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NSW Angel Ring Update

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ANOTHER LIFE SAVED, BUT 3 DEATHS OFF THE ROCKS.

The 3 most recent drownings off the rocks has again highlighted the need for ANSA NSW, its partners and NSW Government Agencies to continue to reinforce 2 key messages –

“NEVER FISH ALONE and IF IT’S TOO ROUGH GO HOME”

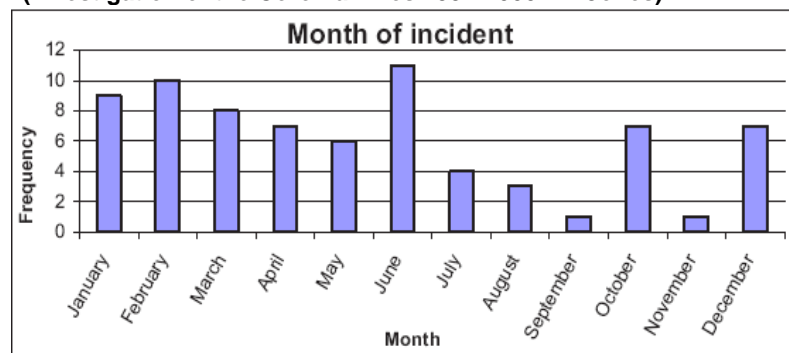
The first incident involved 2 couples visiting Snapper Point in the Munmorah State Park on the Central Coast. In huge seas, the two male American visitors ventured down onto the rock platform and were swept out to sea by the surging waves. A female partner of one of the men managed to throw an angel ring to both men but only one managed to grab the ring and stay afloat until the WESTPAC helicopter winched him to safety. Footage of the rescue can be seen online at:

[Click here for video: WESTPACvideorescue](#)

Soon after that incident a Korean angler was washed in off the rocks at Whale Beach and unable to swim he was retrieved from the water unconscious and later died in hospital. Following that another week later a Chinese angler fishing by himself at Malabar was washed in off the rocks and is still missing. An eyewitness fishing in his boat 50 meters away saw the angler fishing down near the waterline and told ANSA NSW “I had seen the angler in his yellow rain pants fishing, I turned around and then looked back and he was gone”. The boat based fisher then helped the rescue helicopter search for the missing angler but to no avail.

June 2008, statistically again our worse month for drownings off the rocks

Rock Fishing Deaths between 1992 and 2000
(Investigation of the Coronial Files 1992-2000 - M.Jones)



ANSA NSW is always looking for anglers to assist them with the angel ring program. If you would like more info on the project or info on how to join ANSA NSW online and the Angel Ring Team, visit the following:

<http://www.angelrings.com.au/JoinIntro.html>

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