volunteer Program.

Co-ordinator, Dee Payne, said the program has 250 volunteers state wide and is part of the state government's commitment to sustainable and responsible recreational fishing and habitat conservation.

"Fishcare volunteers play a vital role in promoting sustainable recreational fishing and do a terrific job in advising anglers and the general public about the rules and values of responsible fishing," Ms Payne said.

"Volunteers partake in activities such as fishing workshops, schools visits, field days, fishing competitions, habitat restoration works, etc passing on their knowledge and skills.

"We are calling for anyone interested in joining the program to register their interest to complete specialised training, to be held in Sydney on April 14 and 15."

The training weekend is open to anyone over the age of 18 years.

Guest speakers will cover topics on recreational fisheries management including fishing rules, fish conservation, aquatic habitat management and catch and release of fish.

The training is free but places are limited.

Apply at dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/



CALLING ALL FISHOS: The Department of Primary Industries is looking for people keen on mentoring young people on how to fish.

www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au  GeorgesRiverCouncil  @Georges_River

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opening our community

Several of us have joined together to form a WhatsApp network to organise ourselves for fishing outings. WhatsApp is a free messaging app available for Android and other smartphones. It uses your phone's Internet connection (4G/3G/2G/EDGE or Wi-Fi) to let you message and call friends and family. You can send and receive messages, calls, photos, videos, documents, and voice messages.

Bring your phone along next meeting and link up to this service and see what your fellow club members have been doing and what's planned for the future in fishing.

BIG RED

BY JOHN ASHLEY.

We all have fishing goals in our lives and one of mine is to catch every billfish species on the planet! I only have one more to get and that's a broadbill swordfish. Maybe this year I might get lucky down in Tassie? My other goal that has taken me forever to catch was a big east coast knobby snapper weighing over 20lbs. All the years I have fished for reds I've had plenty of big ones on, but the sharp reef or the kelp has always got in the way before the landing net!

Recently off Coffs Harbour I was fishing on the grounds to the southeast of the port called the Patches. It's an extensive area made up of sand and gravel scattered between high sections of jagged reef, hence the name. It runs for miles nearly all the way down to Nambucca Heads and many species of fish can be found there from yellowtail kingfish, cobia, Sampson fish, bonito and mackerel tuna, to all the bottom dwellers like snapper, pearl perch, tusk fish, trevally, trag, jewfish and flathead. One time we even caught a 4lb coral trout out there that had obviously strayed down in the warm currents from the southern reaches of the Coral Sea.

This particular day though we were anchored at the Patches on a reef we had marked with the GPS earlier that has produced many great fish for us. There was a stiff nor-easter blowing and a one knot current running to the south, which made drifting back the lightly weighted strip baits and whole pilchards ideal. The trick to catching these big wary snapper is light line and the least amount of weight (sinker) sitting on top of the bait as possible. The bait needs to just drift down slowly in the current at

My biggest ever east-coast knobby snapper weighing 24lbs.



the same pace as the berley cubes!

Fishing for reds with this floating bait technique is a great way to get a feed of fish and we still use the good old Alvey reel to produce the goods. This reel might take a bit of patience to handle, but once you get the hang of one there's nothing more simple or deadly. You can feel the bait through the line as its drifting back and you know when the rubbish fish have even taken a nibble. You also know when the right fish takes the bait and when to hook it. Fighting a good size snapper with this kind of tackle is the ultimate fun, I can tell you!

Anyway, I had already caught a couple of nice 4lb to 5lb reds when the big bite happened and right from the first run I knew this was a huge snapper. The head shakes and first surge against the 20lb line felt great and the Alvey's spool spun like a top at incredible speed. Getting the knuckles out of the way of the handles is essential as you use

the palm of the hand to control the reel. The hand on the spool is the drag on these old reels!

Over a hundred yards of line vanished in a flash before I finally turned the big red and the current didn't help me retrieve line easily. I prayed like hell the pair of ganged Mustad 540's were set nice and solid somewhere in its mouth. The pressure I put on the reel was as much as I dared and the 9' rod was loaded up in a nice curve. Even after five and a half decades of going offshore and catching snapper of all sizes, fighting a big one still makes me nervous. Was this the one I'd been waiting so long for, I remember thinking!

After fifteen minutes of steadily gaining line we could see some big flashes of silver in the clear cobalt current fifty yards from the back of the boat. Rolling from side to side the red was looking bigger by the minute and when the landing nets handle strained to lift it over the transom I knew my magic mark had finally been achieved!

Weighing twenty four pounds it's the biggest east coast snapper I've ever caught and somehow I doubt if I'll ever get one any bigger? These big knobby reds are a very special and even at this size the fillets were so tender and excellent eating. Nothing went to waste either and the big knobby head just fitted in my extra-large cooking pot to simmer on the stove for the best snapper stock ever. The seafood chowders we had for weeks were to die for!

Big reds are real fun to catch on the old Alvey reel



ANSA NSW's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Not only is St George celebrating 50 years, ANSA NSW is doing likewise, read on,

As most would be aware, **ANSA NSW celebrates its 50th Anniversary** this year.

50 years is a major milestone for any association or organisation. ANSA continues to be a leader in promoting sport, conservation and integrity.

The ANSA NSW committee is in the throes of organising several special events and competitions this year to celebrate ANSA NSW's birthday.

To begin, ANSA NSW will target it's conventions and will offer each registered ANSA member who fishes an ANSA NSW Convention in 2018, a chance to win a prize simply for entering into a convention.

The scheduled 2018 ANSA NSW Conventions are;

Nowra Convention
Narooma Convention
Sydney Sportfishing Tournament
South Coast Convention
Lake Lyell Convention
Glenbawn Dam Convention
Burrinjuck Convention

Click on the link to view the ANSA NSW Calendar 2018 for dates and contact details. <https://static1.squarespace.com/.../ANSA+NSW+Calendar+2018+Is...>

Fish all seven ANSA NSW Conventions in 2018 and have seven chances of winning.

There will be seven winners, one from each ANSA NSW Convention for 2018 who will receive a prize. These seven winning ANSA members will then go into a major draw to win the grand prize.

The official launch for this particular promotion is scheduled for the first week in February 2018, so stay tuned for more details to come.

Don't forget that the first ANSA NSW Convention for 2018 is the Nowra Convention. The Nowra Convention is scheduled for the 16th, 17th and 18th February 2018. So make sure your register now.

Details for the ANSA NSW Nowra Convention 2018 can be viewed at: <https://static1.squarespace.com/.../2018+nowra+sfc+convention...>

Until then, keep fishing, keep safe and tight lines

CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2018

Certificates issued in February, events between 21 January and 20 February

Congratulations to the following members for these **Masters capture certificate** awarded last month:

Bruce Rayment – All tackle species – Mahi Mahi #2 1,220mm	CAA pts 5
James Rayment – Length only – Dusky Flathead 875mm	CAA pts 5
Phil Turner – All tackle species – Whaler Shark #75 1,200mm -	
Phil Turner – Length only – Luderick 410mm	CAA pts 5
Phil Turner – All tackle species – Australian Salmon #6 690mm	



CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2017/18 - END FEBRUARY

MENS		LADIES		JUNIORS		Non-NSW	
Andrew Perros	15	Mary Worsley	15	Leon Perros	5	Bruce Rayment	36
Bruce Rayment	13	Debbie Logan	6			Belinda Rayment	5
Phil Turner	10	Belinda Rayment	3				
Lloyd Anderson	5						
Ron Camp	5						
Karl Rasmussen	5						
James Rayment	5						
Chris Holland	3						
Peter Logan	3						

Remember that you can upgrade your entries in the club's **length only competition** at any time.

DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2017/18

Updated as at: 20/2/2018

Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
James Rayment	875	-	-	875
Phil Turner	-	-	690	690
Grant Erskine	680	-	-	680
Bob McMahon	610	-	-	610
Brodie Erskine	610	-	-	610
Peter Hewitt	590	-	-	590
Sullivan Davies	500	-	-	500
Ian Davies	470	-	-	470
Dennis Simpson	450	-	-	450
Andrew Perros	440	-	-	440
Daniel McMahon	430	-	-	430
Brendan McMahon	400	-	-	400
Trevor Dean	-	400	-	400
Julian Perros	400	-	-	400
Phil Worsley	-	390	-	390

DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2017/18

Updated as at: 20/2/2018

Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Bob McMahon	339	379	570	1,288
Peter Hewitt	350	290	400	1,040
Karl Rasmussen	415	-	355	770
Debbie Logan	385	-	330	715
Andrew Perros	270	-	320	590
Julian Perros	290	290	-	580
Leon Perros	300	280	-	580
John Everett	-	-	450	450
Peter Logan	390	-	-	390
Grant Erskine	-	-	360	360
Antonio Robles	360	-	-	360
Brodie Erskine	-	-	320	320
Alessia Robles	320	-	-	320
Anna Maria Sasanelli	270	-	-	270
Eva Peros	-	270	-	270
Ian Davies	270	-	-	270

DIVISION 3 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2017/18			Updated as at: 20/2/2018	
Angler	Best Bass - Length (mm)	Best Trout - Length (mm)	Best Golden Perch - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Lloyd Anderson	460	-	521	981
Samantha Anderson	448	-	480	928
Mark Hydes	-	-	475	475

Please send all claim forms to me at PO Box 923, Caringbah NSW 1495 or email to belinda.rayment@bigpond.com

Belinda

Sussex Snippets!

