

The Canberra Carp-Out – 29 March 2015

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The 2015 Canberra Carp-Out was held on 29 March 2015 at Lennox Gardens and attracted 860 entrants. It was pleasing to see many families fishing together at Lake Burley Griffin.

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

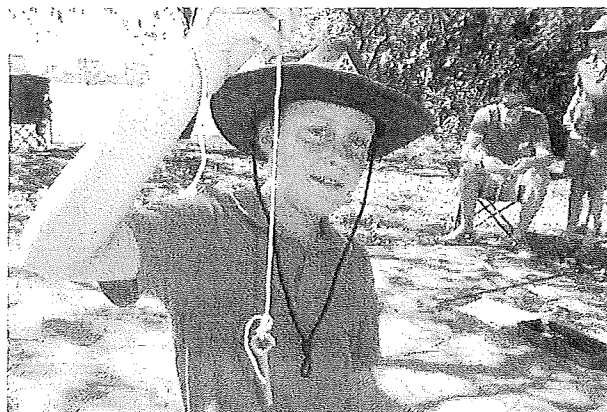
Kid's fishing clinic

As part of the Canberra Carp-Out 2015, Canberra Fisherman's Club ran a **kids fishing clinic** at Lennox Gardens on Saturday, 28 March 2015, from 2:00pm - 5:00pm. The clinic was attended by junior anglers and their parents and provided information on fishing rules and regulations, safety, and practical tuition on tying knots, rigging lines and casting.

The juniors had a great time and the afternoon concluded with everyone trying their new skills fishing off the banks.



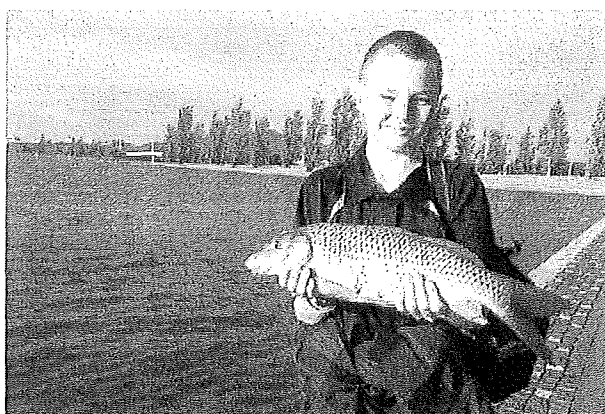
Mel Marlborough teaching junior anglers the art of tying knots



One junior angler has learnt to tie a clinch knot.



Jake Borman learning the art of casting.



Jake Borman lands his first Carp the day after the fishing clinic.

Canberra Carp-Out

Although the event did not officially kick off until 8.30am, 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 6.30am to set up the Carp-Out Head Quarters, the Weigh-in Tent, and the registration tent. The marquees were hired from Barlens Hire, toilets were hired from Canberra Hire Pty Ltd, and Action Buses supplied tables and chairs. Our own Mel Marlborough was our First Aid Officer and volunteers from The Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's own ran a sausage sizzle and sold cold drinks at the registration tent.



Glen Malam assisting participants who registered on the day.

Registrations opened at 8.30am and fishing officially commenced at 9.00am. In previous years, approximately 20% to 30% of participants registered for the Carp-Out on the day. This year, 28% of the competitors left it to the last minute to register on the day. An army of volunteers assisted over 239 people complete registration forms, finalise registration fees as well as key in registration details into the computer database.



Left: Volunteers Colin Ah You and Sarah Borman and Shane Jasprizza assisted 239 participants who waited till the last minute to register for the Canberra Carp-Out. Right: Rose Davis and Shane Jasprizza entering new participants into the database.

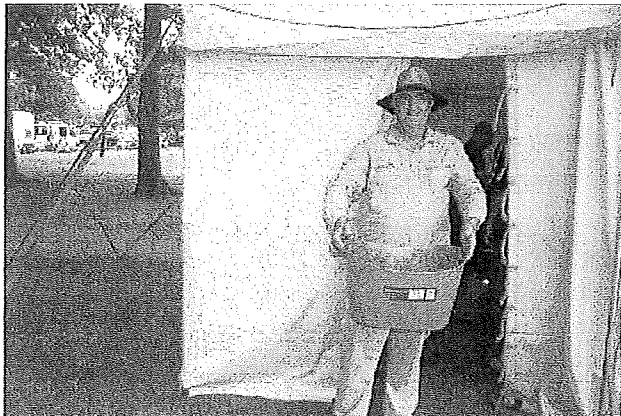
The Weigh-in Station opened at 10.00am. Fish were required to be humanely dispatched prior to weighing. Volunteers from the Canberra Fisherman's Club inspected all fish before allowing competitors to proceed to the Weigh-in Station.

