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Carp Busters coming to Mungindi

Anglers in the Mungindi district will have the opportunity to show off their fishing skills when the third Carp Busters event of the 2010 series is held in Mungindi on the weekend of June 26-27.

The event is part of the larger Carp Buster fishing series, which is coordinated by local regional NRM group, the Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC). It aims to raise awareness of pest fish the European Carp and the damage it causes to the region's rivers and waterways.

The weekend event, which is supported by the Mungindi Fishing Club, provides essential educational information on correct fishing practices and river health, as well as offering a fun day out for the family.

According to QMDC Weed and Pest Technical Officer Lavinnia Fiedler, carp is one of the world's most widely distributed freshwater fish, invading large sections of southern Queensland's rivers, creeks and dams.

"They also impact on native fish populations in the region, so you can see why we are keen to raise awareness of the carp amongst the community," Ms Fiedler said.

"We really hope that the community get involved, as this is a great opportunity for the family to come together and have some fun with great prizes on offer for the largest and heaviest catch of the weekend and wider Carp Busters series.

"The series culminates in Thallon in March 2011, with the further events planned for St George (September 25 and 26) and Dirranbandi (October 16 and 17) this year and the more events anglers compete in, the more points they earn in the overall series," she said.

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.

For more information on the event, please contact Red Trindall on 02 6753 2202 or Peter Murphy on 0429 776 667.

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee is a natural resource management organisation that supports communities in within the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin to sustainably manage their natural resources. Visit www.qmdc.org.au for more information.

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