Most of the holiday makers at Sussex Inlet have now left town. This has left the waterways nice & quiet with the locals now checking out where the fish have been hiding, over the peak holiday period. No water skiers, jet skiers and skippers of pleasure boats that do not understand speed limits or the requirement for navigation lights when moving around at night. The really good news is there have been plenty of fish being caught in the Basin and in the Wandandian creek.

A lot of big girl Flathead well over the 70 cm mark are generally being caught & released unharmed. A major tagging program covering these trophy length Flathead is being carried out in the Basin fishery with as many as 90 to 100 fish having been tagged already. Thanks go to some of the local fishing clubs and the responsible local fisho's who have achieved this great initiative.

There are plenty of good size table fish now available in the basin, these being; Bream, flathead, Trevally, Reddies and a few whiting thrown in. For those with plenty of patience and a good supply of lures big tailor and Jewfish are being caught with the favourite plastic being 125 mm sqiggy's in black & gold.

Good luck to all fishing the Nowra comp, weather permitting I am sure some good fish will be caught.

Jimmy Olsen



Les, with you know who, after Malcolm agreed to come as guest speaker at the Narooma Convention.



Referees whistle (a fancy one) found in Swansea channel

Blue Ring octopus that came out of the whistle after the kids tried to blow the whistle

Seabird Of The Month

Red-capped Plover, *Charadrius ruficapillus*

Appearance. A small shorebird , about 15 cm overall length. The **male** has a white forehead , a “fox-red” nape and crown with black margins. The wings are brown and the underparts are white. The **female** is duller on the head, with just a light cinnamon colour on the nape. Usually in singles or pairs as they run along the waters edge.

Habitat and range. Endemic to Australia. The most common and wide-spread of Australia's beach-nesting shorebirds, with an estimated population of 95,000. Occurs along broad shorelines and shelly beaches, margins of saline or freshwater lakes, mud flats and salt marsh. Found along all coasts. Also inland in suitable habitats.

Breeding. July to January in southern Australia. 2-3 eggs, greenish-grey to sandy mottled with grey, lavender, dark brown and black; in a scrape in sand or shell-debris, scantily lined with shells, pebbles or dried vegetation.

Diet. Molluscs and small crustaceans.

Call. Sharp ‘peeps’ and ‘tik’s’



Male; Cervantes WA



Female; Old Bar, NSW



Typical nest location, male incubating.

Windang, NSW



Roger Giller

ANSA NSW 12-Month Competition - Current Standings as at 25/02/2018

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 1: Landbased - Game Species

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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DIVISION 2: Landbased - Non-Game Species

1 Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	3.490	2	261.750
2 Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	1.670	2	125.250
3 Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	ROCK BLACKFISH	1.300	2	97.500

DIVISION 3: Sportfishing - Saltwater Lakes and Estuaries

1 Ron Camp	St George Sportfishing Club	TREVALLY - SILVER	2.230	2	167.250
2 Tristin Moussa	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	3.200	4	80.000

DIVISION 4: Sportfishing - From a Boat (Outside)

1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	7.800	4	292.500
2 Peter Moussa	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	TUNA - YELLOWFIN	45.000	24	281.250
3 John Cathor	Narooma Sport & Game Fishi	TUNA - STRIPED	5.000	4	187.500

DIVISION 5: Sportfishing - Freshwater

1 Georgina Pratt	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - GOLDEN	4.260	2	213.000
2 Gordon Jobson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - GOLDEN	4.250	2	212.500
3 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	CATFISH - FRESHWAT	2.550	2	127.500

DIVISION 6: Lure Fishing - Saltwater

1 Travis Anderson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	SALMON - AUSTRALIA	2.050	2	123.000
2 Aaron Anderson	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	TUNA - STRIPED	4.000	8	75.000

DIVISION 7: Lurecasting - Freshwater

1 Adam Camilleri	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	BASS - AUSTRALIAN	1.200	3	60.000
2 Kevin Calleja	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	PERCH - REDFIN	1.100	2	55.000

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ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 8: Flyfishing - Saltwater

1 Tony Steiner	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	LUDERICK	1.220	2	73.200
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DIVISION 9: Flyfishing - Freshwater

1 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TROUT - BROWN	1.810	2	90.500
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2 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TROUT - RAINBOW	1.590	2	79.500
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3 Paul Cooper	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TROUT - RAINBOW	1.140	2	57.000
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DIVISION 10: Gamefishing

1 Kevin Calleja	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	MARLIN - BLACK	89.000	10	1068.000
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2 Ryan Nemec	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	TUNA - SOUTHERN BL	113.500	24	709.375
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DIVISION 11: Handline

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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DIVISION 12: Capture by a Lady

1 Kimberley Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	8.500	6	212.500
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2 Kimberley Stolk	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	DOLPHIN FISH	3.600	3	180.000
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3 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing	DOLPHIN FISH	11.780	15	117.800
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DIVISION 13: Capture by a Junior Boy

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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DIVISION 14: Capture by a Junior Girl

1 VACANT	NO CLUB		0.000	0	0.000
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ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS	LINE	POINTS
DIVISION 15: Capture by a Sub-Junior					
1 Tristin Moussa	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Cl	FLATHEAD - DUSKY	2.200	2	110.000
2 Leon Perros	St George Sportfishing Club	TREVALLY - SILVER	1.070	2	80.250
3 Delilah Calleja	Wollongong Sportfishing Clu	CATFISH - FRESHWAT	1.550	2	77.500
DIVISION 16: Tag and Release					
1 Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club				740
2 Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				200
3 Adam Camilleri	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club				100
3 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				100
3 Dean McWhinney	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc				100
3 Paul Emms	Wollongong Sportfishing Club				100
DIVISION 17: Length Only - Carp					
1 Tony Steiner	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	CARP			760.000
2 Ray Buttigieg	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			740.000
3 Andrew Perros	St George Sportfishing Club	CARP - EUROPEAN			700.000
DIVISION 18: Length Only - Trout (All)					
1 Marinos Euripidou	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	TROUT			700.000
DIVISION 19: Length Only - Australian Bass					
1 Dean McWhinney	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	BASS			460.000
1 Shane Bourke	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			460.000
3 Jim Kosyfas	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	BASS - AUSTRALIAN			450.000
DIVISION 20: Length Only - Bream (All)					
1 Digger Cowie	Narooma Sport & Game Fishing C	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			450.000
2 Tim White	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	BREAM - YELLOWFIN			430.000
3 Karl Rasmussen	St George Sportfishing Club	BREAM			415.000
DIVISION 21: Length Only - Flathead (All)					
1 James Rayment	St George Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			875.000
2 Ian Cowie	Narooma Sport & Game Fishing C	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			820.000
3 Darryl McKinnon	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			720.000
3 Peter Sitarz	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	FLATHEAD - DUSKY			720.000

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ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
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ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 22: Length Only - Australian Salmon

1 Phil Turner	St George Sportfishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		690.000
2 Aaron Anderson	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		630.000
3 Chelsea Rutstein	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SALMON		590.000
3 John Pennisi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		590.000
3 Warren McKinnon	Newcastle Sportfishing Club	SALMON - AUSTRALIAN		590.000

DIVISION 23: Length Only - Kingfish

1 David Muscat	Australian Land Based Anglers	KINGFISH - YELLOWTAIL		1060.000
2 VACANT	NO CLUB	KINGFISH		0.000

DIVISION 24: Length Only - Snapper

1 Stan Konstantaras	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		875.000
2 Chris Anagnostou	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		860.000
3 Nick Malliotakis	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	SNAPPER		855.000

DIVISION 25: Length Only - Mulloway

1 Tommy Ivanovic	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	MULLOWAY		1100.000
2 John Pennisi	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Asso	MULLOWAY		1040.000
3 Darrin Clarke	Australian Land Based Anglers	MULLOWAY		900.000

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ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	SPECIES	MASS LINE	POINTS
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DIVISION 26: Most Versatile Angler

ANGLERS NAME	CLUB	POINTS
Terry Tatton	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	11
Kevin Calleja	Wollongong Sportfishing Club	9
Ryan Nemec	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	5
Peter Moussa	Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	5
Matthew Manson	Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	5

DIVISION 27: Champion Club

CLUB	POINTS
Sth Sydney Amateur Fishing Assoc	42.5
Wollongong Sportfishing Club	29
Botany Bay Sport Fishing Club	15
St George Sportfishing Club	10
Narooma Sport & Game Fishing Club	6
Australian Land Based Anglers	4
Newcastle Sportfishing Club	3.5



NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB

ANSA CONVENTION 2018



Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Convention 2018.

