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Dirranbandi Carp Buster success

More than 280 keen men, women and children cast their lines to haul in more than 260 Carp in the annual Dirranbandi Carp Busters event.

The two-day event, held on October 23-24, was organised by the Dirranbandi Fishing and Restocking Club, and supported by the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC).

QMDC Weed and Pest Technical Officer Lavinnia Fiedler said the event was the sixth in the series of Carp Buster weekends held around the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin to help raise awareness of the pest fish, the European Carp.

“Carp have invaded many waterways in the region, competing with native species such as Yellowbelly and Cod,” Ms Fiedler said.

“We hope that by participating in the fun event, people will begin to understand the problems caused by Carp.”

Dirranbandi Fishing Club president Curly King was impressed with the turnout during the weekend.

“Having almost 300 keen anglers was great, especially with the rain and cooler conditions on Sunday,” Mr King said.

“The Carp Buster weekend is a great event that brings the community together.

“We had lots of visitors come to Dirranbandi especially for the fishing competition, and it was great to see them all enjoying themselves.

“There were lots of prizes on offer, including awards for the heaviest Carp and for the most Carp caught.

“Tasha Turnbull caught the most Carp at the event with a total catch of 35 Carp, and Iris Troutman caught the heaviest Carp, weighing in at a massive 5.665kg.”

The final Carp Buster event for this series will be held in Thallon on March 19 and 20, 2011. For more information, contact Lavinnia Fiedler on 4620 4600.

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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