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Gundy Carp Cull a huge success

More than 250 people registered for the Goondiwindi Carp Cull over the Anzac Day long weekend, hauling in a total of 149 European Carp. The heaviest carp weighed a massive 5.29 kilograms.

Competitors were able to register from 5pm on Friday afternoon with final weigh-ins taking place at 11am on Sunday. Competitors went into the draw for a number of prizes, with Goondiwindi local, Michael Heironyms, winning the major prize of an Engle Fridge valued at \$1200.

John Billsborough, from the Goondiwindi Fishing Club, said he was impressed by the numbers of people that participated. "We had 266 registrations, which was an increase on last year," he said. "It shows that people within the community are becoming more aware of carp in our river systems, and the need to do something about it."

The Carp Cull weekend was supported by the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC), the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F), the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre (CRC), the Goondiwindi Bowls Club, David Ford Auto Electrical and Air Conditioning, the Queensland Hotel, Gundy Sports Centre, Mitre 10, Mackenzie's Home Timber and Hardware, Beaurepaires, and Lisa's Screen Art.

Representatives from QMDC, the Invasive Animals CRC, and the DPI&F Fish Care volunteers were at the event, talking to participants about European Carp, how they can manage the spread of the pest, and how they can more responsibly enjoy fishing and promote river health.

QMDC representative, Megan Purvis, was happy with the weekend's proceedings. "These events have been a good way to get the community involved in the management of one of the worst pest fish species in the Murray-Darling Basin," she said.

The Goondiwindi Carp Cull was the third of six Carp Busters events supported by QMDC across the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin this year. The next Carp Busters weekend will be held in Mungindi on 17 and 18 May. Contact Megan Purvis on 07 4671 7900 for more information.

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John Billsborough, Goondiwindi Fishing Club president, at the weigh-in.