On behalf of all Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club members, we welcome you to our Club, our town and our part of the world. We hope your weekend with us will be one of enjoyment, great fishing and value for money.

Our Convention is steeped in history. With our loyal sponsors and their goods and services providing great support annually, it is our pleasure to host and provide.

This year is a huge year for us, our 50th Anniversary of Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club holding Conventions and Competitions. We will attempt to celebrate this huge event for us with lots of fun, heaps of prizes and plenty of laughs during the weekend, using a "50" theme. Be at the Clubhouse to enjoy and perhaps win some great giveaways.

Please take time to take note of our sponsors, meet them if possible and visit/purchase their goods at every opportunity.

We again welcome all our great Sponsors and look forward to many more years with their valuable support. If you can, please visit their businesses, enjoy their customer service and make sure to mention our Convention to them.

Please enjoy the weekend, our hospitality, make yourself at home, catch some great fish, use our Clubhouse and embrace what beautiful Narooma has to offer.

Again, thank you for coming.

Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club Committee and Members

HOSTS: Narooma Sport and Gamefishing

VENUE: Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club Clubhouse 25 Riverside Drive, Narooma

DATE: 12.01 am Friday, 9 March 2018 - 1 pm Sunday, 11 March 2018

ENTRY FEES:

\$50 -Catered Senior	\$20 - Uncatered Senior
\$20 -Catered Junior	\$10 - Uncatered Junior
\$100 -Catered Family	(2 Adults and 2 Juniors)

(Closing date for catered entries - Wednesday 7 March 2018) This tournament is open to all financial members of ANSA (Australian National Sportfishing Association) and counts towards point score for the ACC (ANSA Convention Competition). Non ANSA members are most welcome to fish this Convention but any fish entered are only eligible for All Tackle Non Line Class (Length Only) and Catch and Release Divisions (Senior and Junior).

CONVENTION RULES

As per ANSA rule book.

PLEASE NOTE:#### 1KG LINE CLASS is NOT eligible in this Convention. Any 1 kg line captures will go under 2 Kg Division but can be recorded as 1 Kg Line for your internal club records. All lines, doubles, traces or leaders may be subject to measurement as weigh-masters and recorders see fit. All fish must be weighed at Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Clubhouse unless directed otherwise by the Committee. **NOTE:** There is no Freshwater, Shark or Ray Categories.

SHARKS/RAYS ARE NOT eligible for this competition.

TAG AND RELEASE: Maximum of 200 points per species as per ANSA NSW Tagging List. Pg4.

CAPTURES: A minimum of 30 ANSA points and be of legal length to be eligible for weigh-in and entry, otherwise capture will not be recorded.

KINGFISH: Minimum tagging size to 700mm.

BRAID/GELSPUN FISHING LINES: - Can be used as per ANSA NSW rules.

ALL fish in the weigh-in area by 1pm Sunday, 11 March 2018. Definitely no Exceptions.

REGISTRATION: Competitors are required to register on arrival at the Clubhouse and advise details of boats and crews on the forms provided. Registration will open at 5 pm Thursday, 8 March 2018. A 'Free' BBQ will be available on Thursday night, 8 March 2018. You may register on Friday morning, 9 March 2018, at the clubhouse, at breakfast, before commencing fishing.

BRIEFING: A briefing for competitors, regarding rules, weather conditions and any restrictions on events due to inclement weather will be held on Thursday night, 8 March at 7.30pm.

BOUNDARIES: NORTH Tuross Lat; 36.08 degrees South.

SOUTH Bermagui Lat; 36.42 degrees South.

CONDUCT: Competitors are required to observe courtesy and etiquette at all times to fellow competitors and to the general public.

COMPLIANCE: All competitors must comply with rules and regulations laid down or in force during the Convention by the host club or by any Government body or authority. Any fish captured during the Convention cannot be sold and must comply with all recreational size and bag limits.

DISPUTES/SAFETY C'TEE: The committee will adjudicate on any dispute or breach of rules by a competitor or participating club and also exercise discretion to suspend or cancel any section of the Convention in the interest of competitor safety due to inclement weather. The decision of the Committee will be final.

LIABILITY: Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club Inc and the NSW Branch of ANSA will not be responsible for any accidents or injuries during the entire Convention.

PROTESTS: Any protest must be in writing and handed to a member of the disputes committee by midnight of that particular day, except on the final day when they must be handed in by 1 pm.

FISH CLEANING: Cleaning of fish can be done either at the clubhouse, (on the back deck cleaning tables) or the fish cleaning tables outside the clubhouse.

ETIQUETTE: Competitors are requested to observe etiquette on the water and comply with any rule laid down by any Statutory Authority.

MEAL TICKETS: These must be shown on request. **NO TICKET - NO MEAL.** Competitors must provide their own eating utensils.

DUMPING OF FISH: The dumping of fish after weighing will not be accepted as a sustainable practice encouraged by the Convention Committee. Ensure fish that are to be weighed are presented in a "fit for consumption" manner and are utilised as a human food source after weighing. On-site freezing facilities are available to competitors.

BOAT AND ROCK SAFETY

All boats must comply with safety requirements as laid down by Roads and Maritime Services. Any boat not complying with these regulations will risk disqualification. The Safety Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance.

Alcohol and boating don't mix. The blood alcohol limit on the water is the same as on the roads 0.05% - be mindful the combined impact of wind, sun and wave action multiply the effect of alcohol. Your chances of disorientation and drowning are increased - this applies to everyone, the skipper, crew and passengers.

Ensure you have sufficient approved lifejackets for all aboard the boat and everyone on board knows where they are located and how and when to use them. A lifejacket can be the difference between survival and disaster in a boating accident especially when crossing bars when the wearing of a lifejacket is **compulsory by law**.

Always check the weather (Weather Info' line 1900 937107) and log your boat on and off with Marine Rescue Narooma. Keep your radio alert for weather changes or warnings. Do not hesitate to seek assistance if you need it. Do not rely solely on a mobile phone for help as the range of most mobile phones is limited at sea. Log on using 27.860 frequency or Channel 16 VHF frequency.

Most boating accidents involve recreational craft of less than 6 metres. It is important you know the wind and wave limits of your boat and don't take chances in conditions you might not be able to handle. If you do capsize, stay with the boat and your chances of rescue are improved.

Rock Fishing can be dangerous. Never fish by yourself. Fish in a group of at least 3 people and within sight of each other. Inform others of your plans – always let family or friends know where you are going and when you will be back. If some one is washed in, one person should ideally stay and help while the other alerts emergency services. Dial 000 or 112 on mobile to access emergency services.

Wear the right gear. Light clothing such as shorts and a spray jacket or a wet suit will let you swim more easily if you are washed in. Jumpers can be heavy and difficult to take off in the water. Wear sandals and sandshoes with non slip soles or with cleats to suit the rock surface. Wear a lifejacket or buoyancy vest and bring something buoyant that can be easily thrown and held onto to help stay afloat. Carry ropes and torches.

Observe first - fish later. Spend some time watching your intended spot to get an idea of the conditions over a full swell/wave cycle. Know the tides as wave conditions can worsen with a rising tide. Plan an escape route in case you are washed in. Stay calm if you are washed in – swim away from the rocks and look for a safe place to come ashore or stay afloat until help comes. Stay alert – never turn your back on the sea. If waves, weather or swell threaten your fishing spot then leave immediately.

Avoid fishing in exposed locations during rough or rising seas. Make sure you are aware of local weather, swell and tidal conditions before going fishing. Call the Weather Info' line on 1900 937107. Be aware that conditions can and do change dramatically and quickly.

TAGGING ANSA NSW

Note: Maximum of 200 points per species as per ANSA NSW Tagging List per angler to encourage versatility.
 e.g. 20 Bonito = 200 points. 2 Marlin = 200 points. Eligible species tagging list—July 1, 2012.
 Tagging Masters are available for each individual species at 200 points

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Albacore	10
Amberjack	20
Barracuda	10
Broadbill	200
Bonito	10
Cobia	40
Mahi Mahi	10
Marlin (Black, Blue and Striped)	100
Mackerel (All except slimey and frigate)	40
Rainbow Runner	20
Sailfish	100
Sampson Fish	20
Shark (Blue)	40
Shark (Hammerhead)	40
Shark (Thresher)	40
Shark (Mako)	40
Shark (Tiger)	40
Shark (Whaler)	40
Spearfish	200
Tuna (Yellowfin)	20
Tuna (Big Eye)	20
Tuna (Longtail)	20
Tuna (Sthn Blue)	20
Tuna (Striped)	10
Tuna (Mackerel)	10
Wahoo	50
Kingfish	10
Minimum 700mm	

NOTES: All species have a 500mm min size limit unless otherwise stated. Changes as of July 1 2012;

No Barracouta.

No Salmon.

