

Riverina Sportfishing Report

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The most interesting thing to have happened in the past week is that the cold, miserable weather is good for Murray crayfish. Finally we have had a series of frosts and a dabble of rain which are precursors for the crays to start feeding more consistently.

The best bait for crays are carp, but if you are unable to procure a carp or two, liver is the next best thing. One thing to note about liver is that after a couple of hours it loses its effectiveness as the blood washes out. When this happens, change to fresh baits and you will continue to catch crays.

The onset of spring will hopefully be soon and warm days and rising water temperatures will greatly increase fish activity. The trout cod continue to be active through the cold and its important to distinguish this species from a Murray cod as they can be similar in appearance. Important to be aware that trout cod are totally protected and Murray cod season is still open until the end of august.



Reports from around the region are that golden perch are starting to get interested, but not enough to bite a lure as yet. When goldens are repeatedly following a lure and refusing to bite, one option is to change lure type. For example if you're fishing spinnerbaits, try a hard body or vice versa. Often the change will press the right buttons with the golden's and one will attack rather than follow.

Redfin continue to be consistent in Blowering with ice jigs and small yabbies accounting for some good bags through the week. When chasing reddies, keep a close eye on your finder and lower your bait or lure to the depth where you can see the fish schooled up. Keep the lure or bait moving as redfin love a moving target.

I have updated my website www.riverinasportfishing.com with a fresh look for the new season and also added a library with my published articles. You may find a tip or two amongst this material.

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