



## Qld Barra season tough for most.



With Barra tough to come by for most people in Qld this season, thinking outside the box has been particularly important. Halco's Neil Patrick can testify to this theory, fishing with guide Lindsay Dobe on Lake Proserpine recently. Trolling Laser Pro 190s are not the first lure that comes to mind when targeting Barra but the proof was in the pudding when 8 fish over the magic metre mark were taken by the boys over their 3 days fishing on the Laser Pros.



Trevor Cassidy fished the Halco Monduran Morning Event and scored the biggest fish of the ABT Barra series with a magnificent 121cm barra on the first day. The fish was taken casting a Scorpion 125XDD cranked along the deep side of a drop off that showed fish on the sounder. Trevor took home some great cash and prizes for his big fish and shows that fishing is a real thinking mans game.



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## Cords visits Halco's Newest Factory



*Pictured Above: Col and Jenny Cordingley recently inspected Halco's newest facility in Batam, Indonesia with MD Ben Patrick.*

Barra legend and long time Territorian Col Cordingley and his wife Jenny were recently guests of Halco at their Batam Factory. The factory has now been in operation for two years and Col and Jenny got the opportunity to see the state of the art facility first hand. "From the finger print entry to the clean room style assembly areas, the factory is a state of the art facility and a credit to Halco" Col said.

Col has been a long time user of Halco's products and has been instrumental in providing feedback to Halco on aspects of products that need further improvement. "It was great to see actual changes to production methods that are a result of my comments to Ben about ways to improve products when being used out on the river".

Halco managing director Ben Patrick has always believed that in most cases, to make great products that are true to a great brand, the company should fully control and preferably own its manufacturing facilities. "The fact that we can control every aspect of our production and quickly make improvements and refinements is essential to the continued improvement of our tackle. When we opened our second factory one of my stipulations was that we maintained the quality. We have achieved this in all operations and in many cases have further improved the quality of our products"

## Summer Sun Causes Lure Damage

It's that time of year again when the summer sun is beating down hard on us all. During this time the boys at Halco have received several calls from anglers with tales from the north in particular, of bulging, warped lures.

This subject has been covered several times in Newsreel but the subject is worth revisiting at the hottest time of the year.

As you would know, Halco use only the finest grade materials available and our manufacturing process' are refined to be the best in the business. No leaking, water sodden lures here.

With that in mind, you should know that lures left out in the direct sunlight, especially when left in the clear plastic tackle boxes available today is a recipe for disaster for the lure. Temperatures inside the lure can reach in excess of two hundred degrees in a matter of ten or fifteen minutes.

First, the air inside the lure expands which increases the internal air pressure and with the temperature rapidly rising, the plastic begins to reach the lower end of it's melting point. With quality lures like Halco produce, the welding process is very secure, the lures will bulge and warp as the expanding super heated gases look for a way out of the lure.

Cheap imitation lures don't warp because the welding process has generally failed well before hand, venting and leaving a hole in the lure for water to intrude the next time it is swum.

Either way the lure is ruined, so the message here is look after them and your hip pocket and keep them out of the sun as it cannot be considered under Halco's warranty policy.