Wahoo reduced to 50 points.

NOTES TO REMEMBER

Marine Rescue Narooma 27.880 for emergency calls. All competitors are encouraged and expected to log on and off with Marine Rescue Narooma. Log on for coverage using 27.860 frequency or VHF Channel 16

Minimum of 30 ANSA points per species to be eligible for weighing in the Convention. (**** Please note change from previous Conventions).

All Tackle, Non-line Class Length Only entries (Kingfish, Morwong, Salmon, Snapper, Bonito, Trevally, Tuna, Bream, Tailor and Flathead) MUST be of legal size for entry into the Convention.

Junior Catch and Release and Senior Catch and Release entries must be Legal Length fish for entry into the Convention. All fish must be measured on a recognised measuring device such as the ANSA Brag Mat, a Fisheries Brag Mat or a reputable measuring device with increments no less than 5mm, have the issued coloured sticker on or beside the fish and in the photograph and photographed for viewing by the Weighmaster to be eligible for the Convention. Any Fish can also be measured by the Weighmaster at the clubhouse, then released.

New Inclusion to Catch and Release Rules. ****Please note only 10 of any one species can be measured/day****

Coloured stickers for Catch and Release Divisions will be issued each evening at the clubhouse, prior to the next day's fishing. All fish to be measured length overall i.e. from the end of the tail to the leading edge of the jaw. For both the Junior and Senior Catch and Release Divisions, 1 point per centimetre in length shall be awarded to each eligible species (as per the ANSA List of Species) as well as 50 points per each fish measured and entered. Eg 30 cm Bream would be 30 points plus 50 points, total 80 points. Again, New Inclusion to Rules. ****Please note only 10 of any one species can be measured per day****

Maximum of 200 points per species for Tagging Division.

The tails of fish will be nipped at weigh-in so please identify your fish in some other manner.

All fish weighed or tagged must be of legal length.

Any fish not in the weigh-in area, in the Clubhouse, by 1 pm Sunday, 11 March 2018, will not be eligible.

Dispose of your rubbish in bins or take with you. Keep Narooma beautiful.

We are in a built up area so please be considerate of local residents and keep noise to a minimum.

Bring your own eating utensils.

Boat Wash Down facility is NOT AVAILABLE at the Clubhouse. Please wash down at the wash down area provided near Quota Park, only 100 metres from NSGFC Clubhouse.

Refreshments will be available for purchase at the Convention including soft drinks at breakfast.

Due to the increasing usage of Braid/Gelspun lines, fish can be caught and weighed or released on Braid/Gelspun in the following Divisions; All Tackle Non Line Class, Catch and Release Junior, Catch and Release Senior and Tagging.

Entry of Captures. Fish may only be entered in one section. For example, a fish weighed in the Estuary Division cannot also be entered in the All Tackle, Non Line Class Division.

Please Note: Captures in the following divisions **ARE NOT** eligible for points towards the Champion Club award. Rob Kerr Award: All Tackle Non Line Class Species Division:

AWARDS

GAMEFISHING: Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from a vessel anywhere outside enclosed waters. Minimum 6 kg tackle to be eligible for entry and fish weighed must be equal or heavier than line class used.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize:

BLUEWATER SPORTFISHING: MEN'S; Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by a Male angler fishing from a vessel anywhere outside enclosed waters.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize:

BLUEWATER SPORTFISHING: LADIES; Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by a Female angler fishing from a vessel anywhere outside enclosed waters.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize:

BLUEWATER SPORTFISHING: JUNIOR; Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by a Junior angler, under the age of sixteen years of age, fishing from a vessel anywhere outside enclosed waters.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize:

ROCKS: Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from a rocky outcrop, ledge or headland on the ocean front.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize:

ESTUARY: MEN'S; Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by a Male angler fishing from the shore or vessel in enclosed waters, estuarine waters, saltwater creeks, lagoon and saltwater marshes.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize:

ESTUARY: LADIES; Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by a Female angler fishing from the shore or vessel in enclosed waters, estuarine waters, saltwater creeks, lagoon and saltwater marshes.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize:

ESTUARY: JUNIOR; Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by a Junior angler fishing from the shore or vessel in enclosed waters, estuarine waters, saltwater creeks, lagoon and saltwater marshes.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize:

FLYFISHING: Trophy will be presented to highest point scoring capture by an angler. All tippet line classes to 15 kg eligible.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize:

TAGGING: Trophy will be awarded as per the ANSA system. Again we ask a maximum of 200 points per species be adhered to from the new eligible ANSA NSW Tagging List.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize:

BEACH: Trophy will be presented to the highest point scoring capture by an angler fishing from sand anywhere on the ocean front.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize

AWARDS CONTINUED

ALL TACKLE NON LINE CLASS DIVISION; Length Only (longest). Sponsored by;

Kingfish:	Prize donated by:	Prize:
Morwong:	Prize donated by:	Prize:
Salmon:	Prize donated by:	Prize:
Snapper:	Prize donated by:	Prize:
Bonito:	Prize donated by:	Prize:
Trevally:	Prize donated by:	Prize:
Tuna:	Prize donated by:	Prize:
Bream:	Prize donated by:	Prize:
Tailor:	Prize donated by:	Prize:
Flathead:	Prize donated by:	Prize:

JUNIOR CATCH AND RELEASE DIVISION:

Sponsored by:

Prize:

Trophy will be presented to most points accumulated by a Junior Angler **fishing Catch and Release**. 1 point per centimetre in length shall be awarded to each eligible species (as per the ANSA List of Species) as well as 50 points per each fish measured and entered. **Only 10 of any species allowed to be entered per day.**

SENIOR CATCH AND RELEASE DIVISION:

Sponsored by:

Prize:

Trophy will be presented to most points accumulated by a Senior Angler **fishing Catch and Release**. 1 point per centimetre in length shall be awarded to each eligible species (as per the ANSA List of Species) as well as 50 points per each fish measured and entered. **Only 10 of any species allowed to be entered per day.**

ROB KERR AWARD: (Rob was a great, long time member of Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club). This capture will be decided upon by the Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club President. It need not be a winner of any Division. The tackle, conditions and any extenuating circumstances will be considered in the decision, so please give the weighmaster all the details of capture.

Division Sponsored by:

Prize:

CHAMPION CLUB: Trophy will be presented to the club with the highest aggregate point score. Aggregate point scores will be evaluated as follows. The 5 highest point scoring fish in each of the following 11 divisions, Gamefishing, Bluewater Men's, Bluewater Ladies, Bluewater Junior, Rocks, Estuary Men's, Estuary Ladies, Estuary Junior, Flyfishing, Tagging, Beach, Senior Catch and Release and Junior Catch and Release shall be awarded points on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis. The points so awarded in each division shall be totalled and the club, having the highest aggregate, will be declared winners. Rob Kerr Award Capture and All Tackle Non Line Class are not included in the above calculation.

Division Sponsored by: **FOOTNOTE:** Convention Circuit Divisions (ACC) The six (6) fishing divisions, towards the ANSA NSW Convention Circuit, for this Convention, are as follows:

***Bluewater Men's * Bluewater Ladies* Rocks* Beach* Senior Catch & Release* Junior Catch & Release.**



NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB CONVENTION

Friday 9 March - Sunday 11 March 2018

Catered:	Senior	\$50.00
	Junior	\$20.00
	Family	\$100 (2 adults, 2 kids).
Uncatered	Senior	\$20.00
	Junior	\$10.00

No later than Wednesday 7 March 2018 please

Club: _____

Contact _____ **PHONE** _____

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Ansa, Yes/No</u>	<u>Ansa Number</u>	<u>S/J/F</u>	<u>Catered/Uncatered</u>	<u>Paid</u>
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PO Box 120

Narooma 2546

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2018 Sydney Sportfishing Tournament

23, 24 and 25 March 2018

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as they celebrate their 40th year.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ANSA NSW

As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations the ANSA NSW Committee is giving all ANSA NSW members participating in any of our seven State Conventions a chance to be a winner!

WINNING IS AS EASY AS THIS:

1. REGISTER FOR A CONVENTION
2. ANSWER CORRECTLY THE QUESTION WHICH WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT EACH CONVENTION...

3. WIN!



Conditions of Entry

- You must be a registered competitor for a nominated ANSA NSW Convention. The nominated Conventions are:
 1. Nowra Convention
 2. Narooma Convention
 3. Sydney Sportfishing Tournament
 4. South Coast Convention
 5. Lake Lyell Convention
 6. Glenbawn Convention
 7. Burrinjuck Convention
- You must be a financial ANSA member.
- You must answer the individual question which will be released at the particular Convention, correctly.
- All correct answers will need to be emailed to jgred@bigpond.com the Monday following a Convention by 5 pm to be entered in the draw.
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February 2018



Cape Byron Marine Park Advisory Committee Call for Nominations – Members and Alternate Members


Nominations are invited from the local community for membership of the Cape Byron Marine Park Advisory Committee. The advisory committee will provide local input and advice on the management of the Cape Byron Marine Park and contribute to reforms as part of the new approach to managing the NSW marine estate.

