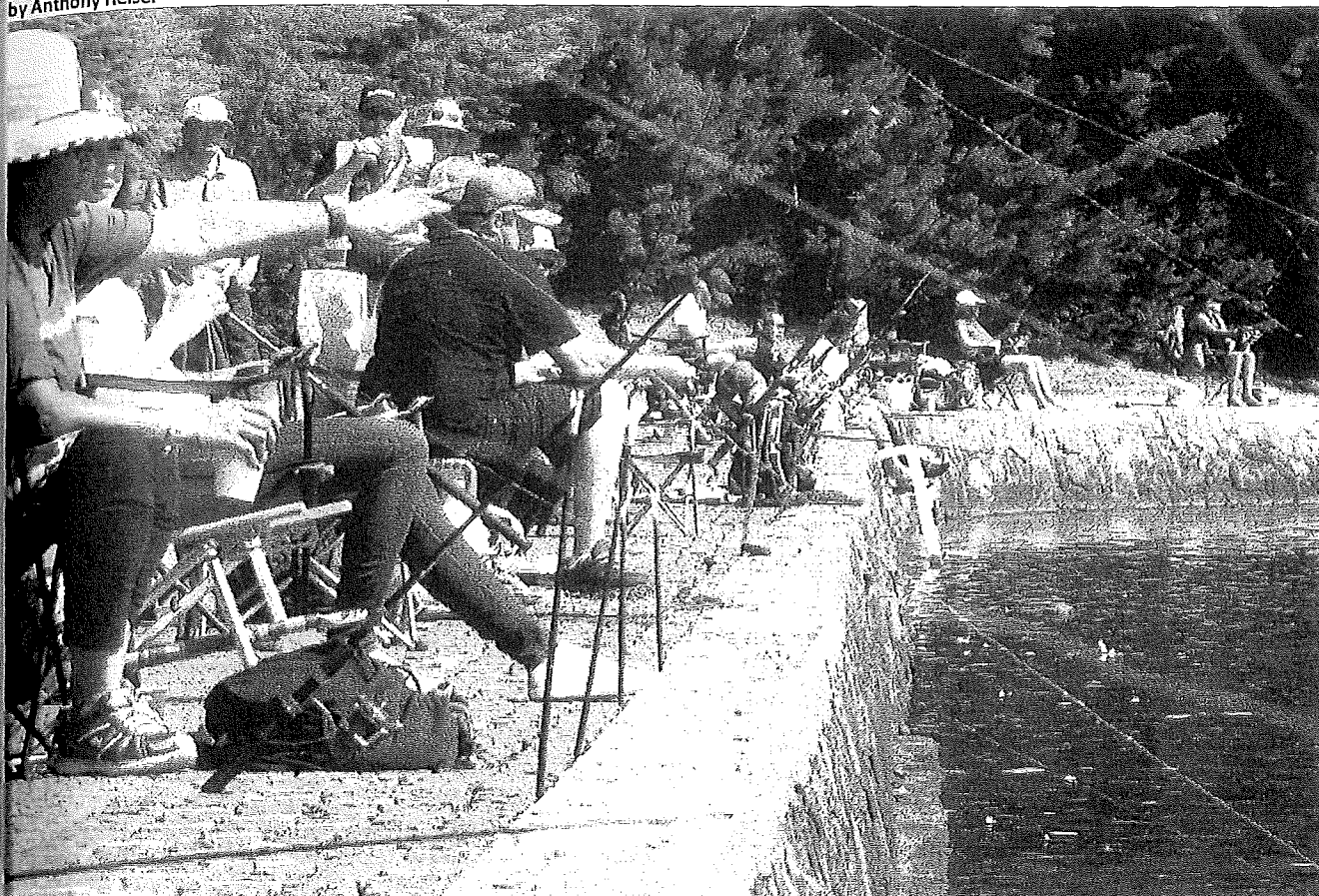


The 2016 Canberra Carp-Out

by Anthony Heiser



The 2016 Canberra Carp-Out was held on 3 April 2016 at Lennox Gardens and attracted 720 entrants. It was pleasing to see many families fishing together at Lake Burley Griffin. It also highlighted the popularity and importance of recreational fishing to the ACT community, and promoted the use of Lake Burley Griffin.

