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Success for Goondiwindi Carp Buster event

Anglers at the Goondiwindi Carp Buster fishing event on the Anzac Day weekend hauled in an impressive 351 of the pest fish.

The event, the first in the seven-event Carp Buster series, aimed to raise awareness of pest fish, including the European Carp, and the damage they cause to the region's rivers and waterways.

Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Weed & Pest Animal Technical Officer Lavinnia Fiedler said over 200 anglers lined up for the Goondiwindi event.

"The most carp were caught by Joey Lamb and Iris Troutman in the adult section, whilst Jack Clyne and Christina Ash hauled in the biggest carp in the junior section," Ms Fiedler said.

She said carp and other invasive fish species impacted on the health of native fish populations across the region, as well as the riverine environment.

"Children at the family-orientated event had a chance to check out what else is in the water on Saturday, April 24 with water bug sampling and identification," Ms Fiedler said.

"This was a great activity, and over 20 kids got involved in the activity, with a bit of extra help from their parents."

The 2010 series includes seven events, starting in Goondiwindi and finishing in Thallon with events also hosted by the Bollon, Mungindi, St George and Dirranbandi fishing clubs before the final early in 2011.

The remaining dates for the 2010 seven-event series are:

- Thallon Carp Buster – May 8-9
- Bollon Carp Buster – May 22-23
- Mungindi Carp Buster – June 26-27
- St George Carp Buster – September 25-26
- Dirranbandi Carp Buster – October 16-17
- Thallon Carp Buster final – March 19-20, 2011.

QMDC's partners for the event and associated activities include the six regional fishing clubs, the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Biosecurity Queensland, regional councils and the Invasive Animals CRC.

Points are awarded throughout the competition for participation and the number of carp caught with anglers competing for a \$3000 prize pool. More details are available at www.qmdc.org.au or from the fishing clubs.

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