Applications are particularly sought from people who could represent the following interest groups:

- Aboriginal Culture
- Marine Conservation
- Scuba Divers
- Recreational Fishing
- Tourism
- Commercial Fishing
- Marine Science

In addition, nominations of representatives from relevant local government authorities will be sought. Alternate members will also be appointed to stand in for committee members who are unable to attend committee meetings and to fill any vacancies arising during the term of the committee.

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Fishing clubs

The Director General, Department of Primary Industries, will appoint persons for a term of up to 4 years. Nominations close on 2 March 2018.

For information about marine park advisory committees visit www.marine.nsw.gov.au. To request a nomination form or for further information, please contact the Cape Byron Marine Park office at cape.byron@dpi.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 6620 9305.

Jervis Bay Marine Park Advisory Committee Call for Nominations – Recreational Fishing Representative

Nominations are invited from the local community for the position of Recreational Fishing Representative on the Jervis Bay Marine Park Advisory Committee. The advisory committee will provide local input and advice on the management of the Jervis Bay Marine Park and contribute to reforms as part of the new approach to managing the NSW marine estate. The process may also be used to appoint alternate representatives to stand in for or replace the appointed Recreational Fishing Representative if they are unable to attend committee meetings.

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Sydney Wharves..too good to lose

Our wharves are too good to lose and they give access to everyone. Access to these places is something we can never take for granted, it is a privilege we have earned and we can only keep it by doing the right thing. At the same time with Sydney's population exploding the government also has a responsibility to be forward thinking and actively promote outdoor recreation for the people of Sydney and of course fishing is right up there at the top of the list.

Looking after our wharves

1. Leave the wharf cleaner than you found it

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Donate to help the RFA with our running costs.

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2. Don't disrupt commuters, they only want to go to work or home
3. Fishing the wharves is a privilege not a right so we need to appreciate it.

Here's a video starring Al McGlashan that the RFA of NSW recently co-produced with NSW DPI Fisheries.



Temporary fishing closure extended around Huon Aquaculture fish farm



The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is advising commercial and recreational fishers that a temporary fishing closure in waters bound by the Marine Aquaculture Research Lease at Providence Bay in Port Stephens has been extended, following the accidental escape of around 20,000 kingfish from a sea cage during heavy seas in January at the fish farming research project jointly run by the NSW government and Huon Aquaculture.

DPI's Deputy Director General Fisheries, Dr Geoff Allan, said the closure, under Section 8 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, will now be in place up to and including Wednesday, 28

West Anglers Association.

Fishing clubs can join the RFA of NSW for just \$55 per year. Membership for individual anglers costs just \$22 per year. If you would like to join please download the [membership form](#).

SPACE FOR SALE

We need a couple of advertisers to take space in this newsletter and help defray our costs. The newsletter goes to about 3,000 people every month, and growing. Space available in this column or across bottom of the editorial column. Hyperlinks to your websites etc available.

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February 2018.

“The closure was initially put in place due to the volume of boating traffic leading up to the long weekend, which created hazardous conditions within the research lease and hampered repair and fish recapture efforts,” Dr Allan said.

“Recovery efforts are still underway and an extension to the closure will allow these works to be completed safely.

Despite advice, some fishers have been navigating too close to the mooring system and sea pen infrastructure, especially with divers in the water.”

The Huon Aquaculture trial, in partnership with DPI, aims to assess the viability and sustainability of Yellowtail Kingfish in sea pens. One of the stated objectives was; investigating the structural integrity and sustainability of current sea cage infrastructure and their suitability in the high energy environment of NSW waters.

Investigations into the damage have now been completed and an incident report has been provided to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy.

To date more than 5,000 farmed Yellowtail Kingfish have already been recovered by Huon Aquaculture.


A temporary fishing closure for commercial and recreational fishers, under Section 8 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994, has been extended up to and including Wednesday, 28 February 2018 in waters bound by the Marine Aquaculture Research Lease at Providence Bay in Port Stephens.

Fishers are reminded it is an offence to breach a Fishing Closure or interfere or damage lease infrastructure. The maximum penalty in the case of an individual is \$22,000 or imprisonment for 6 months (or both) for a first offence and double these penalties for a second or subsequent offence.

Sea Sea Marine 25th Sydney Sportfishing Tournament 2018

It's on again, with a host of sponsors and prizes, 23 to 25 March. Everyone welcome!

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For more details and entry info [go to the website](#).

Australians eating more sugar than fish



SETFIA's latest newsletter reports that recent analysis by the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that in 2011/12, Australians consumed an average of 60 grams of free sugars per day (equivalent to 14 teaspoons of white sugar). Frighteningly, this equates to 22 kg of sugar per annum.

At the same time Australia's per capita seafood consumption was just 53 grams per day (19.7 kg per annum).

For the full, sad, story read more [on this link](#) from SETFIA's newsletter.

NSW Supreme Court reaffirms NSW commercial fishing reforms

The NSW Supreme Court on 16 February has upheld the NSW Government's Business Adjustment Program (BAP) commercial fishing reforms.

A commercial fisher from Wallis Lake sought to overturn the BAP. The Judge found in favour of the NSW Government. The NSW Government's Business Adjustment Program will continue to be implemented and enforced, as planned.

The government says the reforms have cut red tape, established linkages between shares and catch or effort and most importantly of all, provided more certainty for fishers to grow their businesses.

HCM Marine fined for polluting waterway

In December HCM Projects Pty Ltd trading as HCM Marine, a boating company providing boat repair services in Port Macquarie was fined \$15,000 by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for polluting the waterway near their marina.

The incident occurred in July 2017 and was reported to the EPA through its Environment Line. The caller reported concerns that sand blasting and antifoul materials (paint for marine vessels) may be entering the marina's waters from the company's premises.

EPA Director Hunter, Karen Marler, said Port Macquarie Hastings Council officers visited the site to investigate the incident and found evidence of antifoul paint on the ramp of the slipway and in the waters of the marina.

For more info [see the EPA's website](#) .

Fishing safety session for international students



Malcolm Poole, RFA's Safety Officer, spent last Saturday with Surf Life Saving NSW Water Safety Educators and Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club members sharing our water and fishing safety messaging hints and tips with 100 newly arrived University of NSW international students as part of the student induction program.

An opportunity lost in the Murray-Darling Basin

OzFish founder and CEO Craig Copeland says that speculation to the proposed changes to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan in the northern parts would be bad for the environment has generated stories that fall short of explaining the full picture for recreational anglers and our native fish.

Last week the Senate rejected the Federal Government's changes to the Basin Plan that would have reduced the amount of water returned to the environment by 70 gigalitres in southern QLD and northern NSW. The proposed change formed part of the Northern Basin Review which was finalised in 2016 after a four-year science and socio-economic analysis.

The measures which were voted down by the Senate, would have seen water, already purchased for the environment, further protected all the way through the Northern Basin allowing more of these flows to reach Menindee Lakes and the lower Darling. Hundreds of millions of dollars would be spent on restoring fish habitat.

The changes that were knocked back by the Senate had the potential to be a defining and positive moment in history for

native fish in the Northern Basin. It would have delivered environmental flows all the way to Menindee Lakes and the lower Darling, create more jobs and open the door for the Basin rec fishing community to work even closer with irrigators.

Read the full article at Fishing World [on this link](#).

Confused? There's a bit more background [at this link](#) on ABC News and [at this link](#) on The Conversation.

WANTED: Volunteers with a keen interest in teaching and fishing



NSW DPI is calling for people keen on mentoring young people how to fish to join the popular Fishcare Volunteer Program.

NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) State Coordinator – Community Programs, Dee Payne, said the program has 250 volunteers State wide and is supported using funds from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust as part of the NSW Government's commitment to sustainable and responsible recreational fishing and habitat conservation.

"Fishcare volunteers play a vital role in promoting sustainable recreational fishing and do a terrific job in advising anglers and the general public about the rules and values of responsible fishing," Ms Payne said.

"Volunteers partake in activities such as fishing workshops, schools visits, field days, fishing competitions, habitat restoration works, etc passing on their knowledge and skills and encouraging values that ensure there will be fish into the

future.

“If you have a passion for fish and fishing and you'd like to help protect our aquatic habitat, why not think about becoming a Fishcare Volunteer? We are calling for anyone interested in joining the program to register their interest to complete specialised training, to be held in Sydney on April 14 and 15.

“Applicants from across NSW are encouraged to apply, with travel and accommodation costs covered for the duration of the weekend. The training weekend encompasses both freshwater and saltwater sessions, and is open to anyone over the age of 18 years of age.

“Volunteers range in age from students to retirees, and come from a great range of backgrounds and it's expected volunteers will be available to give approximately one day per month to assist the program.

