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## Mungindi Carp Buster success

Anglers lined the Barwon River on August 22 and 23 for the 2009 Mungindi Carp Buster Fishing Competition, reeling in more than 100 of the pest species.

Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Weeds and Pest Animal Technical Officer Lavinnia Fiedler said in all, more than 130 anglers caught about 80kg of carp.

"The most successful junior angler for the two-day event was four-year-old Dakota Davies from Mungindi who caught five carp and our most successful adult angler was Thallon's Bruce Johnson who caught 14," Ms Fiedler said.

The Mungindi competition was the fourth of six 'Carp Busting' events held across the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin to raise awareness of the impact of exotic fish, weeds and a range of other factors that influence water quality.

The remaining two dates for the Carp Buster series are: St George on September 26 and 27 and Dirranbandi on October 10 and 11. Visit [www.qmdc.org.au](http://www.qmdc.org.au) for more information.

The 2009 series is supported by the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC) and the six fishing clubs involved are offering a prize pool of \$3000 with points awarded for the number of carp caught as well as the number of events entered.

"As well as raising awareness about the impact of introduced pest species, these events also allow us to highlight a host of other issues surrounding the degradation of our river and creek systems and other reasons for declines in native fish populations," Ms Fiedler said.

"Erosion, salinity, riparian clearing, contaminated run-off (chemical, storm water), de-snagging (loss of fish habitat), introduced pest species (weeds and animals), dams and weirs (impacting fish passage), irrigation, fouling of the water by introduced animals, urban pollution and illegal fishing all impact on our native fish," she said.

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