

GARY BROWN'S FRESHWATER BAIT FISHING RIGS

HOW TO RIG BARDI / WITCHETTY GRUBZ

You can collect your own bardi grubs by looking for them in the ground under the exposed roots of red gum and grey box trees. As for me I prefer to buy them from my local freshwater tackle shop as it is much quicker and easier.

When pinning the hook inside the bardi grub I will use either a turn-down or turned-up eye hook and make sure that I pull the eye inside the bardi grub. By doing this the skin of the grub closes around the bend in the eye helping it stay on the hook without having to do a half-hitch around the tail. Make sure that the hook point and barb are always outside the body of the grub.

Hook size should be appropriate to the size of the bait and the fish species that you are targeting at the time. As an example, for trout I would use a #6 to a #1 and for Murray cod I would use a 1/0 to 4/0 hook. When placing the hook on the outside of the bardi grub I prefer to use a straight eyed hook to help avoid line twists.

They are very simple to rig on a hook and can be used while targeting Murray cod and even bass, using a number of different rigs, like the paternoster, running ball sinker down onto the hook, a running sinker down onto a swivel and a leader of about a metre, suspended under a bubble or stemmed float, a small split shot or just unweighted. You can check these rigs out in Gary Brown's Essential Saltwater Bait Fishing Rigs.

