

# Riverina Sportfishing Report

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By the time you read this article the word about Lake Mulwala and how well it's been fishing has spread far and wide. When Mulwala fires, it's a very special place to fish. Being a drowned red gum forest there are literally thousands of logs for cod to live in and once they decide to feed catches of twenty or even thirty cod a day are commonplace.

Autumn is a great time of year to fish Mulwala as the wind is generally non-existent and the days mostly warm and sunny. The Lake is dropping slowly at the moment and is likely to remain at a reduced capacity for some time. This lower water level has allowed the sunlight to penetrate through to the lake bed and weed growth has proliferated in the shallower regions.

The weed makes much of the lake inaccessible, however the deeper water is easily distinguished by the lack of weed on the surface. It's these deeper margins along the river and creek beds where the cod lay in wait for a tasty morsel to swim past.

To catch cod in Mulwala, there are two main methods. Bait and lures. Bait fishing is generally better through the summer, and at this time of year the fish feed on small carp and as such lure fishing is the preferred method.

Spinnerbaits and hard body lures are both catching fish, but ensure that you fish very close to the structure as the water is cold and the fish won't chase your lure very far.

Closer to home the river has a trickle of water flowing through it, and is very clear. These conditions are perfect for casting spinnerbaits and the cod are accommodating by continuing to bite well. Again, lures need to be cast within centimetres of a log before the fish will attack it, so don't be shy in throwing your spinner right in amongst the gnarliest of snags.

Lobster season has commenced, but as yet they aren't really on the bite locally. Reports from further downstream and in the Murray indicate better catches than we have here in Wagga Wagga, but until it gets cold, the lobsters wont fire up.

Riverina Sportfishing continues to be very busy with fisherman coming from across south eastern Australia and a few from overseas to fish in our local waters with guide, Jamin Forbes. If you want to learn how to fish effectively, a day or two on the water with Riverina Sportfishing will improve your fishing significantly. Details are on the website at [www.riverinasportfishing.com](http://www.riverinasportfishing.com)