

Recreational Fishing Trust Expenditure and Progress Report

Report date: 19th May 2003

Project title: Angel ring update

Proponent: ANSA

Project budget: \$27869.60 (Inclusive of GST)

Project activities to date:

Final consent was granted by National Parks and Botany Bay National Park for the installation of two angel rings at Cape Banks. An EIS is now being completed by NPWS and installation shall commence with 4 weeks. A similar approval has been given by NPWS and Munmorah State Recreational Area on the Central Coast for an installation at Red Ochre. Once these are completed the other 3 angle rings in National Parks will follow the same path to approval.

Randwick Council granted consent for the installation of 7 angel rings in its municipality and concurrence is being sought for the Department of Land and Water Conservation for an installation replacement at Yellow Rock near Malabar. ANSA NSW has enlisted the help of Milton Orkorpoulos, the local Members for Swansea, who has championed the project and is approaching Lake Macquarie and Wyong Councils on our behalf. The recent death of an angler at Catherine Hill Bay highlighted the urgency of the project. ANSA NSW is confident the project will progress at a swift pace within the next month, with NPWS and Randwick Council paving the way for future negotiations with Government Departments and Local Councils.

ANSA NSW also requires the use of a computer (our cheap 2nd one has gone is not capable of supporting the software needed), and digital camera (we borrow digital cameras where ever possible, but it is such a critical element of the application, it is needed constantly) as each application now amasses up to 10 pages of information coupled with digital images and maps. Does the Committee have such equipment left over from other projects that it has funded and can these made available to the angel ring coordinator or can the committee purchase this equipment and lend it to us for the duration of the project?

Documented lives saved in 2003;

- **Kiama** 17/2/03 Man found clinging to angel ring 500m offshore after being washed in. Ring thrown to him by other anglers.
- **Narooma** -9/3/03 Man rescued after boat capsizes on the Narooma Bar entrance. Ring thrown to him by onlookers.
- Royal National Park –9/4/03 Man found clinging to angel ring 100m offshore after being washed in. Ring thrown to him by other anglers