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Angel Ring Update

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RESCUES CONTINUE IN 2006 MORE RINGS IN 2006

On Sunday the 12th of February, the Angel Ring at Hill 60 just outside Port Kembla near Wollongong was used in another rescue. The Coast Guard at Hill 60 spotted a fisherman in the lifebuoy early in the morning. He was floating out from the rocks off Honeycomb Point, a popular fishing spot. Rescue services were alerted but by the time they arrived he had drifted / swam to rocks near Port Kembla baths where he was transported to Port Kembla Hospital. Members of the Police force returned the lifebuoy to its post. Conditions were very rough at the time and the fisherman would have almost certainly drowned if not for the lifebuoy.

4 more Angel Rings will be installed on Sydney's northern beaches in early March, with 3 being approved by Warringah Council and 1 by the Department of Lands Office in Sydney on lands they manage in the area. 3 more rings are being assessed at Red Rock, north of Coffs Harbour with the land managers consulting with the local indigenous communities and local representatives before granting final approval.

The local Surf Life Savers at Kiama have requested that ANSA NSW install 2 rings at Black Head, near Gerroa on the NSW South Coast, after a fisherman drowned. Murray McMillan, from Kiama SLSC has been a great supporter of the program, rescuing a few people with our lifebuoys, so we have started the ball rolling with Kiama Council

Funding has been received to place 100 Angel Rings in Police cars in all the coastal Local Area Commands of NSW. Many times the Police are the first line of response to a rescue and most times wait for help to arrive via launch or helicopter. A Commonwealth grant was received that will permit ANSA NSW to manage the program as well as purchase the lifebuoys and allow the Police to be better equipped if called to a rescue.

The Jet Ski Patrol operating from Maroubra Beach in Sydney's east rescues a man from rough seas last year. The man was washed out of Little Bay and kept afloat for close to 40 minutes with an angel ring until help arrived. Local lifesavers said that without the ring (on Jet Ski) the man would have drowned.



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