



# The Australian Lure Fishing Podcast

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## Episode 7: Burdekin River Sooty Grunter With Andy Thomsen [Download MP3](#)

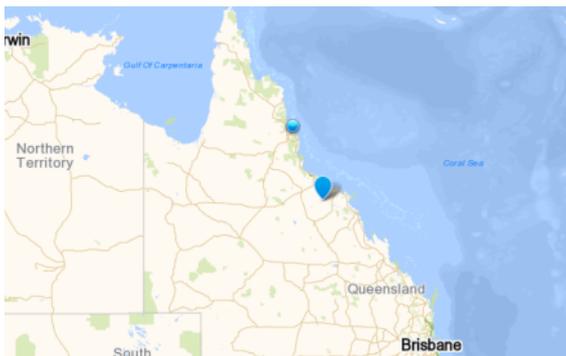


### Andy Thomsen

Youtube Fishing Presenter

Andy's is a Youtube fishing sensation, with almost 150,000 subscribers to his channel at the time of this episode.

Based in Queensland, this former fishing guide is skilled both in catching fish and in telling the stories.



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### Andy's Tips For Catching Sooty Grunter

- Do some research before you leave home. Spend some time on Google Earth looking for areas with a few decent holes and be prepared to walk in to some inaccessible spots for the best fishing opportunities. Rock bars and places where the river changes direction are also hotspots.
- It's amazing where sooty grunter will take up residence. Often fish are in shallow, crystal clear water but you won't see them until they charge out to take a lure. Sooty grunter love structure, especially timber, so always cast to any piece of structure you see.
- Sooty grunter will often shelter in shady areas such as undercuts or under tree canopies during the heat of the day. Big holes are often good spots, but structure in fast flowing water can bring spectacular fishing results.

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## Andy's Tackle For Sooty Grunter

- A 1000 spin or small baitcast combo with 5-6kg line is a good option as it gives a fighting chance when you encounter freshwater barramundi or mangrove jacks while chasing sooties.
- Andy likes a good quality telescopic rod like [Daiwa's Triple B](#) for easy of packing while he's bashing through the bush.
- Light leaders work best on sooties and help ensure the small lures used for grunter will work properly.

## Andy's Top Lures For Burdekin Sooty Grunter

- Early morning and late afternoon a [Lively Lures "Ziggy"](#) stickbait fished "walk the dog" style works well. Colour is not important.
- [Lively Lures Micro Mullet](#). Colour seems to be important, sometimes natural colours work, other times bright colours are best.
- [Sumaki Spider Prawn Boombait](#) rigged weedless on a [worm hook](#) is great in heavy cover

## Conditions And Time Of Year For Sootie Fishing

- Early to mid wet season is a good time to fish for sooty grunter, after there has been a little bit of rainfall and the insects are hatching.

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## Resources

[QLD Fisheries](#) for the latest QLD Sooty Grunter size and bag limits.