Keying in data on captures was again made easy with the use of bar code scanners to automatically register captures against bar codes on each participant's registration cards. This allowed data on captures to be quickly recorded, without the need to manually enter any further data into the computer database.

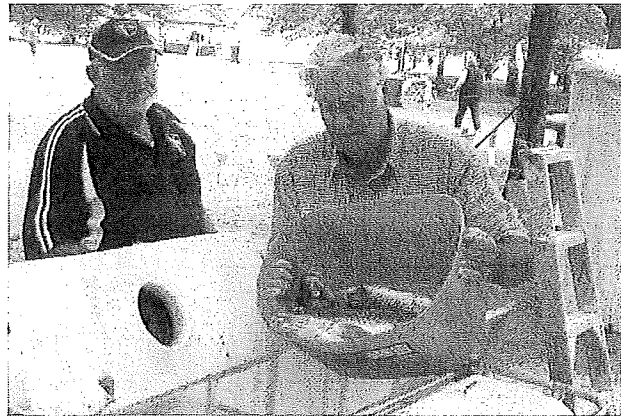


Left: Anglers lining up to weigh in their fish. Canberra Fisherman's Club volunteers inspected all fish passing the blue marquee in the background to ensure all fish had been humanely dispatched. Right: Mick Peel weighing in Jonah Anderson's fish at the Weigh-In Tent.

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 Farm 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.



Lindsay Steel with a tub full of carp weighed in at the Weigh Station.



Albert Magassey and Bruce Murray disposing of carp into the bins supplied by the Mulloon Institute. The white bins were later transported to Mulloon Creek Natural Farm to be turned into organic fertilizer.

A total of 908 fish weighing 1,223.37 kg were weighed in on the day. The average weight per fish was 1.35 kg.

Species	Quantity	Total weight	Heaviest	Average weight
European Carp	629	1188.68	9.23	1.89
Redfin Perch	279	34.69	0.57	0.12
Total	908	1223.37		1.35

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

Top five adult males

Brad Jones	European Carp	9.225 kg
Stuart Valentine	European Carp	7.135 kg
Geoff Knight	European Carp	6.675kg
Andrew Pritchard	European Carp	6.415 kg
John Jenkins	European Carp	6.215 kg

Top five adult females

Myndee Hannaford	European Carp	3.594 kg
Amanda Kyburz	European Carp	3.486 kg
Lyn Vanaalast	European Carp	3.298 kg
Jenna James	European Carp	2.982 kg
Amanda Kyburz	European Carp	2.690 kg

Top five junior males

Jeremy Gulliford	European Carp	5.990 kg
Duane Best	European Carp	4.438 kg
Nicolas Onorato	European Carp	3.798 kg
Daniel Clarke-Seel	European Carp	3.238 kg
Nicolas Onorato	European Carp	3.118 kg

Top five junior females

Lara Montagnino	European Carp	6.430 kg
Amber Graham	European Carp	3.850 kg
Claire Murphy	European Carp	3.370 kg
Lily McMahon	European Carp	3.280 kg
Chloe Crampton	European Carp	3.238 kg

Fishing finished at 3.00pm with competitors given until 3.30pm to make their way to the registration tent to weigh in their fish. Unfortunately a couple of anglers missed the 3.30pm deadline. Unlike the previous year, there were no technical glitches with the computers but our second set of scales failed so there was a slight delay in the weigh in and the presentation commenced at around 4.20 pm.



Chris Head addresses the crowd as the presentation commences while a WIN News cameraman films the proceedings.

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

The winners of the Carp-Out were as follows:

Early Bird Winner



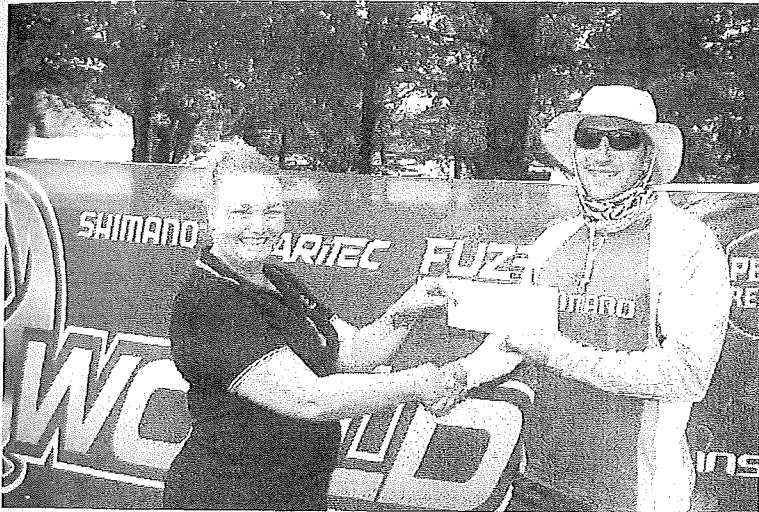
Chris Head presenting Heidi Milsted with the \$500 early bird cash prize.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 9.00 am – 10.00 am



