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NSW Angel Ring Update 3rd February 2013

More Rescues in 2013

With some horrendous weather and a series of warnings issued by the Police, ANSA NSW, the Recreational Fishing Alliance and Maritime in the last few days of January 2013 it was not really surprising that when the sun finally came out so did the rock anglers. What most missed was the swell was still huge and dangerous. In what could have been a disastrous situation fortunately ended OK for all those involved. Two anglers were swept off their feet at Hill 60 at Port Kembla when a wave that had bounced off the wall behind them and knocked them into the water. One angler scrambled to safety and the other was thrown an angel ring and waited to be rescued by life savers.



Back on solid ground: A rock fisherman, safely back on shore after he was rescued from the sea off Port Kembla.

Picture: KEN ROBERTSON

MICHELLE WEBSTER

A FISHERMAN swept off rocks at Port Kembla yesterday morning escaped his ordeal with just a few cuts and bruises.

Wollongong City Council lifeguards were alerted to the drama about 8.45am, after the fisherman fell into the water off Honeycomb Rocks. A rescue effort was launched, with police, ambulance paramedics, the Rescue 26 ambulance helicopter and council lifeguards.

The fisherman was not wearing a life jacket, but managed to make his way to an angel ring thrown into the water, a council spokeswoman said.

Police from the shore were able to signal to the man to remain floating and await help, rather than paddle towards sharp rocks and risk serious injury.

A lifeguard on a jet ski towed the man to safety where ambulance paramedics treated him. He was not taken to hospital.

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More Rings for the Illawarra

Still staying in the Illawarra region, 2 new rings were deployed to the Nth and Sth Breakwalls of Lake Illawarra. The rings were finally installed on December of last year and will the public rescue add to equipment in the area. We are very fortunate to have these rings in plain sight of local rescue personal and the local Fisheries Office so we can keep an eye on the at all times.



