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NSW Angel Ring Update

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MORE RINGS AND RESCUES

With 7 confirmed rescues in the past 7 months the total number of rescues within NSW with Angel Rings sits at 43. Two of the most recent rescues involved a swimmer and a rock climber.

In January of this year at Maroubra Beach in Sydney's eastern suburbs a ring was thrown to a swimmer in trouble who had drifted out past the rock platform angler's fish off. This swimmer managed to stay afloat with the ring as he was swept out to sea. He was later rescued. Tragically 2 more swimmers drowned at the same beach within weeks of this rescue. They were swimming outside the flags and well away from the angel ring location.

In a bizarre set of circumstances down the south coast of NSW in late December 2010 at Jervis Bay, anglers noticed a head bobbing in 3-4 meter seas off the iconic fishing location, The Tubes. The victim was noticeably tired and a long way out. The anglers mobilised themselves and got a ring to the victim and rescued him. It turns out he was a rock climber who had slipped and fallen into the ocean somewhere off Point Perpendicular and was been washed into the rocks in what anglers described as a "massive washing machine"

Finally on the 28th January 2011 a mate rescued his friend who had been washed in at Port Macquarie. The angler was rescued by Surf Life Savers just on dark as he hung onto the ring away from the rocks as help was being organised. Local Surf Life Savers have said "I have no doubt that the fisherman would have perished that night if not for the angel ring".

The total number of rings installed stands at 111, with 7 new rings installed in early January 2011 within the Royal National Park south of Sydney. Ten new rings are approved and awaiting installation in the next few weeks.

More info www.angelrings.com.au
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Don't put your life on the line

Rock fishing safety

Know what to do in case of an emergency



BE SAFE – know the conditions

- Know the tide and weather
- Never fish alone
- If conditions worsen find a calmer, more sheltered spot – or go home.
- Ask local people for advice
- Fish only in places that you know are safe
- Tell someone where you are
- Spend at least half an hour watching the wind and wave action
- Plan an escape route
- Never turn your back on the sea

BE PREPARED – take the right gear

- Wear a life jacket
- Wear shoes with non-slip soles
- Wear light clothing
- Carry a mobile phone with you
- Carry a rope and float with you

SURVIVE

- Do NOT jump in if someone is washed into the water
- Dial 000 or 112 on your mobile phone or go to get help
- Use a rope or something that floats to rescue the person
- If you're swept in don't panic. Stay calm and swim away from the rocks
- If there's an Angel Ring nearby, know how to use it

For more information on fishing safety, including translated material, more fact sheets and free downloads visit www.safefishing.com.au



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