Melissa Gardiner, CEO of the ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group, presenting a \$50 Tackle World Gift Voucher to Margaret Cooper.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 10.00 am - 11.00 am



Melissa Gardiner, presenting a \$50 Tackle World Gift Voucher to George Kostovski.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 11.00 am 12.00 pm



Melissa Gardiner, presenting a \$50 Tackle World Gift Voucher to Geoff Knight.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$50 Tackle World Gift Voucher to Jie Hua.

Heaviest Carp Adult



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$140 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to Brad Jones for his 9.23 kg European Carp

Heaviest Redfin Adult



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$140 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to Billy Holloway for his 0.57 kg Redfin Perch.

Heaviest Carp Junior Boy



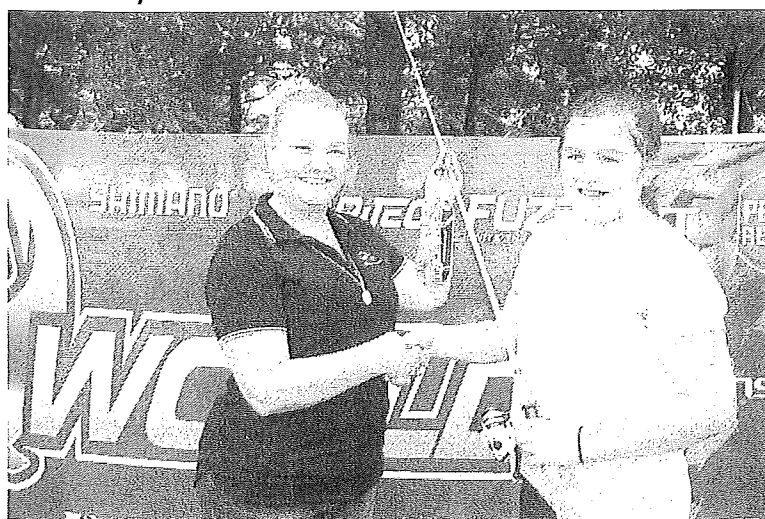
Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Jeremy Gulliford** for his 5.99 kg European Carp.

Heaviest Redfin Junior Boy



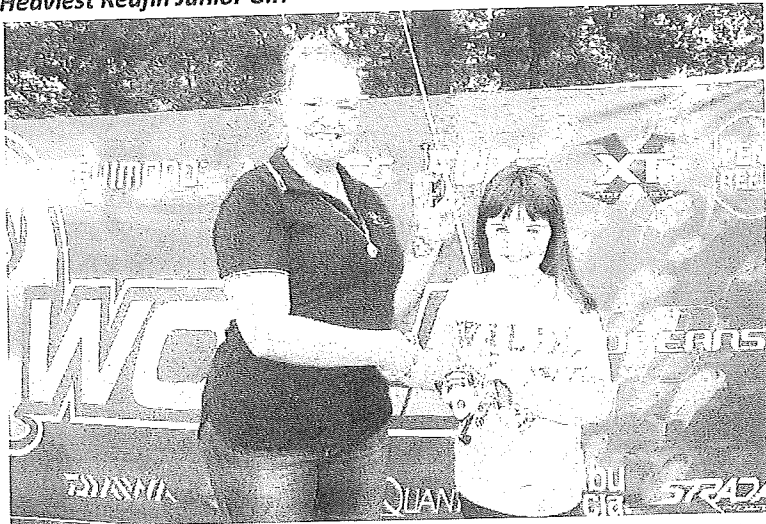
Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Connor Graham** for his 0.42 kg Redfin Perch.

Heaviest Carp Junior Girl



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Lara Montagnino** for her 6.43 kg European Carp.

Heaviest Redfin Junior Girl



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Loean Hopkins** for her 0.53 kg Redfin Perch.

Mystery Weight Bag of Redfin



Melissa Gardiner presenting a \$100 Tackle Box (sponsored by Tackle World Canberra) to **Liam Ausling** for the Mystery Weight Bag of Redfin.

