

# The Canberra Carp-Out

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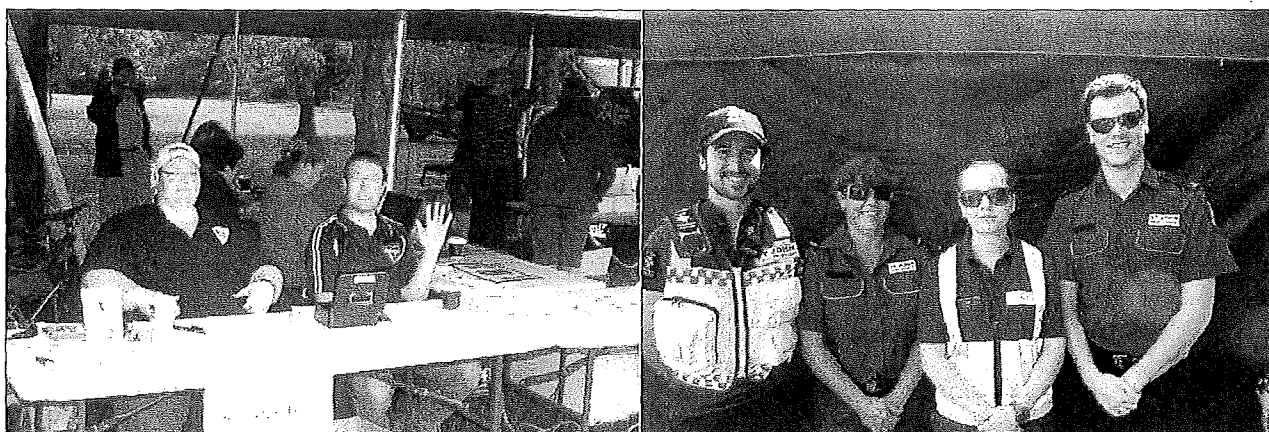
The Canberra Carp-Out is a family-friendly fishing event at Lake Burley Griffin held 30 March 2014. It promotes recreational fishing in the ACT, educates people about the adverse environmental impact of carp and redfin, and raises money for the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own and stocking native fish in ACT lakes.

Although the event did not officially kick off until 8.30 am, an army of volunteers from the Canberra Fisherman's Club, Tackle World Canberra, and ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group arrived at Lennox Gardens at 6.30 am to set up the Carp-Out Head Quarters, the Weigh-in Tent, and the registration tent.



The Carp-Out set up at Lennox Gardens. Left: Jerrabomberra Community Bank kindly supplied the marquee for the online registration and fish stocking raffle sales tent. Right: The Carp-Out HQ, First Aid Tent, Fish Strike Productions – Googong Green & Gold DVD display, and the Weigh-in Tent in the background.

Marquees for the Carp-Out Head Quarters and the Weigh-in Tent were hired from Barlens Hire, Toilets were hired from Canberra Hire Pty Ltd, and Action Buses supplied tables and chairs for the volunteers. St Johns Ambulance provided a First Aid Tent and four First Aid Officers. Volunteers from the ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group ran a sausage sizzle and sold cold drinks at the registration tent.



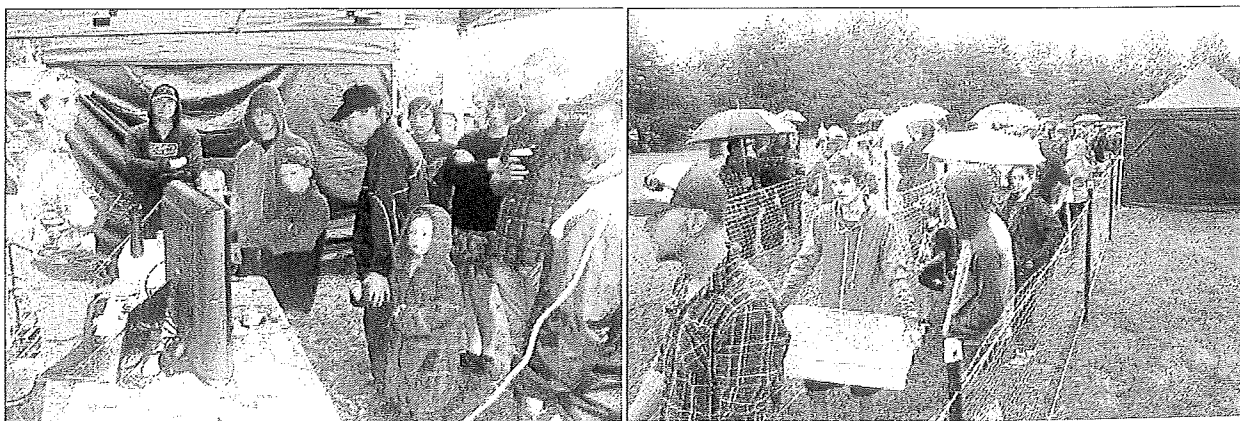
Left: Volunteers Sarah Borman and Shane Jasprizza assisted 253 participants who waited till the last minute to register for the Canberra Carp-Out. Right: St Johns Ambulance First Aid Officers Nathanael Semmler, Sally Smith, Loz Flett, and Lachlan Weeks were on hand to provide first aid in the event of an accident or injury. Fortunately, there were no reports of accidents or injuries this year.



