

## **Tackling Fishing Litter - Know your Knots!**

Tangaroa Blue Foundation and the Australian National Sportfishing Association tie up to tackle fishing litter

The Tangaroa Blue Foundation and the Qld Branch of the Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA) are challenging fishers across the country to "know your knots" in a bid to reduce the amount of fishing line lost in Australian waterways.

According to the Australian Marine Debris Initiative Database, fishing line is one of the top 20 items litter impacting the Great Barrier Reef and in waterways across Australia.

"We know that helping recreational fishers tie better knots will ultimately reduce the amount of fishing line lost in our waterways," says Tangaroa Blue CEO Heidi Tait.

"By tackling this issue with the Australian National Sportfishing Association, we're hoping to share their knowledge of knots with the wider fishing community."

The groups are challenging fishers across the country to see how quickly they can tie the improved clinch knot in a bid to beat ANSA Qld President, Adam Royle's TikTok record of 9.5 seconds.

"The improved clinch knot is one of the toughest knots around so if you master it, the chances are you'll lose less line. But it can be a little tricky, so get busy and see if you can beat my time before you tie yourself in knots," Royle said.

The Know Your Knots challenge is part of the ReefClean Look After Your Tackle campaign which will run until June 30 and will also see fishing litter monitored at several sites around the Great Barrier Reef.

For more information: [ReefClean.org/lookafteryourtackle](https://reefclean.org/lookafteryourtackle).