



Engaeus affinis

When I was down in Victoria I met up with well known crayfish identity Dave Royal. You would all know Dave from his web site Crayfish World www.crayfishworld.com.au. I'm an early starter so came over to Dave's for breakfast and as he was cooking me bacon and eggs for breakfast he mentioned that he could easily capture some *Engaeus* for me in the local creek. I had spent several days before meeting Dave chasing *Engaeus* species of crayfish and let me assure you they are a really difficult species to capture. Being a skeptic I didn't believe him and needed to be shown the error of my ways. After breaky Dave took me down the road to Darebin Creek which is more like a drain through the suburbs of Melbourne. He said he catches them just under the rocks so I turned over the biggest rock I could find and sure enough there was a nice size crayfish happily living under that rock. That's my 3rd *Engaeus* species I had ever captured so I was ecstatic. I had a great time with Dave and later that day went *E. armatus* fishing with him.

