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The real pioneer of Australian lure manufacturing was Peter Newell, a local policeman from Tenterfield in northern New South Wales. Not surprisingly, Peter Newell was a mate of Rod Harrison (who also encouraged me to get into writing) and a very successful Murray cod angler. From the backyard came the Kadaitcha, the original and certainly one of the best cod lures ever made.

There were only a few hundred Kadaitchas ever made, and they were so good that very few of these lures exist in mint condition. Several of my Kadaitchas are left in northern NSW streams and a few have been deposited wherever by cod that were stronger than my gear and broke me off. A mint condition Peter Newell Kadaitcha original (and not one of the many close or not so close imitations) would be worth around \$200 right now and I would expect them to double in value within the next 5 years.

From the humble beginnings of Newell in the Tenterfield area came many other producers, with Robert Gaden doing an 'apprenticeship' with Peter Newell. Trevor McFeeters' Tenterfield lures and Peter Taylor with Eddy lures and others have formed one of the real hubs of Australian lure manufacture.

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