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Dirranbandi to host Carp Buster weekend

The annual Carp Buster weekend is to be held in Dirranbandi on October 23 and 24 with anglers lining up to try their luck at hauling in “the big one”.

The weekend, the sixth in the Carp Buster series, is supported by the Dirranbandi Fishing Club and the local natural resource management body, the Queensland Murray- Darling Committee (QMDC). The event will raise awareness of the pest fish, European Carp, which has invaded rivers in the region.

According to Lavinnia Fiedler, QMDC Weed and Pest Technical Officer, Carp is one of the world's most widely distributed freshwater fish and has dire impacts on water habitats.

“Carp impact on the cleanliness of the water and can negatively affect native fish populations,” Ms Fiedler said.

“We hope that this weekend, in conjunction with every event in the Carp Buster fishing series, raises awareness of these impacts.”

“The weekend is a fantastic opportunity for the whole family to get involved, with activities for the kids being held on Saturday, October 23, and information on native fish will be on display throughout the weekend.”

The Dirranbandi event is the final Carp Busters for 2010, with the competition wrapping up in Thallon in early 2011. Prizes are on offer for the most carp caught throughout the series, as well as mystery weight prizes for the Dirranbandi event.

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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