

Nomination for the

## **ERIC MOLLER AWARD**

For those Qld ANSA members who are unaware of the Eric Moller Award, is an award honoring the great man who was well known for his sharing of knowledge with the younger generation, encouraging them in the art of angling, demonstrating the making of lures which he was well known for and becoming the mentor for all ANSA members. He worked alongside Vic McCrystal who were both living in Cardwell. Eric was the 1<sup>st</sup> LIFE MEMBER of ANSA Qld. And was involved in all aspects of ANSA SPORT CONSERVATION & INTEGRITY.

This year I am honored in nominating BOB AVERY, member of the Bundaberg SFC for the past 3 to 4 years. Bob and Di have recently moved back to Townsville to live and has now hooked up with Hinchinbrook SFC. He has always remained a member of ANSA and North Queensland Fly Fishers.

### HISTORY

In the Early 1980's Bob joined the ANSA QLD ARMY SFC. Over that time, he enjoyed fishing the light line divisions as did all ANSA members in the 80's and 90's He became a very accomplished angler in all aspects from ESTUARY, BLUEWATER and FRESHWATER as well as LANDBASED, SPORT and LURECASTING divisions. This led onto FLYFISHING and becoming a member of the NORTH QLD FLY FISHERS.

Early 2000 the Army Club had a name change to LAVARACK BARACK SFC. Bob was involved in setting the club up into new rooms at LAVARACK golf club and the naming rights to those rooms as the "SANDBAR"

He regularly became involved in the many ANSA comps with in the area including the Nth Qld Championships, Bowen SFC Championships, Collinsville SFC fishing Terrible Creek, Townsville Challenge and club outings at Bivouac Junction on the Burdekin River and Cowley Beach.

Bob enjoyed positions on the committee as CLUB CAPTAIN, RECORDER AND TAGGING OFFICER as he spent endless hours preparing reports and Data collecting (Tagging with both the yellow and pink tags). From here Bob was nominated onto the NATIONAL COMMITTEE as the new National LENGTH ONLY DIVISION which was introduced into ANSA back around 2008. He also took on the STATE for the same position. He formed the New Record Chart and Certificates for both State and National... Bob loves EXCEL SPREAD SHEETS! He also contributed excellent reports to ASFC Tight Lines Newsletter.

Upon retirement Bob and Wife Di who was also a well-known angler in her own right, took off around Australia on a well-earned holiday TWICE, then headed to Tasmania for a quick run before returning back to Qld and into the running of another ANSA Club, Bundaberg SFC where he took over the Club Recorders job and helped organize Club events keeping them up to date with ANSA State issues. Bob achieved many records in both LINECLASS in many divisions, LENGTH ONLY and TAGGING. More recently Bob has become more involved with

assisting the ANSA Qld state committee, lending a hand in updating our eligible SPECIES' list and the ANSA Qld hand book, as well as help forming the ANSA FLY group.

He has been involved in ANSA for many years and his knowledge is invaluable. Whenever I need a second opinion on Species or changes which need to be assessed he is available.

As a new member to the Hinchinbrook SFC I have no doubts he will make himself available to assist our new, old and younger members into the art of fishing. Knowledge is never ending and over the time I have known Bob he has become a valuable asset to ANSA Qld and greatly appreciate for all his time and effort in assisting anyone at any time.