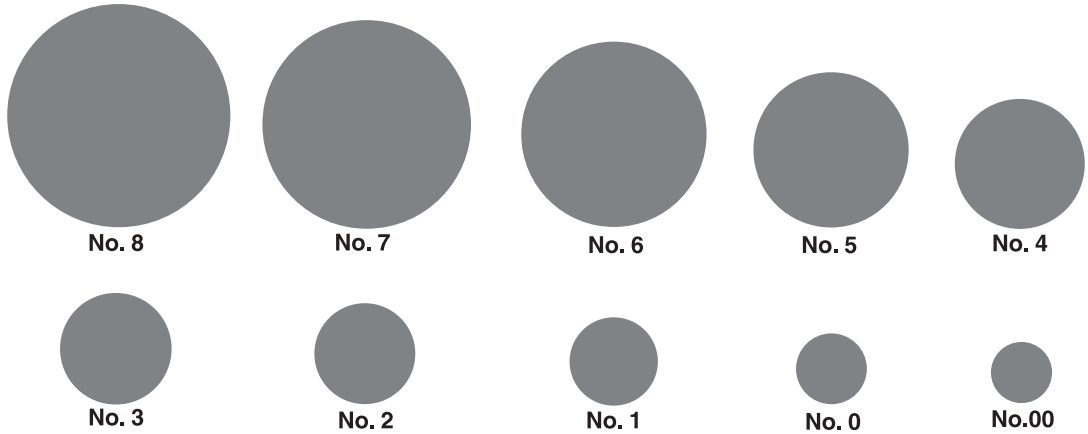


SIZE GUIDE TO BALL SINKERS



LAND BASED FISHING

With regards to the various locations covered in this publication, we are very fortunate to have such a large array of open public spaces, parks and facilities, and the opportunities they open up for land based fishing. I can safely say that you could fish from any one of our foreshore parks and have a good chance of picking up a feed of bream, flathead or whiting. Following is a run down on how to go about catching these fish from the land.

Basically, land based fishing tactics and methods can be treated similar to fishing at anchor in the bays and estuaries, with the one main exception. That is current flow. When fishing at anchor the current will be flowing from behind to in front of you or vice versa, where as land based fishing will have it flowing from left to right or right to left. The problem encountered here is that the correct sinker size has to be used to stop your bait from ending up back at the shoreline.

The rigs shown (Pg's 233 to 238) are suited to land based fishing, but could be subject to sinker size variation depending on current strength.

The required sinker size can only be determined by the angler, at the time they are fishing with regard to current strength and the nature of the bottom. The principle is to cast upstream into the current and have the bait slowly travel around in front of you (NB not rapidly) and come to rest on the edge of a drop off. Let the bait sit for at least 15min. and repeat action if desired.

Another factor having a bearing on bait travel speed will be the amount of line cast out. The more line out the greater the area wind and current has to push against. If possible have two lines in the water when trying to locate fish. Cast one to the deeper water and the other to the shallow water ie. 450mm min. of water. Different sinker sizes may be required for each line ie. deeper water, longer cast, more line in water, more sinker weight could be needed.

Another method is to cast out and slowly retrieve the bait. This will take you from the deeper water up over the drop offs and onto the submerged sand banks. Repeat action in your vicinity until fish are located.