Corporate Challenge



Melissa Gardiner presenting the Corporate Challenge Trophy to Team '**Crap Anagram**' from Department of Veteran Affairs for weighing in 5.03 kg of European Carp.

Tagged carp capture



Melissa Gardiner presenting a Tackle World Gift Voucher to **Roy Collins** for catching tagged carp #37.

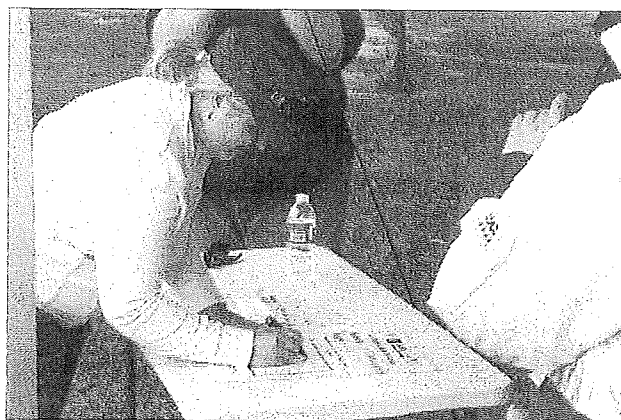
Chance to win \$20,000

The Canberra Fisherman's Club once again ran the Chance to Win \$20,000 competition. The Club purchased insurance for a one in fifty chance of winning \$20,000 from Loyalty.com.au and supplied a sealed envelope containing the winning number (a random number from one to fifty).

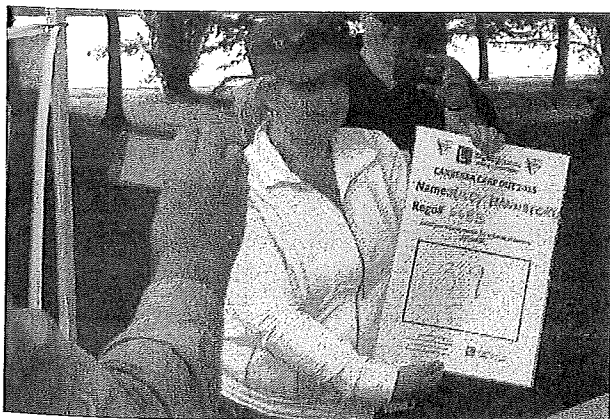
Every angler who weighed in one or more untagged carp received one entry for their first carp to be in the draw to win \$20,000. Three tagged carp were available for capture and any angler catching a tagged carp gained an additional 50 entries. Only one angler gained an additional 50 entries (**Roy Collins** for catching tagged Carp # 37). One entry was drawn at random, **Myndee Hannaford**. To win the \$20,000, Myndee had to select a number from 1 to 50 and then open the sealed envelope to see if she selected the winning number. Unfortunately, Myndee didn't select the winning number but instead won a rod and reel package (rrp \$140). The very nice consolation prize was generously sponsored by Tackle World Canberra.



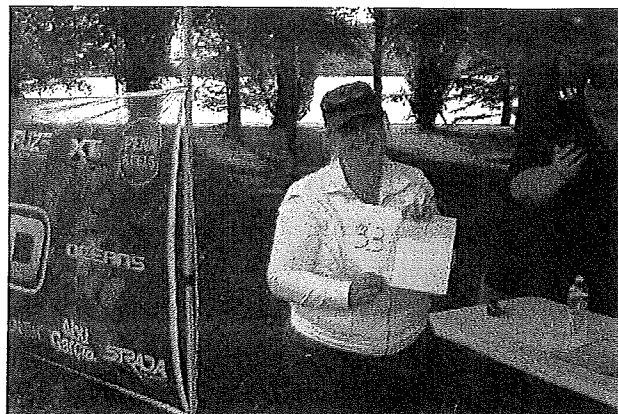
Mick Jewry holding up the envelope containing the lucky number required to win \$20,000.



Myndee Hannaford's name was drawn out for the chance to win \$20,000. To win the \$20,000, Myndee had to pick a number from 1 to 50 and then open the envelope to see if it matched the lucky number



Myndee Hannaford picked number 39.



