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Carp Busters heading to St George this month

The Carp Busters fishing series moves onto St George on the weekend of September 25–26, promising two days of family fun on the banks of the Balonne River.

During the two-day anglers have the chance to win great prizes, learn more about the region's natural resources and have a fun day out, all at the same time.

Event coordinator Lavinnia Fiedler from the Queensland Murray- Darling Committee (QMDC), is hoping that the Spring air will attract anglers from near and far to the event.

"QMDC are working with the St George Fishing Club to organise this event. We really want to raise the awareness of the threats of European Carp to our waterways and the native fish that live in them," Ms Fiedler said.

"Carp have invaded many waterways in South West Queensland, and a lot of people aren't aware of the damage they cause. We are hoping that this family day out will increase that understanding and awareness," she said.

"Prizes are on offer to those who catch the biggest and heaviest carp, and kids are encouraged to throw in a line as well."

The St George Carp Busters is the fifth of the seven events in the Carp Busters series. The next event is to be held in Dirranbandi in October, with the final event scheduled for Thallon in March 2011.

"So far in 2010, more than 798 anglers have netted more than 1,260 carp, an amazing haul, especially given some less than ideal weather conditions for some of the events this year," Ms Fiedler said.

"The fishing series combines a family-orientated fun day out with an extensive education and awareness program highlighting the various factors influencing the health of river and creek systems in southern Queensland and populations of native fish species."

For more information on the St George Carp Busters event, please contact Kerry King from the St George Fishing Club on 07 4625 3636 or Lavinnia Fiedler from QMDC on 07 4620 4610.

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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