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Fishing gets muddy at Mungindi

Some wet weather made things a little interesting for anglers at Mungindi for the weekend's Carp Buster fishing event.

QMDC Weed and Pest Technical Officer Lavinnia Fiedler said despite steady rain on Saturday, June 26 slowing down the catches, 149 anglers reeled in 51 carp during the two day event.

"The event was held on a property about 18km from town and the black soil access road meant a few of our anglers left early or headed for dry ground when the rain started," Ms Fiedler said.

"Despite this, there was an increase on registrations this year with 65 junior and 84 adult competitors and everyone was in good spirits despite less than ideal conditions."

Ms Fiedler said the heaviest carp caught on the day was 6.48kg by James Leeson while Natasha Turnbull caught the most with a tally of nine.

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.

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.

"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.

Visit www.qmdc.org.au for more information.

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