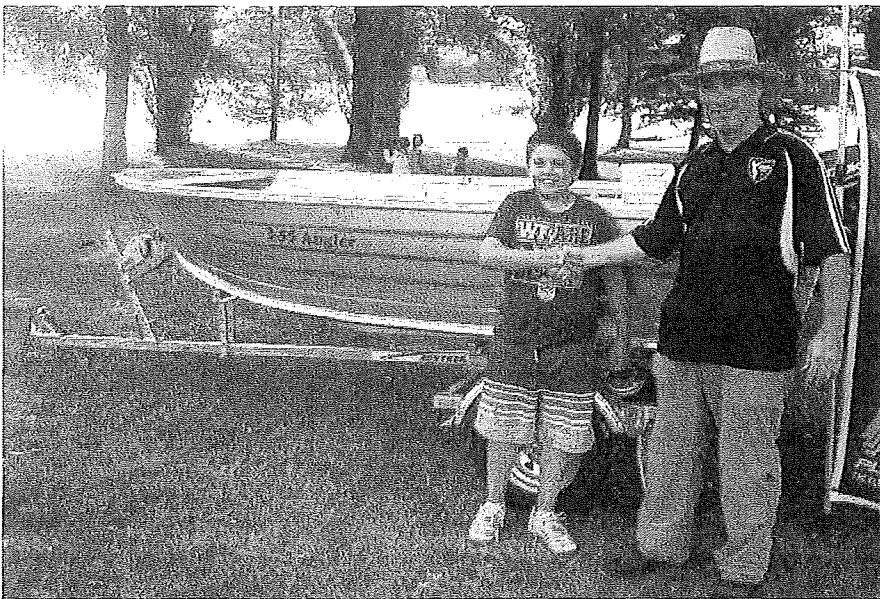
Myndee Hannaford opened up the envelope to reveal the magic number. Unfortunately she was only six numbers

away from winning \$20,000.

