



Tough Little Qld *Cherax*

It's amazing what you find when your out surveying the creeks of Queensland.

This is a dry creek bed with a boulder sitting in the clay. Paul turned the boulder over and there is this cute pair of *Cherax depressus* crayfish.



Surviving happily in a totally dry environment these two only had relatively rudimentary burrows. They must have got caught out as the creek dried and did not have enough time to dig a deep burrow. This is quite common as large rocks offer good insulation and protection from temperature extremes.