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WET A LINE THIS “GO FISHING DAY”

NSW residents are being encouraged to wet a line this Sunday as part of the NSW Government’s inaugural “Go Fishing Day”.

Minister for Primary Industries, Niall Blair, said “Go Fishing Day” was a celebration of recreational fishing, which contributes more than \$1.6 billion each year to the NSW economy, is a fun pastime for the entire family, and supports regional communities.

“Go Fishing Day” events will be hosted by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) at six locations across the State, including:

- Kurnell, Sydney, Kamay Botany Bay National Park (at end of Captain Cook Drive)
- Nowra, Greys Beach on Shoalhaven River (Fairway Drive)
- Coffs Harbour, Boambee Creek Reserve
- Narrandera Fisheries Centre, Narrandera (Buckingbong Drive)
- Jindabyne, Gaden Trout Hatchery (off Kosciuszko Road)
- Ebor, Dutton Trout Hatchery (Point lookout Road)

“We made an election commitment to designate a special day to encourage the community to get out there and fish, I’m proud to say that the “Go Fishing Day” delivers upon that commitment,” Mr Blair said.

“The NSW Government is committed to supporting the recreational fishing sector and this year alone more than \$15 million from the sale of recreational fishing fees has been invested into projects that directly benefit recreational anglers.”

The NSW Government has removed the requirement to hold a recreational fishing license for one day only on “Go Fishing Day”, to encourage new participants to take up the pastime.

Activities will include free ‘try fishing’ sessions for beginners, adults and children (five years and older), goodie bags with lots of ‘fishy’ giveaways, casting competitions and expert advice from DPI Fisheries staff.

Free local seafood tastings at Coffs Harbour, Kurnell and Nowra will also be available and educational fish hatchery tours will take place at Jindabyne, Narrandera and Ebor.

If people cannot get to one of the six locations, they can still join in and be in the draw to win one of 50 high quality rod and reel fishing combos. To participate, just take a photo of you fishing or collecting litter from your local fishing spot in NSW on Sunday, 6 December and email it to gofishing.nsw@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

More information about “Go Fishing Day” is available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational.