

In The Black

In the last month or so, I've been out west of Wagga Wagga taking a few images of the night sky.

The sky out that way is a chandelier of stars which makes binocular viewing fabulous, and of course makes taking images very pleasant, especially when it's not too cold and there's no breeze.

On the 5th of March at 10:41PM the moon (98.7% Illum) had been up for about 3 hours and 24 minutes but the sky to the East was filled with stars which made a very nice backdrop to the river and gum trees - in fact, even with the moon near full, I was amazed at the brilliance of the stars.

A few weekends later, 27, 28, 29 March, again I was blessed with great weather and after a long drive took a few images early Friday morning between 00:15 - 00:29.

Up early, I caught a nice Trout cod (released) and a common Golden Perch that measured 41cm, this one I ate with gusto, mmm, filleted and dusted in flour and shallow fried in virgin olive oil.

After a big day exploring and a few beers to keep me company, I took a few images of the moon at about 19:49 and then past the time catching a few fish, one nice Murray Cod 620mm, 4.6kg (released un-harmed). As the moon dropped behind the horizon at about 00:38 Saturday, I had fun taking shots of Crux, Scorpius, general sky views and Orion (05 March)

There's nothing better for me than still air, a cold beer, a fishing rod, a camera and living it rough, in the black.





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