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NSW Angel Ring Update

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2 MORE LIVES SAVED

After a very positive 2007 that saw fishing related deaths decrease by 52% according to the Royal Life Saving 2007 Drowning report, it was with great relief that the angel rings were used in another 2 confirmed rescues in the space of a few days last week.

The participating rescuers have told ANSA NSW that without the rings to keep these anglers afloat they would have been statistics.

The first case involved an angler washed in off the rocks at Hill 60 near Port Kembla, the second incident involved another angler at Wattamolla, in the Royal National Park south of Sydney. Both anglers were kept afloat by the rings and away from the rocks until winched to safety by the rescue helicopters in big seas.

After a meeting with Royal National Park rangers today, further sites will be investigated within the park. Translated rockfishing safety material will also be distributed within the park by the rangers and ANSA NSW is working with the park rangers to tackle some of the environmental issues that anglers tend to overlook. The most significant one being rubbish left behind on the rocks.

ANSA will tackle the problem with the same strategy it uses for rockfishing safety – education. Translated brochures, advertisements and personal interaction on the rocks will hopefully address this issue.

There are currently 9 new angel ring locations being investigated or awaiting approval within NSW.

With these new rings scheduled to be installed in the next few months, the number of NSW rings will be close to 90. New location requests are being received daily for ANSA NSW to investigate.

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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