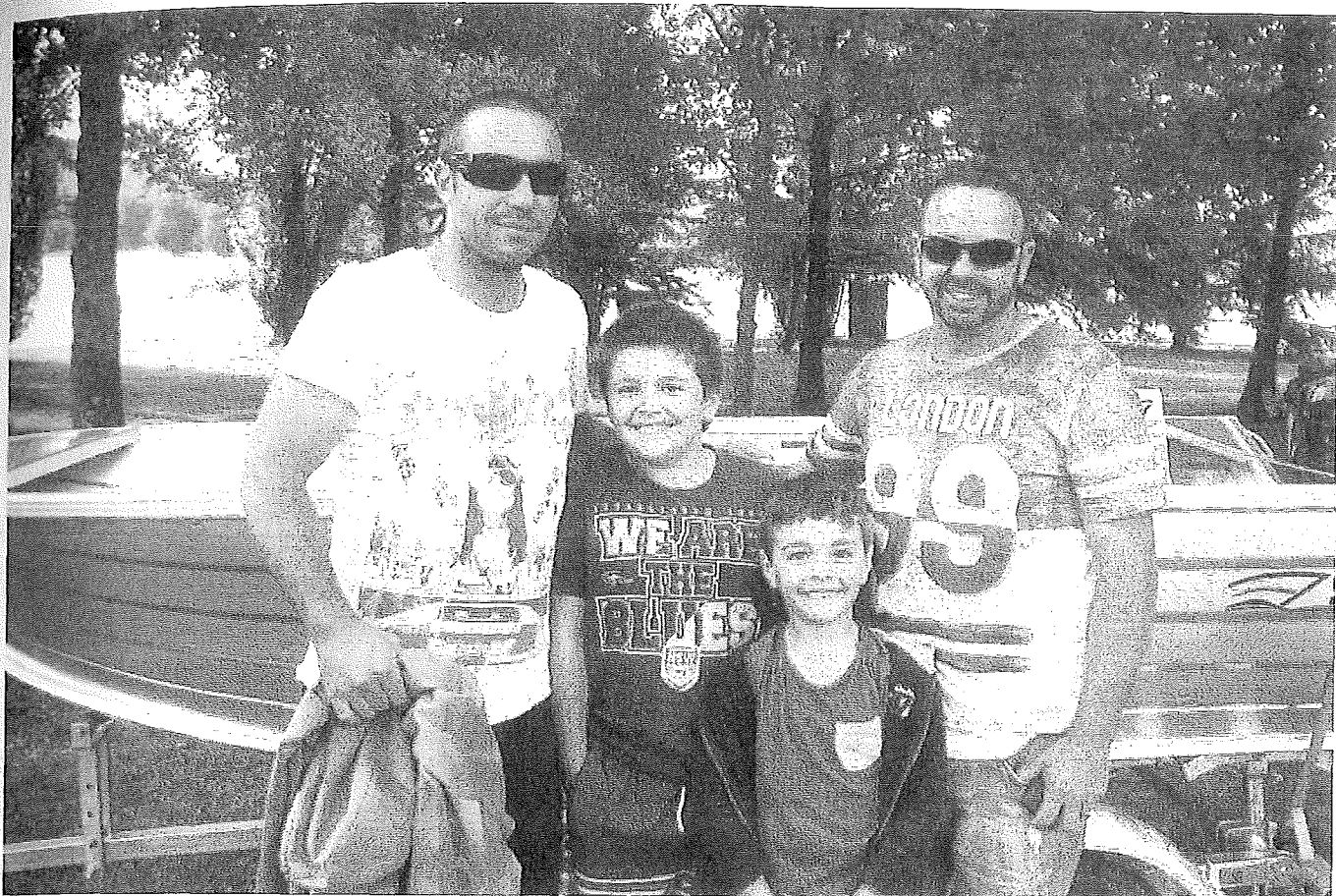


Chris Head presenting Myndee Hannaford with a \$140 rod and reel package from Tackle World Canberra.

The major fishing prize was the \$5,500 boat package sponsored by Fyshwick Marine and Tackle World Canberra. The winner was determined by mystery weight draw so everyone who weighed in a Carp was eligible to win the prize. The winner was Nicolas Onorato, whose Carp of 3.12 kg was closest to the mystery weight.



Chris Head presents the major prize to Nicolas Onorato.



Nicolas Onorato gets a family photo with his new tinny.



Nicolas ringing his Mum to tell her the good news!

The captures



John Jenkins with a 6.215 kg Carp



John Jenkins with a 1.578 kg Carp



Liam Rowley with a 0.242 kg Redfin Perch



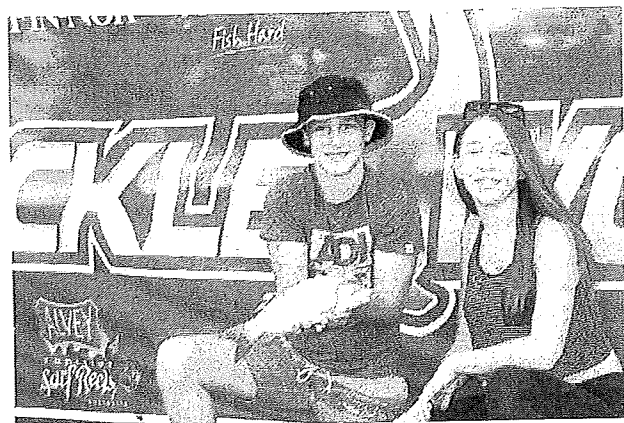
Stuart Valentine with a 7.12 kg Carp



Lyn Vanaalst with a 6.675 kg carp caught by brother Geoff Knight



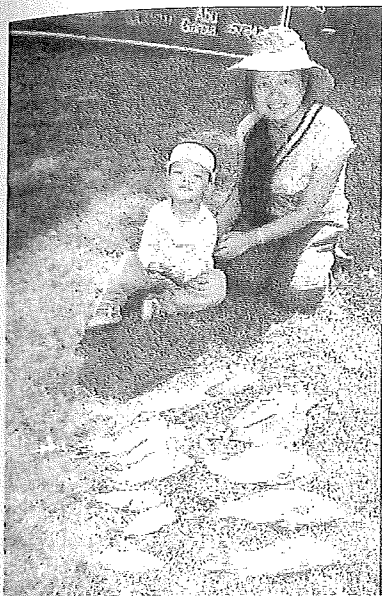
Henry, Arthur and Sam Oliver displays a Carp caught by Dad Mark Oliver



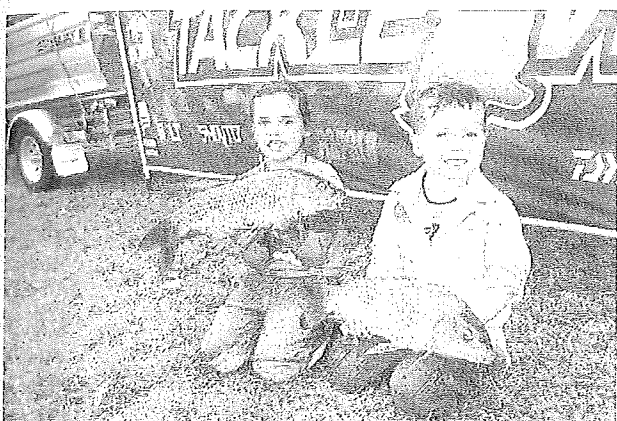
Jack Fretwow holding Sharni Warner's carp.