Kristin O'Neill and Coralie Teer assisting participants who registered online.

Registrations opened at 8.30 am and fishing officially commenced at 9.00 am. In previous years, approximately 20% to 30% of participants register for the Carp-Out on the day. Rainy weather again dominated the lead up to the Carp-Out, resulting in 28% of people still left it to the last minute to register on the day. An army of volunteers assisted over 250 people complete registration forms, collect registration fees and key in registration details into the computer database.

The Weigh-in Station opened at 10.00 am. Fish were required to be humanely dispatched prior to weighing. Volunteers from the Canberra Fisherman's Club inspected all fish before allowing competitors to proceed to the Weigh-in Station.



Left: Romen Dicodski thrilling the crowds with his Fish Strike Productions – Googong Green & Gold DVD display. Right: Anglers lining up to weigh in their fish. Canberra Fisherman's Club volunteers inspected all fish passing the blue marquee in the background to ensure all fish had been humanely dispatched.

Keying in data on captures was again made easy with the use of bar code scanners to automatically register captures against bar codes on registration cards issued to participants. This allowed data on captures to be automatically recorded, dispensing with the need to manually key them into the computer database.



Zane Zhao and Adam Martin weighing in Fin McCarthy's 4.73 kg European Carp at the Weigh-in Tent.