“Our volunteers help create better awareness among anglers and the wider community about fishing issues, and all volunteers are issued with clear identification as well as a distinctive hat, shirt and backpack containing the necessary documentation.”

NSW DPI staff and guest speakers will cover topics on recreational fisheries management, fishing rules, fish conservation, aquatic habitat management, maximising survival of released fish, communication skills and much more. At the end of the weekend participants will receive a statement of attainment by TAFE NSW.

The training is free to complete however places are limited. To apply to become a DPI Fishcare volunteer go to www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/fvp

Catch some funding for fish stocking

Applications for the NSW

Department of Primary

Industries (DPI) 2018-19

Dollar for Dollar Native Fish

Stocking Program are now

open, with angling and

community groups,

individuals, councils and other



relevant organisations encouraged to apply.

The program, which is now in its 20th season, offers matching funding to purchase fish from registered private hatcheries for restocking into approved public waters in NSW.

DPI Fisheries Manager Jim Harnwell said the program is another great example of NSW fishing licence fees at work, with many hundreds of thousands of fish stocked into various NSW waterways each season.

“The program is highly supported and well received by the community, with up to 100 participating stocking groups participating in each round,” he said.

“Fish stocking is recognised for its importance to the community in terms of providing quality recreational fishing, aboriginal and cultural opportunities, conservation outcomes and subsequent social and economic benefits.”

Matching funds between \$1,000 and \$6,000 are provided from the Recreational Fishing Trust. Funds are available to stock high priority recreational fishing species including Australian Bass, Golden Perch and Murray Cod, pending their availability.

“In the 2017/18 season, unfortunately some Murray Cod and Golden Perch suppliers were not able to take part in the program,” Mr Harnwell said.

“Stocking groups wishing to participate in the program are encouraged to contact their preferred supplier before applying.”

It is important that all fish stocking is conducted responsibly in order to protect biodiversity and the aquatic environment. Releasing fish into NSW public waters without a permit is

illegal.

Applications for the 2018-19 stocking season close on Friday, 4 May 2018. To apply online [visit this link](#) or refer to [this page for additional information](#), including hard copy forms.

Suspected illegal fish stocking can be reported to your local DPI Fisheries office, or to the Fishers Watch Phoneline on 1800 043 536. Report any suspected aquatic pests to Aquatic Biosecurity on (02) 4916 3877 or email aquatic.pests@dpi.nsw.gov.au

CALD Community Rock Fishing Workshops



More CALD Community Rock Fishing Workshops are happening across Sydney's western suburbs. These are free rock fishing workshop hosted by professional rock fishing guide Alex Bellissimo.

- Catch more fish
- Learn new techniques & skills
- Become a safer fisher on the rocks

GIVEAWAYS! Every participant receives a free rock fishing lifejacket.

BANKSTOWN 13 March 2018, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (AEDT)
Refreshments and free lifejacket provided.
Bryan Brown Theatre & Function Centre, 80 Rickard Road,
Bankstown NSW

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rock-fishing-workshop-tickets-42778424419>

STRATHFIELD 14 March 2018, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (AEDT)
Refreshments and free lifejacket provided.
Strathfield Town Hall and Supper Room, 65 Homebush Road,
Strathfield NSW

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rock-fishing-workshop-tickets-43118981033>

So get in quick for a evening of rock fishing life jackets and water safety information by Alex Bellissimo, NSW DPI Fisheries, the OLD4NEW Life Jacket Team and the RFA, funded from the NSW Government's Water Safety Fund.

Well hung not defeated by the well strung



Bill Blair from Queanbeyan Branch of Monaro Acclimatisation Society recently asked the society if a stile could be placed on the northern side of Hatchery Bay, Lake Jindabyne, to help anglers get over a very well strung fence.

In the interim some inventive anglers built a novel milk crate stile.

Shamed into action by this outstanding feat of high country engineering, Snowy Hydro then kindly agreed to place a

permanent stile over the fence at no cost to anglers.

It should make walking the northern shore of Jindabyne a bit less likely to end fly-fishing dynasties.

Fishers fined for sanctuary zone offences

Two recreational fishers have been fined more than \$2,000 after being apprehended fishing in a Solitary Islands Marine Park sanctuary zone in January.

NSW Department Primary Industries (DPI) fisheries officers responded to a community report and apprehended two men fishing from a boat in a southern sanctuary zone.

DPI's Manager for the Solitary Islands Marine Park, Nicole Strehling said the men were found to have exceeded bag limits and were in possession of undersized fish and a black rockcod – a threatened species that is totally protected in NSW.

“Black rockcod were decimated by overfishing prior to 1983 and have been protected in NSW since that time,” Ms Strehling said.

“Thanks to a quick thinking member of the community, fisheries officers were able to respond in time to release the black rockcod to the water alive.”

Sanctuary zones protect a representative mix of ecologically important areas in the Solitary Islands Marine Park. All animals, plants and their habitats are protected, and only passive, low-impact activities such as snorkelling, scuba-diving and swimming are permitted.

DPI's Supervising Fisheries Officer, Mr Ian Stockton, said community reports often assist in detecting and responding to illegal activity.

“Information such as time, location, vessel and vehicle registration numbers, descriptions, and photographs all assist officers to undertake investigations and target offenders,” Mr Stockton said.

Anyone with information on suspected illegal fishing activity is urged to call the Fishers Watch phone line on 1800 043 536

or report illegal fishing activities via the DPI website.

Exotic predator fish potential new threat to our native fish



An exotic fish usually found in the Amazon in South America has reportedly been found in Mackay's Pioneer River, with the potential to wipe out millions of barramundi and sooty grunter in a few short years.

Known as the Peacock bass, it is highly predatory fish which could cause severe damage to our river ecosystems if not effectively managed. However to complicate matters, the fish are also popular pets, which can be purchased online.

Anglers that catch or spot Peacock Bass in the Pioneer River are advised to kill them humanely, dispose of it properly and report it to QLD DAF by emailing pestfish@daf.qld.gov.au or calling 13 25 23.

There's [more on this story](#) in the *Daily Mercury*.

Recall on Jarvis Walker PFD



Product Safety Australia has issued a recall for Jarvis Walker Adult Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Type 1.

The waist strap in the affected PFDs that secures the PFD to the wearer is only attached to the left hand side of the device. The waist strap is not attached to the right hand side of the device. If not secured correctly, the waist strap may slip from the position and cause the device to become ill-fitting on the wearer. This may affect the function of the affected PFDs so that depending on the circumstances, it may not keep the wearer in a safe floating position.

Consumers should immediately stop using the PFD and contact Jarvis Walker via phone or email. Consumers can call Jarvis Walker on 03 8787 6900, email recalls@jarviswalker.com.au or go to <http://www.jarviswalker.com.au>.

More info from Product Safety Australia [at this link](#).

Sydney wharf upgrades

The NSW Government is upgrading Abbotsford Wharf as part of the Transport Access Program. The Abbotsford Wharf design has been developed following feedback from the community and aims to balance safety, accessibility, efficient ferry operations and, environmental and heritage impacts.

The final Review of Environmental Factors and submissions report can be viewed at rms.nsw.gov.au/abbotsford-wharf

Abbotsford Wharf will be closed during the wharf upgrade,

from Wednesday 7 February for about four months.

The NSW Government is also upgrading Cabarita Wharf as part of the Transport Access Program. Following feedback from the community, the Review of Environmental Factors for the project has been finalised and work to upgrade the wharf will start on Wednesday 14 February 2018. Ferry services will continue to operate during construction.

If you would like further information about the upgrades you can:

Phone: 1800 770 973

Email: wharfupgradeprogram@rms.nsw.gov.au

Visit the Roads and Maritime Services website:

rms.nsw.gov.au/wharfupgrades

Don't pick up unwanted aquatic hitchhikers

Recreational fishers are being reminded to think about the risks of spreading pests, diseases and weeds.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has issued the reminder to highlight the importance of ensuring aquatic pests, weeds and diseases are not spread between NSW waterways.

“Fishing is a great way to spend the long weekend and everyone who wets a line has a role to play in protecting our waterways and the future of one of Australia’s favourite pastimes,” said Aquatic Biosecurity Officer Debra Doolan

“Pests, weeds and diseases such as tilapia, alligator weed or white spot disease in prawns pose a genuine threat to the health of our waterways and our native fish species. They can also cause considerable economic damage to marine industries such as aquaculture, commercial fisheries and tourism.

“There are some simple things people can do while on the water to ensure they prevent unwanted hitchhikers.”

