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Angel Ring Update

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National Parks and ANSA NSW working together to tackle missing angel ring problem.

One of the biggest cost items to the angel ring program is replacing the missing rings and damaged posts. On average ANSA NSW replaces 25 missing rings a year, the only concession is when a ring is washed up or found, and via the freecall 1800 number embossed on the ring, upto 10 rings are returned each year. Glenn Gifford, the Ranger at Lake Munmorah State park on the Central Coast of NSW is faced with a similar problem. There are 9 Angel Rings assemblies within and adjacent to the Park, and Glenn looks after 4 more rings that NPWS have installed. After the most recent rescue late last month, Glenn went to the media to highlight the fact the rings are going missing, with the most recent sighting of a group of youths leaving the Park with a ring in their car. An offer was made to Glenn to use the ANSA NSW rings on all the posts within the Park as a way of deterring theft. The Angel Ring is embossed with phone numbers, logos and text and may not be as appealing to thieves. ANSA NSW is reminding anglers to vigilant in areas with rings and to report missing rings and acts of vandalism and theft to ANSA NSW.

Angel Ring goes 'walkabout'

After retrieving 2 rings from Forster that went missing from Wollongong a few months ago, I was amazed to receive a call from Roly Studen in Cooktown, in FNQ. He had a ring that had washed up on a beach 10 km north of Cooktown and called the 1800 number on the ring. The ropes attached to the ring perished when he touched them, but apart from that the ring was OK. The ring was marked as being from the Blowhole in Kiama, on the NSW south coast. The distance to Cooktown is about 3000 km by road. Management records show that rings were replaced at Kiama in August and October 2005, so it has been drifting for 6-8 months in the wild blue yonder.



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