

Riverina Sportfishing Report

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If you fish Blowering with any regularity, you know how hard it can be to fish. The largely barren landscape has few features to target when fishing and with the ultra-clear water the fish can swim too deep through the day for most lures.

You can be successful fishing during the day at this time of year using shallow running lures in water less than three metres, but for more consistent results night fishing can be a great option.

Usually around sunset is a peak time to fish and then the bite tends to go quiet for a couple of hours and resumes around 10.00 or 11.00pm.

The fish are a lot braver at night and swim in open water, often taking lures which are several metres from the bottom. However, I still like to have my lures within the one metre strike zone and usually position the boat between three and six metres of water.



The lures I use depend on whether cod or golden perch are the target, but most times I swim a Custom Crafted Hammerhead or Fish Stik in small or medium, or a 50-70mm AC Invader. Lures in this size range appeal to both cod and goldens, and increase your chances of catching a fish of some sort.

The most popular time to fish Blowering at night has historically been the full moon. This moonlight makes it easy to see where you are going, but due to the popularity of this moon phase it can be very busy. In more recent years I have been fishing different moon phases and had just as much success. The only difference is that I often fish in the absolute darkness and use a combination of torchlight and the sounder to navigate trolling banks.

Last week, Dave Carter and I had a quick trip to Blowering. The half moon on this night didn't rise until 3.00am, so we fished in complete darkness. We didn't start fishing until 8.30pm and missed the sunset bite, but around 10.00pm the fish came on and despite great reports of golden perch on the full moon, could 'only' managed nine feisty cod to 63cm as by-catch in the five hours we were on the water.

I have spent many years fishing Blowering at night and have my boat set up for night tours. If you want to learn how to fish in the dark now is the time to give me a call on 0427 692522 or visit www.riverinasportfishing.com