Blake Laws with a 2.386 kg Carp posing with his brother Tyler Morris.



Angela and Vincent Wang with carp weighed in by Dad Jie Hua. Jie Hua won the 12 - 1 pm Hourly Mystery Weight Prize (\$50 Tackle World Voucher)



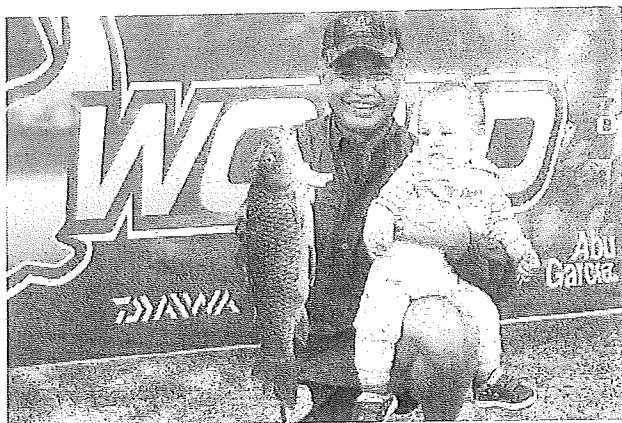
Sari and Fletcher Bridgeman posing with their 1.962 kg and 1.862 kg Carp respectively.



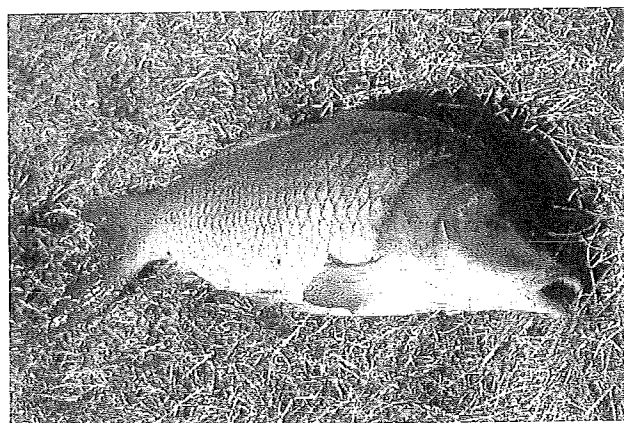
Tarah Manthongsy with a 1.616 kg Carp



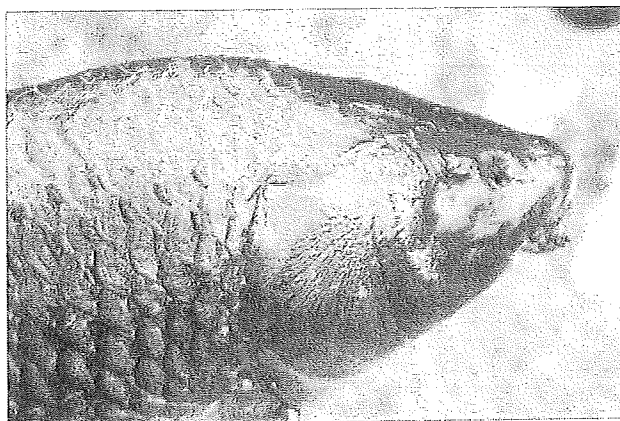
Roy Collins captured tagged carp #37. Roy won a Tackle World Voucher for his capture.



Jason and Taine Vetsavong with a 1.422 kg Carp.



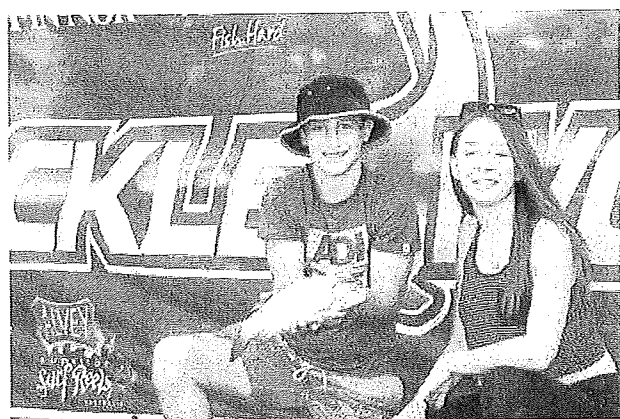
One of two blind Carp weighed in at the Carp-Out.



The second blind Carp weighed in at the Carp-Out caught by Bowyn Beatty.



Nick Smolcich with Bowyn Beatty's blind carp.