The event helps raise money for fish stocking in the Canberra lakes and The Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own. A total of 910 noxious fish were weighed in for a total of 1,080 kg which was sent off to Mulloon Creek Natural Farm (between Bungendore and Braidwood) to be turned into organic fertiliser.

The 2016 Canberra Carp-Out was partially funded by the ACT Government's ACT Event Fund and was sponsored or supported by 21 organisations:

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| • ACT Government (Events ACT) | • Woolworths Belconnen |
| • Otto's Tackle World Canberra | • Shot Clock Coffee |
| • Canberra Marine Centre | • First Aid Services |
| • Fyshwick Marine and Auto Electrical | • The Mulloon Institute |
| • Wetspot Watersports | • SITA Environmental Solutions |
| • Camping World Mitchell | • Capital Chemist |
| • Road Tech Marine | • Capital Region Fishing Alliance |
| • The Compleat Angler | • Staunch R.A.C.E Solutions |
| • The Cancer Support Group ACT Eden Monaro's Own | • CanPrint Communications Pty Ltd |
| • Long Park Meat Co | • Suez |
| | • Go-Hosting |

Kids' Fishing Clinic

As part of the 2016 Canberra Carp-Out, Canberra Fisherman's Club ran a **Kids' Fishing Clinic** at Lennox Gardens on Saturday, 2 April 2016, from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. The clinic was attended by three junior anglers and their parents and provided information on fishing rules and regulations, safety, and practical tuition on tying knots, rigging line and casting.

The juniors had a great time and the afternoon concluded with everyone trying their new skills fishing off the banks. All three juniors landed one fish each. Thanks to the Compleat Angler, we presented them with a Junior Rod and Reel combo each for landing fish at the fishing clinic.



Jackson Guion learning how to bait a hook.



Riley Mill learning to cast.



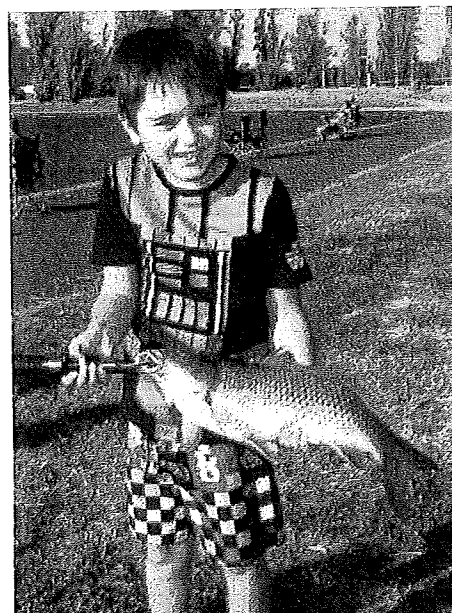
Troy King and his Mum learning to cast.



Jackson Guion reeling in the first fish for the Kid's Fishing Clinic.



Jackson Guion lands the first Carp for the Fishing Clinic.



Troy King lands the second Carp for the clinic.

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Thanks to the Compleat Angler, we presented Junior Rod and Reel combos to Riley (he landed a small Redfin Perch), Troy and Jackson for landing fish at the fishing clinic.

The Main Event

Although the event did not officially kick off until 8.30 am, an army of volunteers from the Canberra Fisherman's Club 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.

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. Mel Marlborough from First Aid Services attended as the First Aid Officer. Volunteers from the ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group ran a sausage sizzle and sold cold drinks at the registration tent.

Jessie Bibby and her team from Shot Clock Espresso provided hot coffee and homemade cookies (the peanut butter and chocolate cookies were a real hit) for the volunteers and anglers.

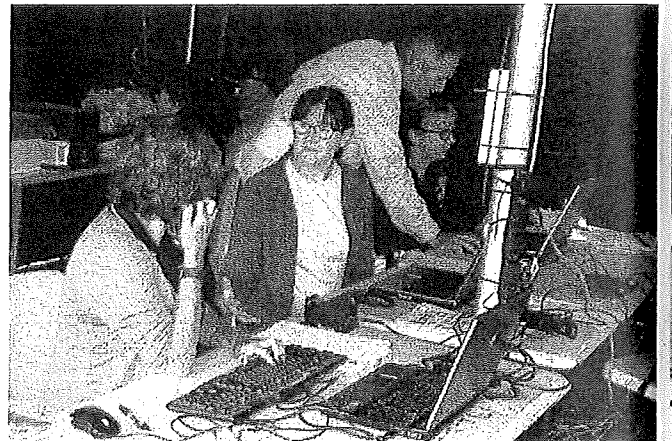
Lennox Gardens was a popular spot for anglers and, accordingly, the bike path at Lennox Gardens was closed to traffic in accordance with a Traffic Management Plan with Territories and Municipal Services to ensure the safety of both anglers and cyclists. Care Traffic donated their time and resources to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



Anglers registering for the Carp-Out at Lennox Gardens.



