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Stay Safe in 2012

With 2011 behind us we are hopeful of seeing an increase in awareness amongst anglers who fish the rocks. Last year we had 6 confirmed rescues with angel rings in NSW which was great to see, but once again that's 6 anglers in the water who we know about and we always wonder how many go for a swim and manage to get out with only a few cuts & bruises to show for it? The message is slowly making its way into the community that anglers who fish the rocks need to take a few extra precautions like wearing the correct footwear, clothes and lifejackets if they cannot swim. Most importantly is ALWAYS checking the weather before leaving home.

Theft of Angel Rings

With the trial of Asset Trackers in angel rings continuing it was great to see the technology deliver when a ring being trialled was stolen. A call to the Police saw search warrants issued and the ring being retrieved by the Police. The matter is still being dealt with by the Police, but it should serve as a timely reminder to all those fools out there who think that tampering with any form of public rescue equipment is funny.



Above are the logged positions of the angel rings on the thief's property over a few days, note the swimming pool and I imagine the kids playing with the ring in the pool. The angel rings are clearly marked, so in this case ignorance in no excuse.

With the trials continuing in the next few weeks we will be looking at re-enacting a real time rescue off the rocks with our rescue services and monitoring the tracking of the angel ring from the time it is deployed to the time of retrieval from the water to see if we can complement the ability for our rescue services to be pre-warned when and if a ring is deployed.

More info www.angelrings.com.au Email pastelli@netspace.net.au

Escape with ET

Fishing personalities like Andrew Ettinghausen have always been supportive of all of fishing safety initiatives over the years and last week we took an advantage of an offer to film a segment with him for his "Escape with ET" show that focussed on angle rings.



Filming focussed on the angel ring project and rock fishing safety. It is great to see that apart from being a passionate fisher, ET has a focussed view on fishing safety and is very happy to help spread the message whenever we ask.

