



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND

Membership Benefits and Services

SPORT - CONSERVATION - INTEGRITY



History

The Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA) formally started in 1967 when a group of dedicated sportfishers met at Yorkeys Knob in Cairns. Fourteen “barefooted yobbo’s” under the stewardship of Vic McCristal and George Bryden put into some order their ideas of fishing for sport and enjoyment. From that time on, they determined to promote sportfishing under the motto “Sport, Conservation, Integrity”.

The Queensland Branch of Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA QLD) is one of the largest and most diverse not-for-profit recreational fishing organisations representing more than twenty fishing clubs across the state. The qualities that set ANSA QLD apart from other fishing organisations include our grassroots, club and members approach and a strong commitment to Sport, Integrity & Conservation in recreational fishing. Our clubs and members actively advance and promote these principals through day to day activities including:

- Improving understanding of the fishery such as tagging & record keeping
- Refining rules such as size and bag limits for outings and competitions that are often more stringent than regulated limits
- Refining fishing techniques to improve fish health and survival
- Angler education with emphasis on inclusiveness for men, women and juniors alike
- Outreach through angler clinics & fishing competitions
- Continuous improvement by nurturing forums for discussion that leads to better fisheries management

If this sounds like the kind of fishing group you want to join, then we invite you to get in touch with one of our great clubs today!



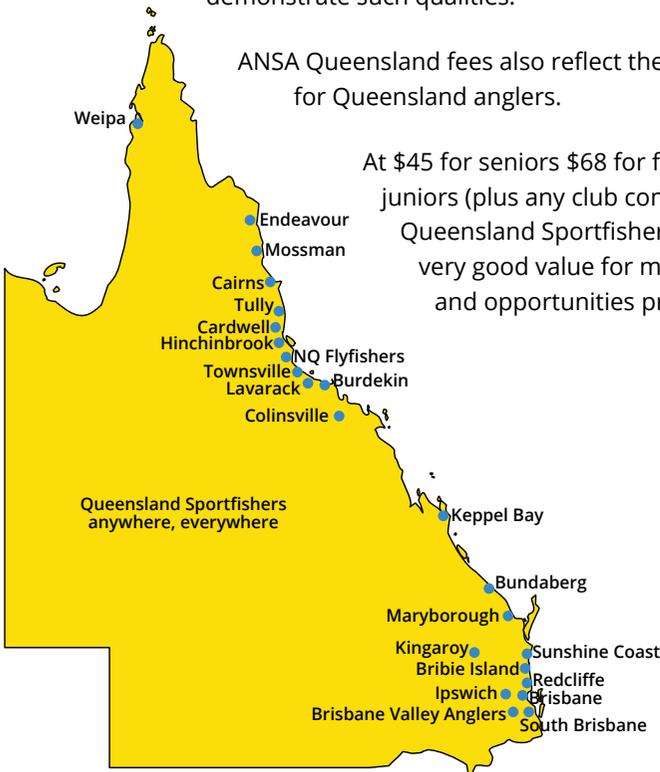
Fishing opportunities for all

ANSA Queensland is a very family friendly organisation. Our fishing competitions and awards encourage this by offering various categories including, juniors, teams, families, males and females of all levels of skill. We pride ourselves in providing an environment that nurtures skill development and recognition from sub juniors to juniors and seniors alike.

Our fishing opportunities recognise the diversity of fish also on offer for Queenslanders. We have categories for most of the fish species targeted by anglers in Queensland. This allows you to continue to explore and master different fish species and secure the recognition afforded to an angler who can demonstrate such qualities.

ANSA Queensland fees also reflect the different situations for Queensland anglers.

At \$45 for seniors \$68 for families, \$20 for juniors (plus any club component) or \$70 for Queensland Sportfishers our fee represents very good value for money for the services and opportunities provided.





Records of State, National and International significance

ANSA Queensland is one of few organisations in Queensland where exceptional captures of freshwater, estuary and coastal fish are recognised, recorded and promoted. With ANSA QLD, you know that your exceptional fish capture will be safely kept and available for all to see for decades to come. Unlike many other competitions and events that come and go, ANSA Queensland has been around for 50 years. You know that your significant fish capture will be recognised for many years to come. This makes an ANSA Queensland record one of the most prestigious in the state. If your record fish capture is significant enough you will also be able to submit it for consideration to receive a national award. Better still because ANSA Queensland is affiliated to the International Game Fishing Association through ANSA National membership, you are also able to submit captures for consideration of world records.

Novel rules and rankings to promote sporting elements of fishing

Ideas and advice for club fishing outings

ANSA Queensland works with our member clubs to develop a range of rules and arrangements to help clubs get the most out of fishing outings. Line class fishing is the classic historic example, however we continue to evolve and change with the times. More recently Trophy Length and Length to weight categories have been added to the offerings as anglers adopt the use of braid and choose to release their fish more regularly. We continue to maintain a spotlight on the Sport and Conservation aspects of our competition rules by making sure we focus on quality fish not numbers of fish.