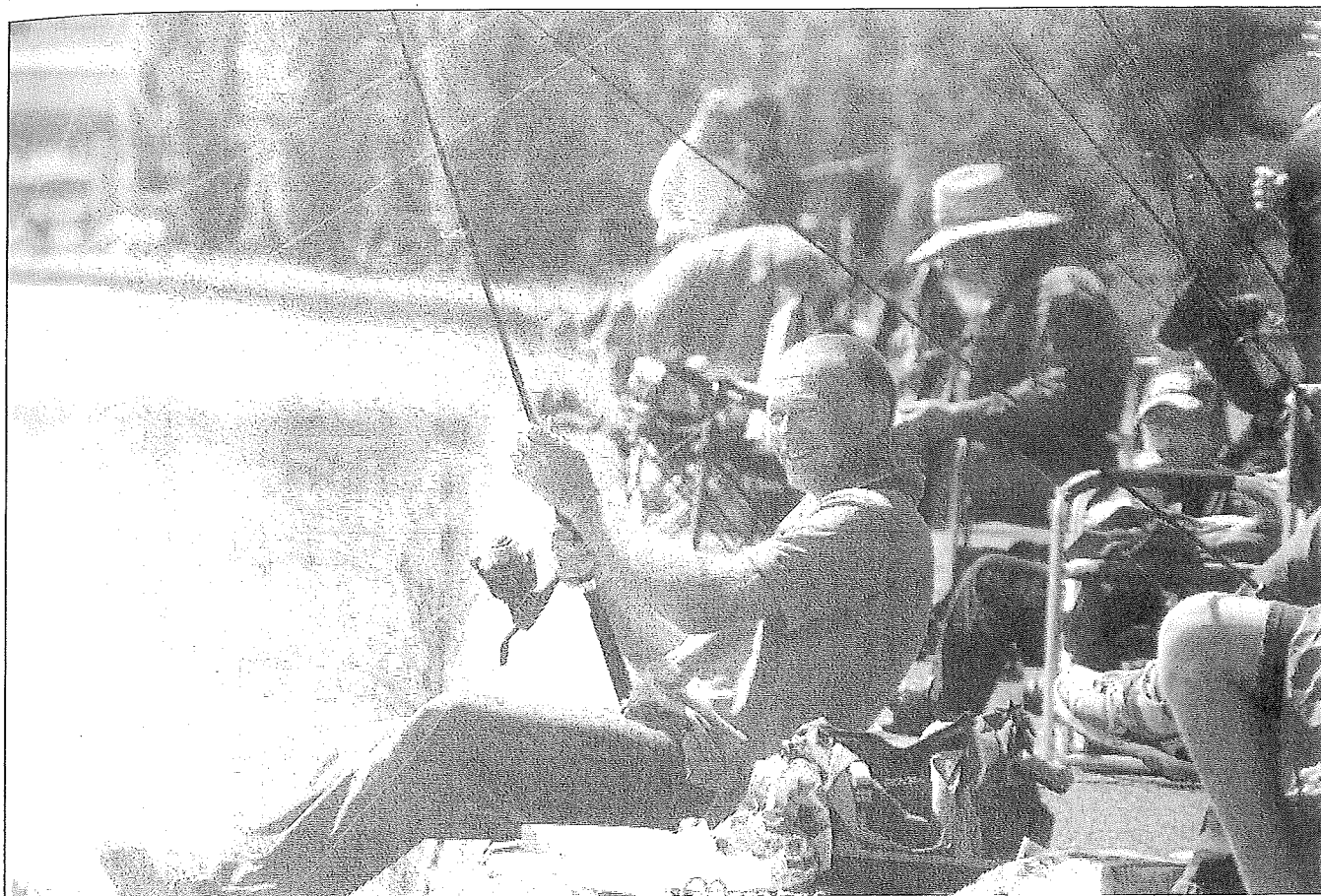
Once the fish were weighed, they were disposed of in bins provided by the Mulloon Institute and transported to Mulloon Creek Natural Farm (between Bungendore and Braidwood) to be turned into organic fertiliser. Mulloon Creek Natural Farms is a grazing, cropping and carbon building enterprise covering two farms in close proximity to each other on the Mulloon Creek, east of Canberra. Both properties are organic using the biodynamic system of agriculture. Mulloon Creek Natural Farm is a member of Biological Farmers of Australia.



Left: Zane Zhao disposing of carp into the bins supplied by the Mulloon Institutes. Right: Bins being loaded onto the trailer to be transported to Mulloon Creek Natural Farm to be turned into organic fertilizer.

Lennox Gardens was a popular spot for anglers and, accordingly, the bike path at Lennox Gardens was closed to traffic in accordance with a Traffic Management Plan with Territories and Municipal Services to ensure the safety of both anglers and cyclists. Care Traffic donated their time and resources to set up the road closure under the Traffic Management Plan.





Anglers fishing off the bank at Lennox Gardens.

Fishing finished at 3.00 pm and competitors were given until 3.30 pm to make their way to the registration tent to weigh in their fish and only a couple of anglers missed the 3.30 pm deadline. Unlike the previous year, there were no technical glitches with the computers and presentations commenced on time at 4.00 pm.



Left: The queue to the Weigh-in Station. Fishing ended at 3.00 pm and anglers had until 3.30 pm to get to the Weigh-in Station to weigh in their fish. Right: Kevin Spriggs supervising curious onlookers at the Weigh-in Station.

A total of 920 fish weighing 1,432.22 kg were weighed in on the day. The average weight per fish was 1.56 kg.

| Species       | Quantity   | Total weight       | Heaviest | Average weight |
|---------------|------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|
| European Carp | 744        | 1,411.28 kg        | 7.84 kg  | 1.90 kg        |
| Redfin Perch  | 176        | 20.94 kg           | 0.71 kg  | 0.12 kg        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>920</b> | <b>1,432.22 kg</b> |          | <b>1.56 kg</b> |

The top five captures for adult males, adult females, junior males and junior females were as follows:

### Top five adult males

|                  |               |         |
|------------------|---------------|---------|
| Petar Josifoski  | European Carp | 7.84 kg |
| Daniel Edwards   | European Carp | 7.19 kg |
| George Dugandzic | European Carp | 5.54 kg |
| Lindsay Murphy   | European Carp | 5.32 kg |
| Chris Garven     | European Carp | 4.94 kg |

