

# The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW “Promoting Sustainable Fishing”



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## **“RFA Rockfishing Safety Campaign Making a Difference”**

RFA members recently accompanied the ANSA NSW Angel Ring Team who were investigating new locations for angel rings in the Pittwater area. Seven new locations were identified, including the location below, Turrimetta Headland. What astounded the RFA Team was that 5 of the 7 anglers fishing that day had lifejackets on and all of the angler’s were wearing the appropriate clothing. Lightweight clothing and rock cleats were worn by all the anglers on the rock platform. What is even more encouraging was that all the anglers wearing life jackets were Korean.

The RFA finally has some tangible proof that all their efforts are paying dividends, and even though we continue to have anglers lost whilst fishing off the rocks, the number will decrease as the RFA focuses more on rockfishing safety in key areas of NSW. The amount of resources that NSW Government agencies like Safewaters, Fisheries, Sport and Recreation, NSW Fishing Trust and the RFA pour into angler safety education is having an impact. Targeted media advertising and continual media saturation of the key rock fishing safety messages is getting through.



Apart from the focus on rockfishing safety, the RFA is embarking on a State wide safe fishing project that will include 4 safety DVDs targeting boating, freshwater, saltwater and rockfishing safety. Apart from the key message of “if you can’t swim, wear a lifejacket”, children should be especially fitted with life jackets in all situations near the water and on boats.



For more information on fishing safety, contact the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW at [publicity.officer@rfansw.com.au](mailto:publicity.officer@rfansw.com.au)

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