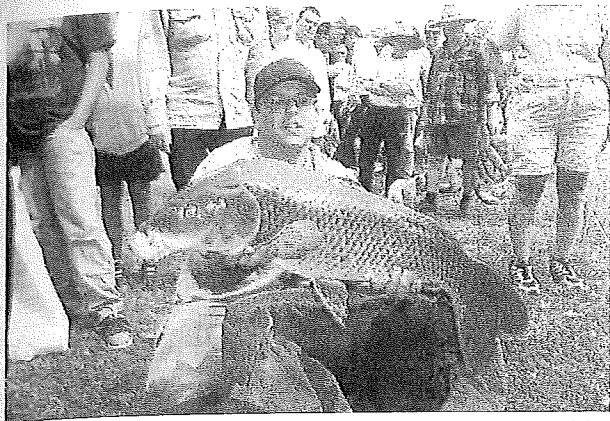
Jack Fretwow holding Sharni Warner's carp.



Jason Vetsavong with a 0.036 kg.



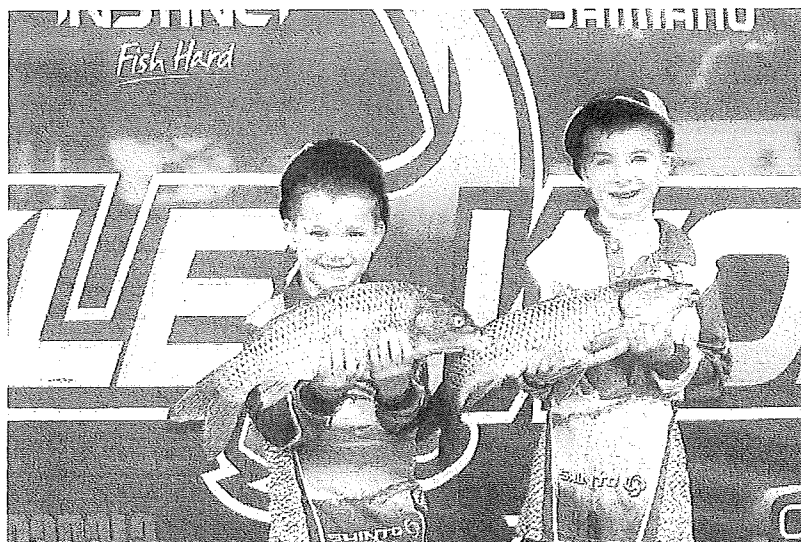
Jeremy Gulliford holds up his 5.99 kg Carp, which won him a \$50 rod and reel combo from Tackle World Canberra for catching Heaviest Carp Junior Boy.



Andrew Pritchard waiting in the line up for the weigh in station with his 6.47 kg carp.



Matthew Whittacker takes a seat at the line up for the Weigh in Station (holding up Bradley Sommerauer's carp)



Zac and Cody Owen proudly wearing their Tackle World shirts and holding their 1.714 kg and 1.924 kg Carp respectively.



Luke and Ryan Molyneux bring in 36 Redfin Perch for the weigh in station.



Jay Allen and Bill Holloway bring in 27 Redfin Perch for the Weigh in Station.

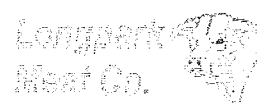
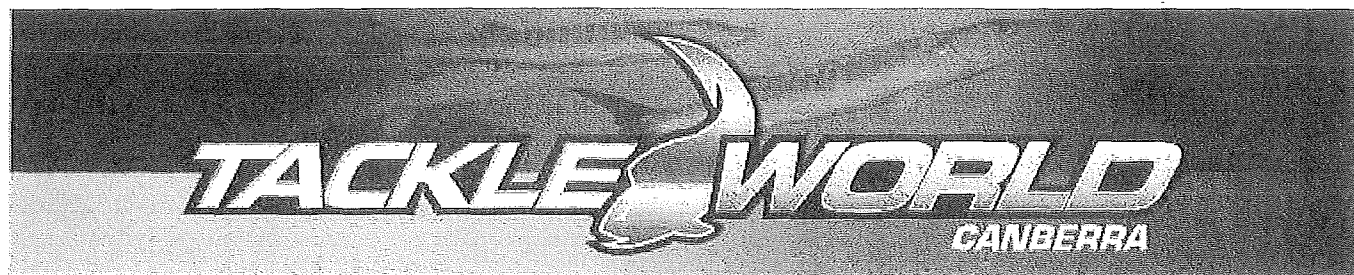


Bill Holloway posing with his 0.57 kg Redfin Perch which won Heaviest Redfin Adult.



Jonah Anderson posing with his carp at the Weigh in Station.

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