### Top five adult females

|                    |               |         |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|
| Jessie Leck        | European Carp | 6.57 kg |
| Teresa De Pasquale | European Carp | 4.75 kg |
| Danielle Pring     | European Carp | 4.58 kg |
| Cathy Scavo        | European Carp | 4.20 kg |
| Hollie Ebsworth    | European Carp | 3.44 kg |

### Top five junior males

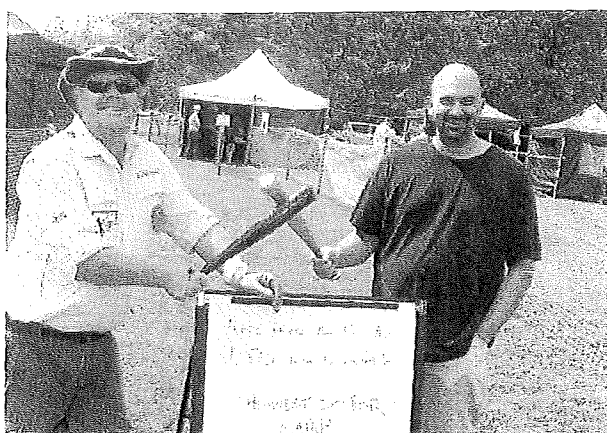
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| Alex Willey      | European Carp | 5.28 kg |
| Julian Milkovits | European Carp | 4.13 kg |
| Jesse Ausling    | European Carp | 4.01 kg |
| Jesse Ausling    | European Carp | 3.94 kg |
| Julian Milkovits | European Carp | 3.80 kg |

### Top five junior females

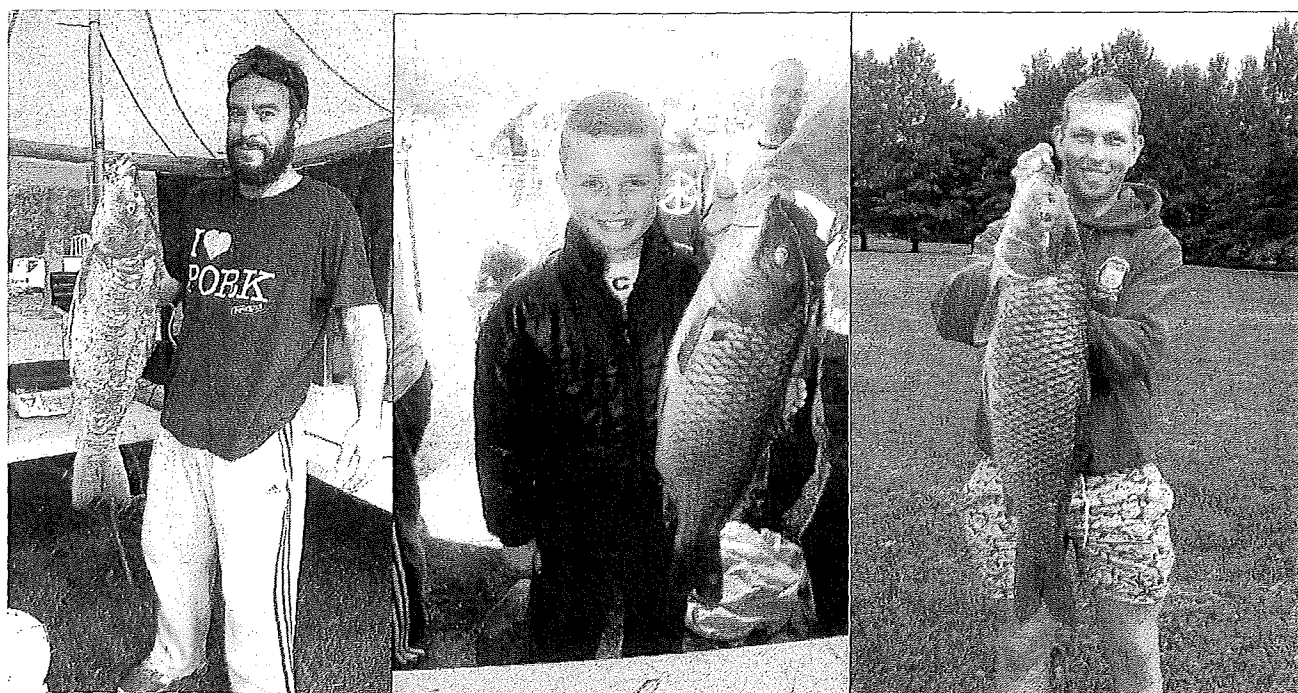
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| Lily McTiernan   | European Carp | 4.05 kg |
| Tara Sweeting    | European Carp | 3.46 kg |
| Kyla Baskerville | European Carp | 2.97 kg |
| Kyla Baskerville | European Carp | 2.89 kg |
| Rachel Dawes     | European Carp | 2.85 kg |



