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Mungindi Carp Busters

The Mungindi Carp Busters Competition, fourth in a six part series of Carp Busting Competitions throughout the Queensland Murray Darling Basin, was held on 17 and 18 May.

The Mungindi Fishing Club is one of six clubs involved in the Carp Buster series coordinated by natural resource management group, the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC). The QMDC Carp Busters Series is one of the biggest community awareness programs for European Carp and the damage they cause to river systems in the Murray-Darling Basin.

The Mungindi event was held on the property "Yarramindi", 25 kilometres from Mungindi along the Talwood-Mungindi road.

There were many prizes up for grabs. "This included fishing rods, reels, fishing DVDs, and a signed Rex Hunt fishing book," said organiser Red Trindall.

Red said that a good time was had by all, with almost 80 carp reeled in over the two days. The heaviest carp caught weighed almost 3.5kg and was hauled in by A. Quirk. Adam Billsborough caught the biggest carp in the junior division.

Lavinnia Fiedler, Weeds and Pest Animal Technical Officer with QMDC, said "Carp is one of the world's most widely distributed freshwater fish and has invaded large sections of southern Queensland's rivers, creeks and dams."

"These Carp Buster events not only allow us to raise the awareness of the introduced fish carp, but to highlight a host of other issues surrounding the degradation of our river and creek systems and reasons for native fish declines".

For more information on the QMDC Carp Buster Series, please contact Lavinnia Fielder on 07 4622 8446.

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