Left: Kristin O'Neill and Greg Davis assisted 364 participants who waited till the last minute to register for the Canberra Carp-Out. Right: Rose Davis, Karen Malam and Wendie Jones entering new participants into the data base.

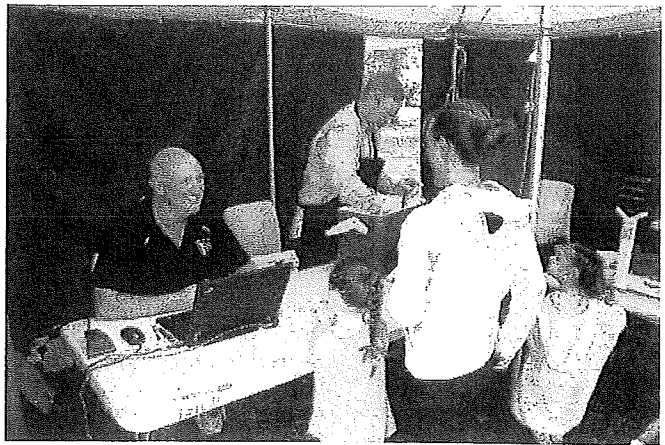


Registrations opened at 8.30 am and fishing officially commenced at 9.00 am. In previous years, approximately 20% to 30% of participants register for the Carp-Out on the day. This year, 364 participants (51%) left it to the last minute to register on the day. An army of volunteers assisted the late entrants completed 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.

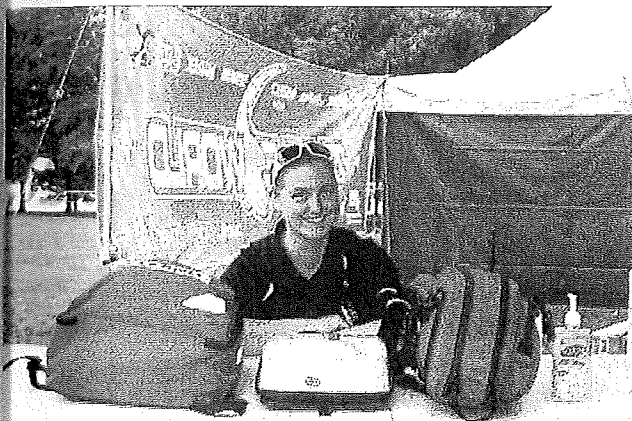


Left: Anglers lining up to weigh in their fish. Canberra Fisherman's Club volunteers inspected all fish passing the blue marquee in the background to ensure all fish had been humanely dispatched. Right: John Bosch and Mick Peel weighing in fish and entering them into the database at the Weigh-In Tent.



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.

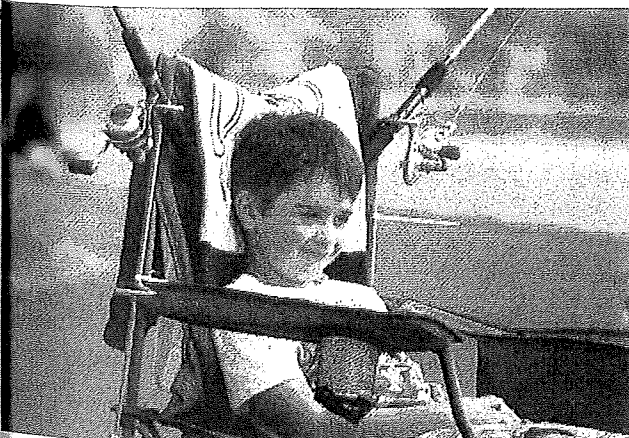
Once the fish were weighed, they were disposed of in bins provided by the Mulloon Institute and transported to Mulloon Creek Natural Farm (between Bungendore and Braidwood) to be turned into organic fertiliser. Mulloon Creek Natural Farms is a grazing, cropping and carbon building enterprise covering 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.