Albert Magassey guarding the Presidential Carp Park.



Mick Jewry and Adam Martin getting ready for despatch duties.



Left: Petar Josifoski with a 7.84 kg European Carp. This fish won Petar the prize for Heaviest Carp Adult. Centre: Chris Garven weighing in his 4.96 kg European Carp. Right: Fin McCarthy with a 4.76 kg European Carp.

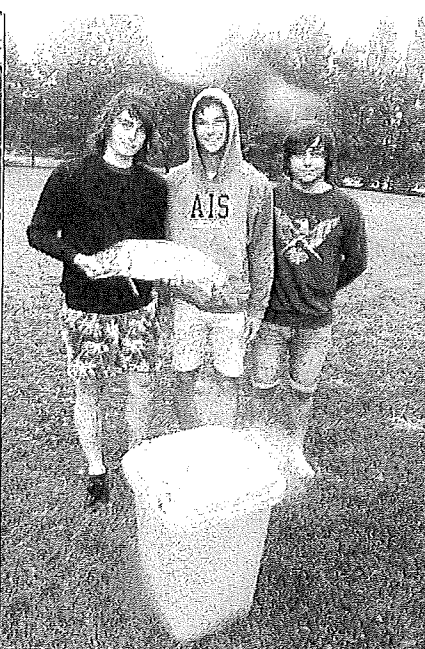




Left: Jason, Kayla and Josey Ray with a 1.09 kg, 2.77 kg and a 1.47 kg European Carp. Right: Riley and Heath Davis with a 1.15 kg and 1.40 kg European Carp.



Left: Charlie Jabbour with a 3.66 kg European Carp. Right: Jesse Ausling, Anton Polak, and Isobell Polak. Jessie caught three carp, the biggest weighing 4.01 kg and Anton caught two, the biggest weighing 3.1 kg.



Left: Toby Doricic with a 2.07 kg European Carp. Carp-Out participants used all sorts of methods to transport their carp to the Weigh-in Station. Centre: Ricky Rawlings, Ryan Thomas, Mitchell Rawlings with a pink wheelie bin of European Carp. Ricky caught eight carp, the heaviest weighing 3.4 kg. Right: Jeremy Bridger wheeling in a trolley of 18 European Carp, the biggest one weighing 2.82 kg.

The presentation commenced with Canberra Fisherman's Club President Glen Malam thanking everyone for supporting the event. Glen Malam then proceeded with the presentation of the prizes. In addition, Melissa Gardiner, Chief Executive Officer of the Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own, drew the winning tickets for the Canberra Fisherman's Club's fish stocking raffle.



Crowds waiting for Glen to announce the winners of the Carp-Out.

The winners of the 2014 Canberra Carp-Out were as follows:

***Early Bird Winner***



Glen Malam presenting **Charmaine Jennings** with the \$500 early bird cash prize.