We encourage clubs and members to continually refine fishing practices in outings. For example, utilising photos of fish on measures as a record along with provision of length to weight conversion charts enables anglers to release fish if they desire.

These kind of provisions allow anglers to only keep their catch when they need a feed while maximising the opportunity for increased participation in club outings and competitions.



Some of the great fishing opportunities for ANSA QLD members!

Species Challenge – Annual Competition where the angler with the most species captured over the challenge weekend wins. Categories for Senior Male & Female, Junior & Sub-Junior.

Trophy Length (Length Only) – Year Round Competition where angler with the longest (trophy) fish wins. Most species targeted by sportfishers included. Senior and Junior Categories.

Top 10 – Year Round Competition where the winner is the angler with the maximum number of different species up to 10. When two anglers both submit 10 species, the winner is decided by the highest total point scored. Categories for Senior, Junior and Sub-junior Males & Females

NQ Championships – Annual Competition held over a weekend focusing on the Hinchinbrook area that is open to all ANSA members

Interclub Challenges – Weekend competition held between two or more clubs with one of the clubs playing host. Examples are the Redcliffe GSFC Sportfish Competition and the Burdekin Recreational SFC annual Interclub Challenge, which are open to all member clubs. Challenges usually have several categories.

Local Competitions – Many clubs hold their own local annual competitions. Examples include the Barra Bonanza (Cardwell SFC), Corio Bay Classic (Keppel Bay SFC), Hinchinbrook Flyfishing Challenge (NQ Flyfishers), Tuna on Fly Challenge (Bribie Island SFC), Tag a Toga (Kingaroy SFC). The list goes on!

Club Outings and Competitions – Most clubs run internal competitions based on regular outings. Talk to your local club for more details.





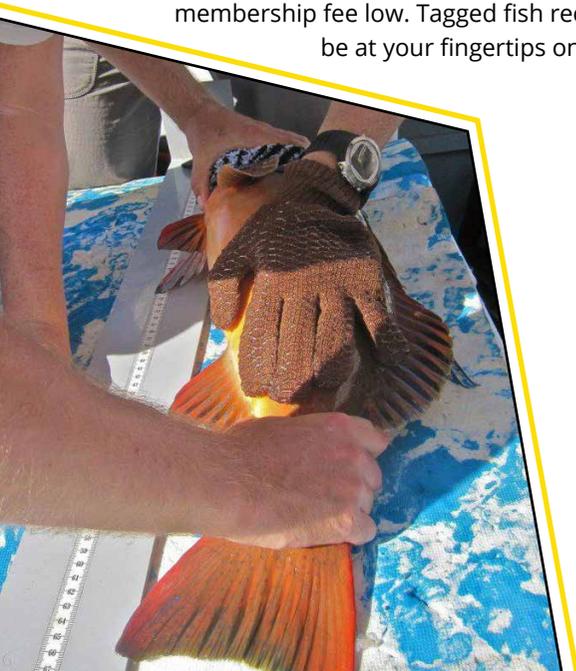
Research, tagging and data collection opportunities

ANSA Queensland has a long and proud history of being involved in citizen science that contributes to a better understanding of our fisheries.

ANSA Queensland continues to offer access to tagging for projects that have demonstrated benefit in understanding our fisheries. This service is included as part of our very competitive fee structure for all but the most prolific taggers. Clubs and members who require large numbers of tags will be able to access them through ANSA Queensland at cost price. Currently this price is \$1 a tag for orders less than 1000 tags. Our current supplier offers discounts for numbers greater than 1000. Please get in touch with us for more details.



Our tagging is moving to a completely online service to help keep your membership fee low. Tagged fish recaptures and capture records will all be at your fingertips on our website: www.ansaqld.com.au

