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Bollon anglers gather for first carp competition

It might have been the first ever Carp Buster fishing event in Bollon but local anglers proved they were no novices, catching 638 of the pest fish during the two day competition.

Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Weed & Pest Animal Technical Officer Lavinnia Fiedler said more than 219 anglers took part in the May 22 and 23 event.

“To say the community response to this event was amazing would be a complete understatement,” she said.

“The anglers and their families really turned out in force on the weekend, so much so that the town actually sold out of worms!

“The Carp Buster event was actually the first for the new Bollon Fishing Club. The group has only just started, thanks to seed money provided by the Bollon Aboriginal Corporation.”

Ms Fiedler said as well as a strong local contingent, keen anglers travelled from Bribie Island, Toowoomba and Blackall for the event, as well as St George, Dirranbandi and Thallon.

The remaining competitions in the seven-event 2010 Carp Buster series include:

- 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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