Mel Marlborough from First Aid Services was on hand for any injuries and mishaps.



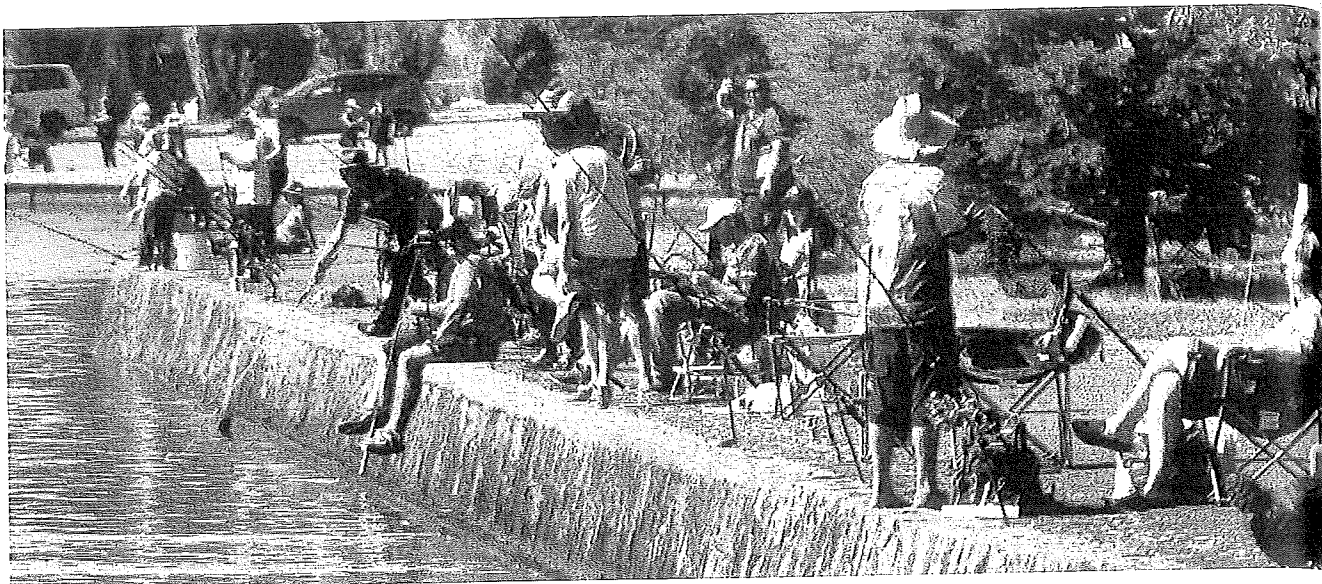
Jessie Bibby and her team from Shot Clock Espresso serving coffee and home-made cookies.



Troy King patiently waiting for a bite.



Riley Mill throwing berley to entice the Carp.



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.



Everyone gathered at Lennox Gardens as the presentation of prizes is about to commence.

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.

After the presentation of prizes concluded at 5.00 pm, Canberra Fisherman's Club volunteers then dismantled the marquees for the Carp-Out Head Quarters and the Weigh-in Tent and ensured that Lennox Gardens was left in a clean condition. Despite the presence of 720 competitors visiting Lennox Gardens during the day, volunteers found surprising little rubbish in the area.

Captures

A total of 910 fish weighing 1,080.20 kg were weighed in on the day. The average weight per fish was 1.19 kg.

	Number	Weight	Smallest	Largest	Average
Redfin Perch	258	25.9	0.01	0.59	0.10
European Carp	652	1054.3	0.1	5.84	1.62
Total	910	1080.2			1.19

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

Top five adult males

Geonhan	Pork	European Carp	4.83 kg
Ashley	Meek	European Carp	4.44 kg
Thomas	Peel	European Carp	4.35 kg
Massimo	Scipione	European Carp	4.14 kg
Liam	Shelley	European Carp	4.09 kg

Top five adult females

Wendy	Dawes	European Carp	5.84 kg
Danielle	Fraser	European Carp	3.86 kg
Kayla	Clark	European Carp	3.48 kg
Sue	Bond	European Carp	2.74 kg
Irma	Brown	European Carp	2.67 kg

Top five junior boys

Bayden	Davis	European Carp	4.04 kg
Nikolas	Onorato	European Carp	3.39 kg
Nikolas	Onorato	European Carp	2.97 kg
Ryan	Houng	European Carp	2.80 kg
Nikolas	Onorato	European Carp	2.78 kg