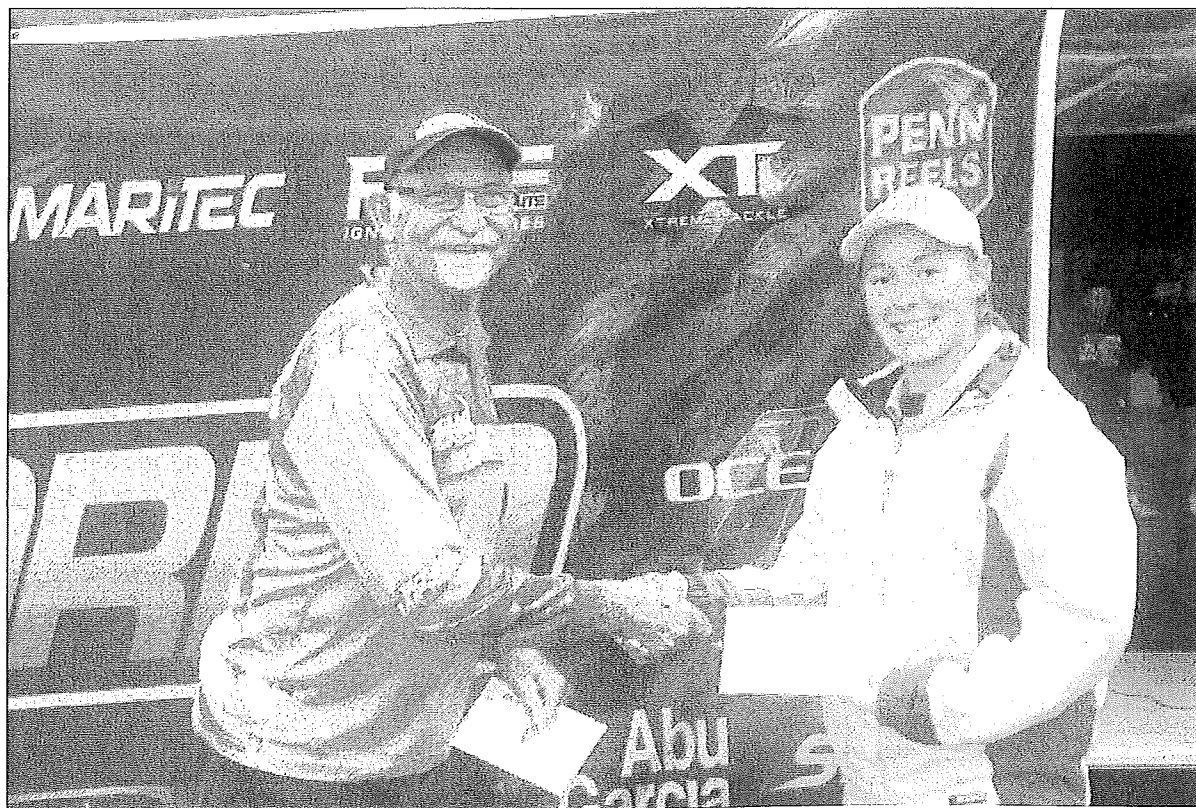


**Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 9.00 am – 10.00 am**



Gary Cairns presents a \$50 Tackle World Canberra Gift Voucher to **Jason Murray**.

**Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 10.00 am - 11.00 am**



Gary Cairns presents a \$50 Tackle World Canberra Gift Voucher to **Amanda Kyburz**.



**Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 11.00 am 12.00 pm**



Gary Cairns presents a \$50 Tackle World Canberra Gift Voucher to **James Gill**.

**Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm**



Gary Cairns presents a \$50 Tackle World Canberra Gift Voucher to **Lynette Vanaalst**.

**Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm**



Gary Cairns presents a \$50 Tackle World Canberra Gift Voucher to **Paul Jones**.

**Heaviest Carp Adult**



Glen Malam presenting a Rod and Reel Combo from Tackle World Canberra and a DVD from Fish Strike Productions – Googong Green and Gold to **Petar Josifoski** for his 7.84 kg European Carp



### **Heaviest Redfin Adult**



Glen Malam presenting a Tackle World Canberra Rod and Reel Combo & a Fish Strike Productions – Googong Green & Gold DVD to **Angus Patterson** for 0.71 kg Redfin Perch.

### **Heaviest Carp Junior Boy**



Glen Malam presenting a Rod and Reel Combo from Tackle World Canberra and a DVD from Fish Strike Productions – Googong Green and Gold to **Alex Willey** for his 5.28 kg European Carp

### *Heaviest Redfin Junior Boy*



Glen Malam presenting a Tackle World Canberra Rod and Reel Combo & a Fish Strike Productions – Googong Green & Gold DVD to **Codey Flack** for his 0.37 kg Redfin Perch.

### *Heaviest Carp Junior Girl*



Glen Malam presenting a Tackle World Canberra Rod & Reel Combo & a Fish Strike Productions – Googong Green & Gold DVD to **Lily McTiernan** for her 4.05 kg European Carp.