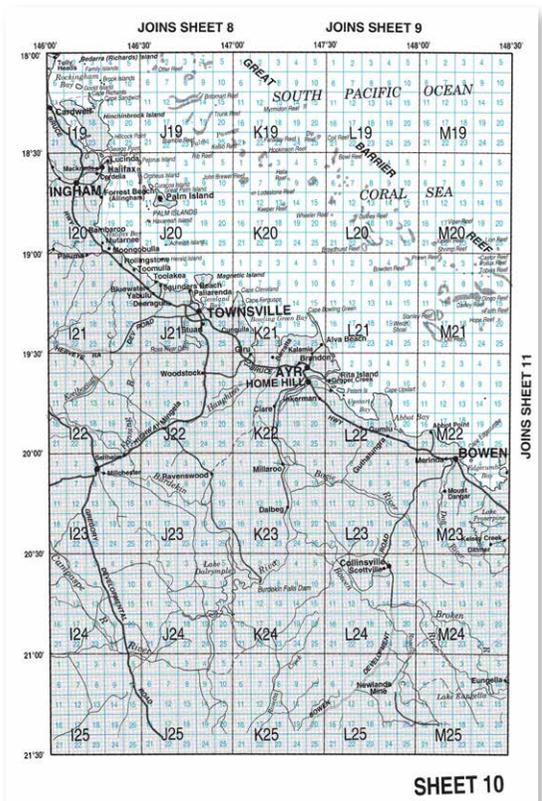




Your fish capture information and records

The good news is that ANSA QLD will have a facility that includes all of your fish captures and records. You can use this as a fish logbook with all your captures in one place. The benefit will be that you can enter the details of a fish catch once and this will be considered for many of the ANSA Queensland competitions and awards. Regular fishers will begin to build their portfolio for awards like the Masters category. The same facility will be used for our Species Challenge and the Trophy Length competition. This will become your one-stop shop to share your memorable catches with fellow friends and members and to have as a record to view at your leisure.

This data will become a valuable asset for ANSA Queensland and our member clubs. We will consider making this data available to researchers under data sharing arrangements when there is a clear benefit to our members and for better fisheries management outcomes. This clearly links to our commitment of conservation for fisheries. Greater knowledge leads to greater understanding which in turn leads to better management and better fishing for all. Get involved and start deepening your fishing experience beyond simply catching a fish for a feed.





Promoting best practice

Conservation is a core value for ANSA QLD. This means that our clubs and members are looking to minimise unintended impacts of recreational fishing.

The Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation recently co-founded the project Revitalising a national recreational fishing code of practice. This project included a review by Reef Ecologic, which found that it was likely that less than 10,000 of the country's 3.5 million anglers were familiar with a code of conduct of any sort. The review also highlights the significant role of both ANSA National and ANSA QLD play in leading development and promotion of good practice in recreational fishing.

ANSA QLD has developed and adopted both a code of ethics and a code of practice for releasing fish.





Promoting best practice

ANSA Queensland Code of Ethics

- Obey and respect the local regulations and conventions that govern fishing in your chosen area.
- Purposefully conduct yourself in such a manner so as to minimise any negative impact on the fish's environment. Being mindful that anchoring and speed restrictions are as important as preventing littering, pollution and habitat destruction.
- The fisher's environment should be protected as well as the fish's. Do not indulge in littering, in particular with discarded tackle. Disposal of offal and unwanted bait should be undertaken in a manner that is both environmentally sound and publicly acceptable.
- Respect the rights and interests of others especially those other anglers and commercial fishers who are legally participating in the fishery.
- Be aware of the relationship between the fisher and their quarry and understand that the choice of the individual is important when dealing with a capture.
- Respect the rights of property owners including those who exclude access for personal or cultural reasons and negotiate access to waters rather than trespass.
- Participate where possible in scientific, educational and community programs that benefit the fishery or recreational anglers.
- Fish taken should be killed quickly and should be prepared and preserved in such a manner as to minimise spoilage and waste. Where a fish is not wanted, it should be returned in such manner that maximises its chances of survival. Wanton unnecessary destruction of undesired species is unacceptable.
- Be aware of the natural range of fish species and do not move live fish, especially for use as bait, outside their normal range.



Awards

ANSA QLD is the peak recreational fishing organisation in Queensland responsible for scrutinising and awarding sportfish capture records. ANSA QLD is affiliated to ANSA National and in turn the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) allowing members to seek both national and international records for their respective captures.

Not only does ANSA QLD pride itself in promoting fishing achievements but we also recognise the contributions of those advancing recreational fishing in Queensland.

ANSA QLD has various awards, with the Ron Dempster Award being one of the most respected.

Awards

Eric Moller Award – Award is designed for an all-round angler who catches fish in most conditions and contributes meaningfully to the wellbeing of his/her Club and participates regularly.

Bob Carruthers Memorial Trophy – Awarded to the person with the Longest Land Based Capture on Artificial Lure

Ron Dempster Award – Given to an individual for outstanding contribution to the enhancement of recreational fishing in Queensland

Sawara Services Trophy – Awarded to the Club with the highest number of species caught for each year

Hamar Midgley Award – Recipients will have made outstanding captures or strongly promoted Flyfishing

