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NSW Angel Ring Update

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New Angel Rings for NSW and NZ

The Angel Ring Team made the 600 km+ round trip down to Moruya Heads, south of Batemans Bay to install a new ring on the breakwall at the request of the Moruya Fishing Club. A recent incident on the wall highlighted the need for a ring. An angler was washed in off the wall, and though rescued the situation could have escalated with the angler being washed out to sea on the run out tide. The Team witnessed many families, wives and husbands fishing the wall as they went about installing the ring, with many a fish being caught around them in the hour they were there. The popularity of the location and easy access makes it a hotspot. Today the salmon and drummer were on the chew.

The new ring at Moruya becomes the 81st ring installed in NSW since 1995



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The rings are also destined for NZ, with the Auckland Regional Council (ARC) electing to trial the program around Auckland. Stu Leighton from the ARC was over here a few months ago and the Angel Ring Team took him on a tour of the locations around Sydney and held an informal workshop over a few beers to discuss the finer points of installation and management of the program. With 28 documented lives saved in NSW, the ARC and Stu saw this as a logical extension to their rock fishing safety program. The Council would meanwhile carry on with its education campaign

Stu Leighton ARC Project Leader



on lifejackets (with use rising from 4 to 22 per cent of fishers) and safe fishing practices for the fourth summer. He said that each year there was a high turnover of new fishers, about 40 per cent, which meant education alone was probably not enough. Sandra Coney, who chairs the ARC parks and heritage committee, said the angel rings would help to promote the message to people not to swim towards the rocks if they end up in the sea. "That's where the deaths occur as they are bashed about ... It is better to stay afloat and wait for help."

The 4 to 22 per cent increase of fishers wearing life jackets off the rocks is something ANSA and Surf Life Saving Australia are looking at closely. In NZ there is a distinct focus on the use of life jackets.

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As can be seen from the NZ promotional material above, the image and financial incentives are based around inflatable lifejackets, one offering a \$20 voucher to anyone found by representatives to be wearing lifejackets while rock fishing and the other providing a significant discount on a partnering brand of life jacket. ANSA NSW has been invited over to NZ in mid December to help with the installation.

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>