



# SALTWATER AND FRESHWATER TRUSTS

## Project Milestones Report

**Report date:** 11 March 2005

**Project title:** Angel Rings

**Proponent:** NSW Branch- Australian National Sportfishing Association

**Project objectives:** Installation of Angel rings at dangerous rockfishing locations along the NSW coastline.

**Project budget:** ongoing

### **Milestones achieved**

#### Department of Lands

The Angel Ring Project (ARP) is finally starting to make some headway with regards to the Lands Department issue. I was compelled to write another letter to the Minister for Lands asking him once again what the delay was in contacting ANSA NSW as per his correspondence with the Fisheries Minister. This letter finally prompted a barrage of calls and apologies from the Department of Lands to ANSA NSW. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, ANSA NSW met with John Filocamo, from the Community Services Department at Parramatta. At this meeting it was resolved that the Dept will provide a blanket letter of approval for the installation of angel rings on Crown lands and reserves, and that any new or existing installation follow a similar blueprint that exists with any new NPWS installation. In fact all the existing information we provided satisfied the criteria they had envisaged, and verbal approval was given for the Warringah installations to proceed. Council will be approached; informing them when the installations will take place and a copy of the management plan will be made available to them.

John Filocamo and his staff will oversee any LGA issues. We are currently working with 2 of his staff on these matters.

#### National Parks

2 new rings were installed at Red Ochre, in the Munmorah SRA on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2004, there are 5 more sites that have been approved in the park, ANSA NSW will install these in the next few weeks and then complete management plans for the entire park. Another ring at Garie, Royal National Park has been approved with the final installation date to be set and a complete management plan for Royal will be completed. One new ring was installed at Crampton Is at Lake Burril on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2005 within the Meroo National Park. A final management plan and press release will be completed in the next few days. This ring was in response to a request made almost 2 years ago by the family of young boy who died whilst fishing at this spot. The local tackle shop, caravan park and NPWS ranger have agreed to participate and operate within the management plan of this particular ring. This will become a trial management plan without direct ANSA NSW involvement to gauge the effectiveness of



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these smaller communities within the plan and will allow us to determine how successful such a strategy will be and if other smaller communities can handle the management of the AR within their area in the future.

### NSW Sport and Recreation.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb ANSA NSW and the RFA of NSW met with Debora Kanak, Senior Project Officer with the Department. Rock safety strategies were discussed, and ANSA NSW reaffirmed its commitment to the non-English speaking seminars and any other projects that promoted rock safety.

### NSW Coroner

ANSA NSW is in the process of organising a meeting with the Police Prosecutor from the Coroners Court. The Police Prosecutor is chasing information on rock fishing deaths, information on the ARP and basically an update of the Coroners information to assist them when making recommendations.

### Funding

Funding for 2005 was received from the Trust Fund.  
See attached budget

### New Angel Ring Post Plaque

Once our existing stocks of plaques has been used, the new plaque will have the 1800 toll free number engraved on it, and the message that if the ring is missing, call ANSA NSW.

### Research

To couple the new wall bracket that was tested last year, a series of tests will be conducted to determine the effectiveness of various fixings, eg dynabolts and chemical anchoring to determine what fixing should be used on the base plates, also to ascertain if a heavy gauge post should be used or if any additional reinforcing can be added to the existing posts. ANSA NSW we be trailing a new streamlined buoy and post to use in locations susceptible to waves. A full report will be presented to the committee mid 2005. AEP Engineering will assist ANSA NSW with these tests.

### Police

The final draft of the ARP manual for the Eastern Suburbs Local Area Command has been completed, with the ESLAC carrying 2 rings in their cars and 2 rings stored at the stations. See attached document.

**Variations to project (output dates, additional information, if any):**

**Comments:**



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