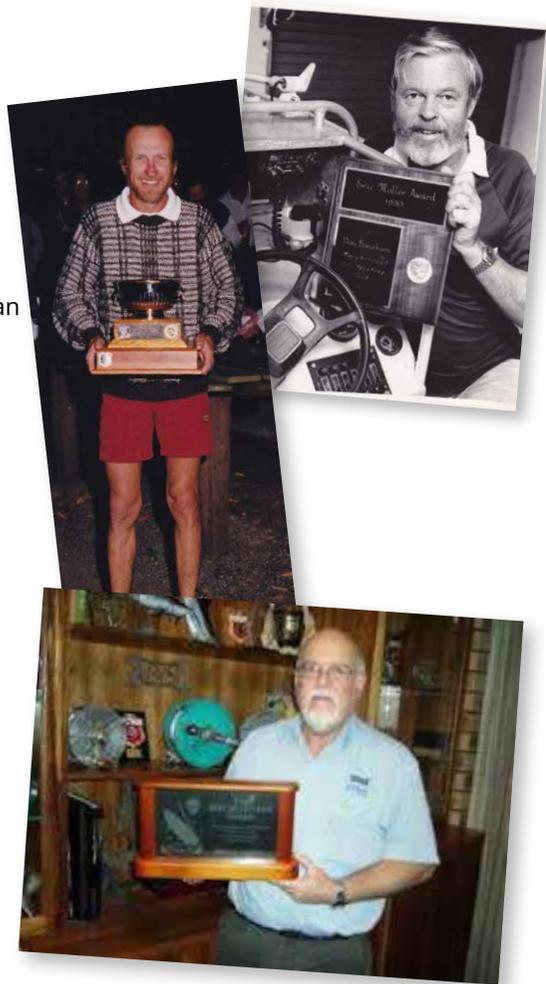


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Ron Dempster Award Honour Roll

The Ron Dempster Award is given to an individual for outstanding contribution to the enhancement of recreational fishing in Queensland.

- 1996 Gerry Cook
- 1997 Vic McCristal
- 1998 Don McPherson
- 1999 Bill Sawynok
- 2000 Jack Erskine
- 2001 John Doohan and Dave Bateman
- 2002 John & Jennifer Mondora
- 2003 Bruce Alvey
- 2004 Warren Steptoe
- 2005 "Carp Busters"
- 2006 Alf Hogan
- 2007 Jeff Sorrell
- 2008 Les Kowitz
- 2009 Hamar Midgley (and Mary)
- 2010 Arthur Dobe
- 2011 Harvey Low
- 2012 Brian and Debbie Dare





Member Communication, Engagement and Representation

ANSA QLD is a grassroots organisation who offer many opportunities for members to interact with each other and to learn more about sport, conservation and integrity as it relates to recreational fishing.

State Conference

This annual event provides opportunity for club members to get together and talk about fishing and club life in Queensland. The conference is where we take time to recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to advancing recreational fishing in Queensland and those who have fished well during the year in ANSA QLD competitions.

In 2017 we will celebrate 50 years of ANSA by hosting our Statewide in Cairns, which is the birthplace of our organisation. This event will focus on three themes - sport, conservation and integrity.

Given that we are an organisation of fishing clubs of course there will also be fishing outings at these statewide conferences!

We encourage you and your club to start thinking about attending one of these great events.





Member Communication, Engagement and Representation

Facebook, newsletter and website

ANSA QLD maintain a facebook page, website and prepare regular newsletters so that you can be kept up-to-date on ANSA QLD activities.

A voice and opportunity for influence

One of the major benefits of becoming a member of ANSA QLD is that our common voice and goals are more likely to be heard. Governments do not have the resources to seek review and input from every individual recreational angler in Queensland. For this reason ANSA Queensland provides an avenue for the government to engage with recreational Anglers, ensuring that the collective will of ANSA Queensland members are heard.

Examples

1. ANSA QLD President is a current member of the Tourism Reef Advisory Committee hosted by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
2. ANSA QLD is a recognised stakeholder in the Moreton Bay Net Free Zones discussions





Club life – socialise with fellow anglers

ANSA Queensland recognises that humans are social beings. We encourage anglers to join together through clubs to talk, share, learn and enjoy fishing and the many other social benefits that fishing and fishing together offers. ANSA Queensland provides a series of fishing experiences and opportunities that our clubs and members can participate in to make your fishing all that more enjoyable. Why not join one of our great clubs today!

If you don't have a club in your local area - that's okay you can join Queensland Sportfishers to access all of the state wide events competitions and services. To find out more about joining an ANSA Queensland member club visit our website today www.ansaqld.com.au/joining-ansa/





Insurance

ANSA Queensland offers members and clubs comprehensive insurance coverage for sport fishing and club activities. ANSA Queensland insurance covers public liability to \$20 million for ANSA fishing club related activities.

The good news is that ANSA Queensland members have additional coverage for personal accident insurance up to \$50,000 whilst participating in ANSA Queensland fishing outings events and competitions.

It is important that you read the policy relevant to this insurance to get a better understanding of what is covered and what is excluded. For example vessels 8 metres and over are not covered under this policy.

Policies are available for all of our members to view at:

www.ansaqld.com.au/insurance





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