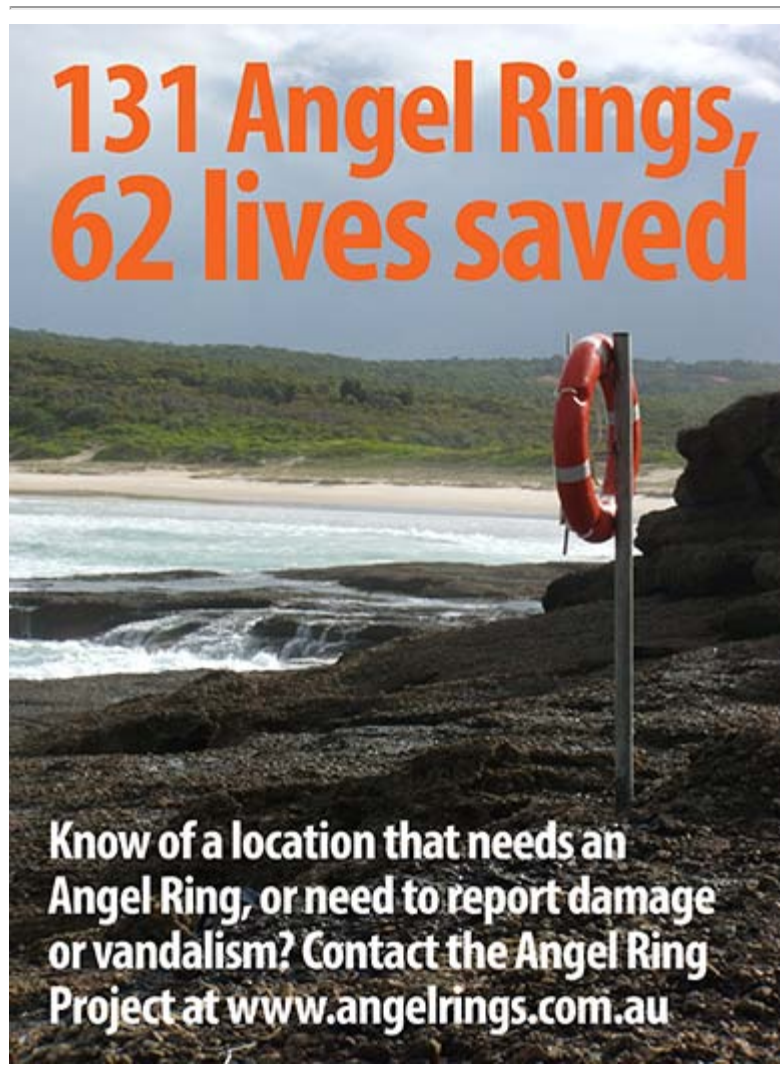
Some tips provided by DPI to reduce the biosecurity risk include:

- Avoid boating, swimming and fishing near known populations of introduced aquatic pests and be aware of local conditions and possible movement restrictions;

- Make 'Clean' part of your routine: Thoroughly clean boats, boat trailers and equipment when moving between waterways, paying particular attention to debris and biological material;
- Dispose of wastes appropriately away from the water;
- Do not use prawns or any other seafood intended for human consumption as bait.

The public are also reminded that if they see anything unusual to take a photo and report suspected aquatic pests or diseases to the NSW DPI Aquatic Biosecurity 24 hour phone line on (02) 4916 3877 or email aquatic.pests@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Fishers are encouraged to seek more information by visiting the information provided on [this newly released fact sheet](#).



Reminders

Lost access to your local spot?

The RFA wants to know if your local spot has been closed to fishing so drop us a line and let us know what access you have lost recently. [Email us.](#)

Compulsory lifejackets for rockfishers In Randwick area

With the NSW Police and others out enforcing the lifejacket laws the RFA wants to hear if you have been checked and what was experience like and was the information passed on relevant. Any constructive ideas of how they could do things better or if they are doing a great job will be passed on by the RFA's Safety Officer. [Let us know](#) what you thought of the process of checking rockfishers for lifejackets in the Randwick LGA.

Crown road closure applications now ONLY online and in local papers

In August 2012 the NSW government started to clear a backlog of applications to convert Crown roads to freehold. This includes many 'paper roads' that could provide important fishing access to the public. Initially NSW DPI was monitoring the flow of applications and notifying angling groups including the RFA of any applications that could lead to loss of fishing access. However the number of applications has now increased dramatically and NSW DPI has stopped notifying angling groups due to lack of resources to cope with the avalanche.

The NSW government launched an online service showing the applications at

http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/crown_land/roads

The roads notices are searchable by date, locality and local government area. The information will remain online for the full 28 day submission period for each proposed road closure. The maps contain information to clearly identify which roads are being offered for sale and closure, without revealing the identity of landholders or applicants.

Anglers must monitor the website and their local newspapers (the only place the government is obliged to advertise proposed closures) so they find out about closures in their area. If you don't watch this situation and quickly lodge objections when necessary you could lose valuable access to your favourite places.

Promote your fishing club or

community fishing event

If you have a local fishing competition or a charity or community fishing event, we are always happy to give it some publicity in this newsletter.

The newsletter goes out around the 25th day of every month of the year, to over 4,000 subscribers. You don't have to be a member of the RFA of NSW. About 100-200 words is OK, however roughly written, and we always like a picture.

Sign up for free weather alerts for coastal and inland waters

[You can sign up for alerts](#) for NSW coast and inland waters direct from Maritime and can set your own alert trigger conditions and choose which locations you want covered. Alerts are sent daily when wind conditions exceed the trigger points you specify. Easy, useful and free.

Who represents anglers?

We regularly get comments from anglers that they don't know who is on the advisory committees to the NSW government and that they don't know what issues are considered and decided by those committees. The information is on the web, but not always easy to find, so here are the links:



Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/rfnsw>

Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing minutes

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/rfnsw>

Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee members and minutes

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/rfftec>

Recreational Fishing Saltwater Trust Expenditure Committee members and minutes

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/rfstec>

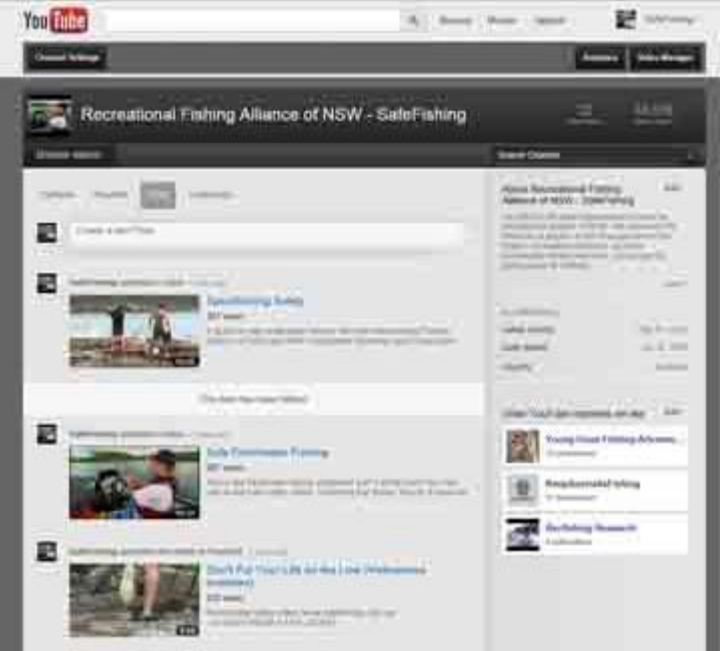
Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW Facebook page

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NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers Facebook page

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The RFA of NSW now has a YouTube channel where all our safe fishing videos can be viewed. Go to www.youtube.com/safefishing to see the channel.



About the Recreational Fishing Alliance

The RFA is the peak recreational fishing body in NSW. It is a not-for-profit, volunteer organisation supported by recreational fishing clubs, associations and individual anglers.

The RFA's aims are:

- To represent the interests of the recreational anglers of NSW and to gain equitable representation in the management of the State's recreational fisheries.
- To promote sustainable fishing practices throughout NSW.
- To encourage the participation of children in recreational fishing.
- To pursue and secure the rights of recreational anglers to fishing access in NSW waters.
- To encourage recreational anglers to become involved in the well-being of the fishery.
- To promote consultation and communication between

government bodies and anglers.

- To promote fishing safety.



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Australian National Sportfishing Association N.S.W. Branch

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MEMO

TO: All Club Secretaries
FROM: ANSA NSW State Executive
DATE: 20th February 2018
SUBJECT: ANSA NSW Delegates Meeting & AGM 2018.

RE: ANSA NSW Committee Positions

The delegates and annual general meetings for ANSA NSW are set down for Saturday 1st September 2018 and will be hosted by Botany Bay SFC.

This year is an election year which means there is the opportunity for those interested to apply for a position on the ANSA NSW committee.

There will be several opportunities for those willing to help out on the committee. Positions which will be available at this point in time are;

- Secretary
- Competition Recorder
- Environmental Officer

Simply email your interest or any questions you may have to igred@bigpond.com and we can guide you through the process.

It would be great to see some new faces on the committee from different ANSA member clubs, so please consider whether you can help out.

Regards,

J. Garufi
Secretary
ANSA NSW
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Recreational Fishing Trusts funding guidelines

January 2016

Purpose

These guidelines provide essential information for all applicants seeking funding from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts in 2016/17 and beyond.