### *Heaviest Redfin Junior Girl*



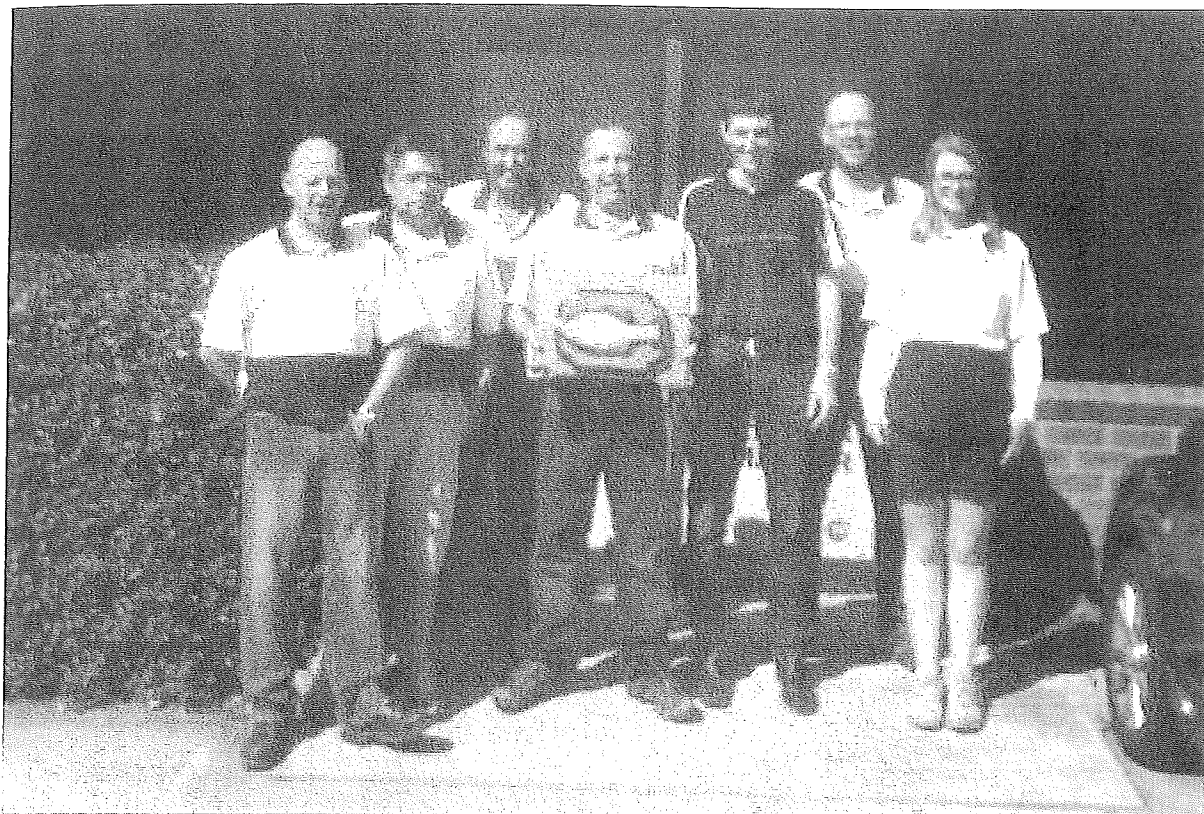
Glen Malam presenting a Tackle World Canberra Rod & Reel Combo & a DVD from Fish Strike Productions – Googong Green & Gold DVD to **Kira Dawes** for her 0.35 kg Redfin Perch.

### *Mystery Weight Bag of Redfin*



Glen Malam presenting a Large Tackle Box set from Tackle World Canberra to **A J Neal** for his 0.23 bag of Redfin Perch

### **Corporate Challenge**



Team **Holy Carp** consisting of **Shane Baker, Robbie Johnston, Emily Kelly, Adam New** and **Hung Nguyen** caught a total of **5.09 kg** of carp

The winner of the \$5,500 Boat Package sponsored by Queanbeyan Marine and Tackle World Canberra for a carp of 2.518 kg carp was Jessie Leck.



Gary Cairns standing next to Mystery Weight Prize Winner Jessie Leck with Liam Leck in the \$5,500 boat package sponsored by Tackle World Canberra and Queanbeyan Marine.





Mystery Weight Prize Winner Jessie Leck with Liam Leck in the \$5,500 boat package sponsored by Tackle World Canberra and Queanbeyan Marine.

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