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Carp Cull coming for Macintyre River

Goondiwindi District Promotions and the Queensland Murray Darling Committee have formed a partnership to hold Goondiwindi's first Carp Cull Fishing Competition.

The 'Cull' is scheduled to be held on the 19th and 20th of May, and event organisers are expecting 500 anglers. With cash and prizes to the value of $10,000 up for grabs competition is expected to be fierce.

Organisers have secured gold sponsorship from Peter and Alison Rice's Gundy Guns and Outdoor Supplies, comprising of a fully outfitted Viking Fisherman kayak.

"The kayak will be outfitted with a Motor Guide electric motor and is decked out with rod holders and tackle compartments, making it ideal for the keen angler," said Peter Rice.

The Invasive Animal Cooperative Research Centre will be using the event to help with their research into carp biology, and leading up the event will be tagging fish in the competition area. There will be special prizes for anglers who land tagged fish.

The Queensland Murray Darling Committee is committed to improving the state of natural resources in the Border Rivers Catchment and sees Carp Cull as an important event in promoting River Health.

Carp are a major pest of inland waterways according to Megan Purvis, Riverine and Floodplain Technical Officer for QMDC.

"Carp are bottom feeders and when present in large numbers their habits contribute to increased turbidity and reduced bank stability. They also feed on the native fish eggs and compete for resources leading to a reduction in native fish numbers."

Jamie White, President of Goondiwindi District Promotions is excited about the upcoming event. "This event showcases Goondiwindi's best natural asset, the MacIntyre River. Carp are a blight on the natural fishery and this event will help native fish recover to the numbers present prior to the arrival of carp. Fishing on the tranquil MacIntyre is a superb way to get in touch with nature, and nothing beats the thrill of catching and releasing a trophy Murray Cod."

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