Recreational Fishing Trusts

Background

When fishing in NSW waters, both freshwater and saltwater, recreational fishers are required by law to pay the NSW Recreational Fishing Fee. All money raised by the NSW Recreational Fishing Fee is placed into the Recreational Fishing Trusts and spent on **improving recreational fishing in NSW**. These trusts are **overseen by two committees made up of recreational fishers** - one for saltwater and one for freshwater.

Who can apply?

Anyone can apply for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts, including fishing clubs and organisations, universities, councils, community groups, individuals and so on. Joint applications are also encouraged.

What types of projects are funded?

Over the years, the Trusts have provided funding for a wide range projects (see below). A comprehensive angler survey of the Recreational Fishing Trusts, completed in 2013, indicated widespread support for the current range of programs that receive funding from the Trusts.

Platform	Project examples
recreational fishing education	fishing workshops, Fishcare volunteers, schools education, fishing advisory
fishing access and facilities	fishing platforms, cleaning tables, safety infrastructure & other angler facilities, enhancement of fishing access, recreational fishing havens
research on fish and recreational fishing	fishing surveys, biology of popular recreational species, angler catch projects, effectiveness of stocking, etc.
recreational fishing enhancement	fish aggregating devices, artificial reefs and fish stocking
aquatic habitat rehabilitation and protection	grants to remove barriers to fish migration, replanting & protecting river bank vegetation, restoring water flows, etc. [Note: there is a separate funding round for these projects – see general instructions pg 3]
enforcement of fishing rules	fisheries officers

More information on previously funded projects is available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/fees

Is matching funding a requirement?

Matching funding is not a requirement, however, other contributions towards the project will improve the value for money of the project. Include details of other contributions to the project including any voluntary labour and project management time as an 'in-kind' contribution (this includes hands on work, project management, administration, reporting, etc.).

Eligibility

Funding applications **must relate to the improvement of recreational fishing**. Where applicable, projects should:

- have appropriate expertise within the project team to complete the project
- represent value for money by incorporating other contributing funding or 'in-kind' contribution by the applicant and other project partners
- be technically sound and utilise best practice
- link to key strategic recreational fishing objectives and plans, and
- build on and extend the outcomes of projects and work previously funded by the Recreational Fishing Trust

Projects that would not receive favourable consideration, or would be considered a low priority include:

- Commercial ventures or materials developed for a primarily commercial purpose
- On ground projects on private land or land with no free public access
- Requests for funding the business of organisations/clubs including building club premises or improving club facilities that are only available to club members
- Construction of boat launching ramps, boat wharves, boating pontoons or other boating infrastructure (applicants should in the first instance investigate alternative funding sources e.g. [NSW Boating Now program](#) and [Regional Boating Plans](#))
- Construction of general amenities such as picnic tables, footpaths, toilet blocks, BBQs, shelters, landscaping and other picnic area enhancements
- Ongoing maintenance e.g. dredging or general repair and maintenance of fishing and boating infrastructure (this is usually the responsibility of local authorities)
- Projects that have limited benefit to recreational fishing

What project items are ineligible for funding?

As listed above, some things are not generally funded by the Trusts. Project items such as picnic tables and shelters, BBQs and landscaping are usually considered low priority, however, they may be an important part of a project and can be included as part of the applicant's contribution to the project. For example a local land manager might apply for funding for a fishing platform and their contribution to the project could be to fund the adjoining footpaths and landscaping. Or a Council might contribute funding to a boat ramp upgrade along with a NSW Boating Now grant and seek funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts for funds for the associated fish cleaning table on the site.

Is there a funding limit for project applications or funding caps on project items?

No, however, projects are assessed on their value for money, that is, what is the level of benefit from the project compared to the cost of the project.

Ways to improve / maximise the cost benefit of a project:

- Infrastructure projects are usually reviewed in terms of what is the level of the requested funding in relation to the extent the infrastructure benefits recreational fishers. So key things to consider for a fish cleaning table would be how many taps does the table have, or how wide is the fishing platform and how many fishers can use it at the same time?

- Education or research projects are often statewide or regional, benefitting many people, but even if a project is very small scale and localised, it may have statewide benefit if it is run as a pilot project with the results shared through wider networks.
- Investigate all other potential sources of funding that could contribute to the project. Provide evidence of unsuccessful attempts to gain funding from other sources.
- Quotes and estimates for project items should be sought to obtain best value for money. When developing the project costings, any quotes/estimates should be attached to the project application to assist in the assessment of the project's value for money.

Who decides how the Trust funds are spent?

The Minister for Primary Industries receives advice on Trust Fund expenditure from his relevant recreational fishing advisory council. Sub-committees of the Advisory Council make recommendations to the advisory council.

How are projects assessed?

Projects are assessed against a number of criteria including:

- the extent of benefit to recreational fishing and support from recreational fishers
- cost effectiveness, value for money and sound budgeting
- the adequacy of expertise within the project team, and
- whether the project is technically sound

General instructions

Application forms

There are two different funding application forms to choose from when applying for funding – a simpler, less detailed form for projects seeking **less than \$10,000 of funding** and another form for projects seeking **more than \$10,000 of funding**. Both forms can be downloaded electronically online at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/licence-fee/apply-for-funds

Aquatic habitat rehabilitation projects

Please note – Recreational Fishing Trust funding for projects that restore, rehabilitate and protect fish habitat is available through the DPI [Habitat Action Grants Program](#). These grants are available around August each year and require a different funding application form. Aquatic habitat rehabilitation project applications must be submitted via the Habitat Action Grants Program rather than the general Recreational Fishing Trust funding round. Any aquatic habitat rehabilitation projects received during the general Recreational Fishing Trust funding round will be referred to the Habitat Action Grants Program or back to the applicant. For further information on the habitat projects please contact the Habitat Action Grants Program coordinator on fish.habitat@dpi.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 6626 1396 or (02) 4916 3817

Fish stocking projects

Please note - a different application form applies to re-stocking rivers or impoundments with freshwater native fish. An Expression of Interest to re-stock public waters with native fish through the [Dollar for Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program](#) is released in February each year. For further information phone (02) 4424 7428 or (02) 6763 1217. Any relevant freshwater fish stocking applications received during the general Recreational Fishing Trust funding round will be referred to the Dollar for Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program or back to the applicant.

Fishing infrastructure projects

Standard design plans with a number of design options are available online for fish cleaning stations at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/fees/access-facilities. There are no standardised plans for fishing platforms as their design is very dependent on site specific factors. Specialised advice and assistance on fishing infrastructure design is available by calling the DPI Angling Infrastructure Manager on 02 6691 9681.

Research on fish and recreational fishing projects

Applications should identify how the proposed project is a priority for recreational fishing, what knowledge gap the project seeks to address and how the project outcomes will be relevant to NSW fisheries management.

Education projects

Applicants should seek to utilise existing Recreational Fishing Trusts funded and/or DPI Fisheries educational resources such as fisheries education materials and programs so as to build on and not duplicate fisheries education efforts. A good place to start is to talk to your local DPI Fisheries Education Officer to see what resources are already available. For contact details visit the website -

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/fvp#Contact

Application procedures

Budget

In-kind contributions

Please ensure all aspects of the project are identified and costed in the budget table. This includes voluntary labour, donations of time or specialist expertise, project management and administration time, donation of plant and equipment to the project, the value of discounted rates given to the project, etc. All of these 'in-kind' contributions to projects should be costed. These contributions, when realistically costed, add value to the project and improve the project's overall value for money.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Organisations that are GST registered must quote GST exclusive prices in their project item costings. If your organisation is not GST registered, your organisation will still pay GST on goods and services, therefore you need to quote GST inclusive prices in your costings.

How to apply

Download the appropriate funding application form online at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/licence-fee/apply-for-funds or contact 02 6691 9681 if you would like a form mailed to you.

Submitting the form

- Email to recreational.fishingtrust@dpi.nsw.gov.au
- or
- Mail to: Recreational Fishing Trust Executive Officer
NSW DPI
LMB 3020
Nowra NSW 2541, or

NOTE – email is the preferred method of receiving application forms. If you email your application, there is no need to send a hard copy by mail. Receipt of applications will only be acknowledged on request.

Only information which is considered essential for assessment should be sent as attachments with your application, please do not send excessive pages of attachments as these have to be copied multiple times for each assessor.

Successful applicants will be required to:

1. enter into a Recreational Fishing Trusts Funding Deed
2. submit written reports on completed milestones as agreed to in the Funding Deed and submit invoices as a condition of receiving funding instalments

3. submit a final project and financial report on the project to DPI within 60 days of completing the project
4. acknowledge the Recreational Fishing Trusts in project publications and signage

Who can assist you?

For assistance with completing your application and to ensure applications are consistent with priorities for funding:

Contact: Recreational Fishing Trust Executive (02) 6691 9681; Email recreational.fishingtrust@dpi.nsw.gov.au or visit the Department's website at www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au

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