Top five junior girls

Scout	Heiman	European Carp	3.31 kg
Denise	Fooks	European Carp	3.02 kg
Chelsea	Kosic	European Carp	2.51 kg
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Maleeyah	Manthongsy	European Carp	2.49 kg

Results

The presentation commenced on time at 4.00 pm and the winners were as follows:

First 17 junior anglers to weigh in fish



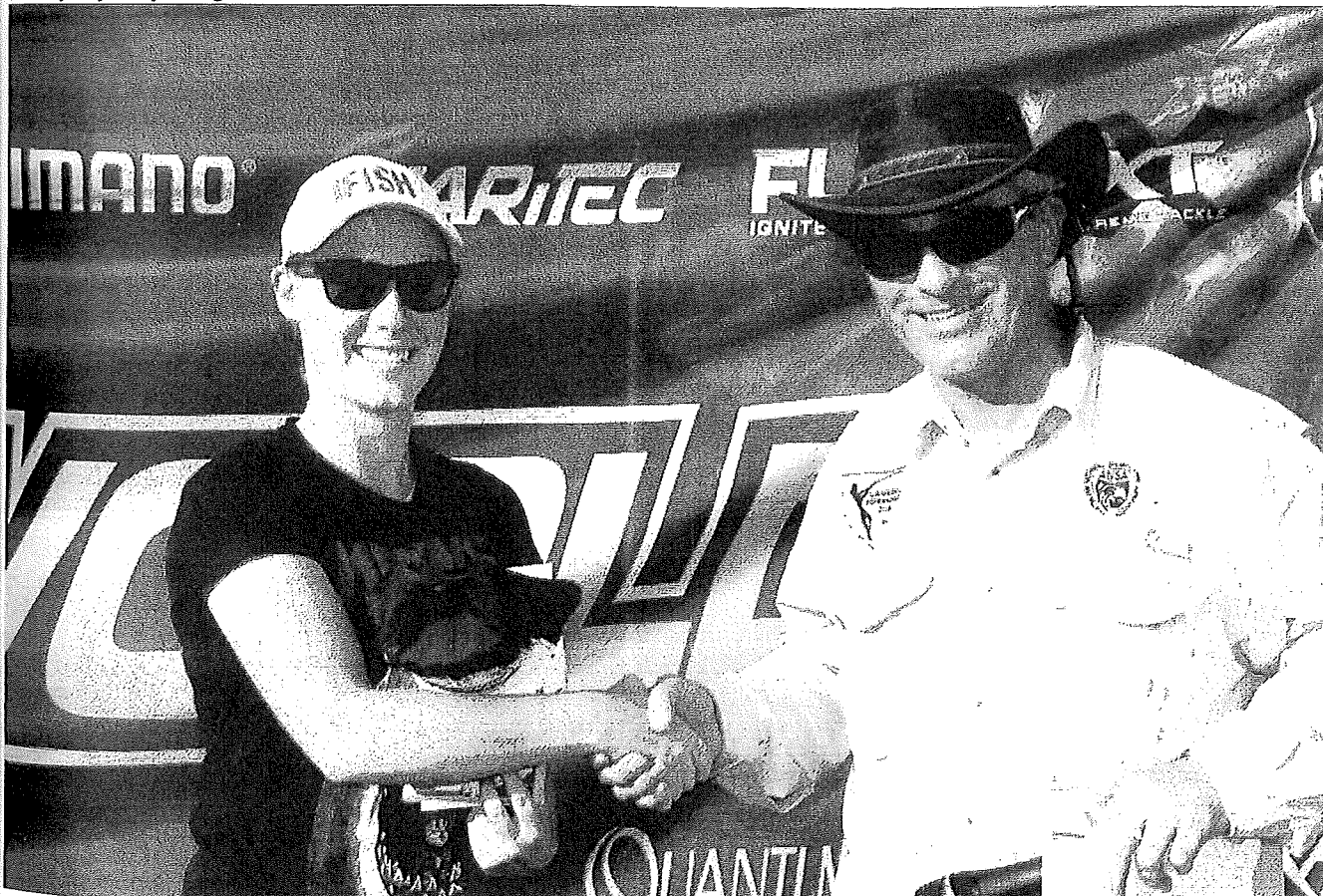
The first 17 junior anglers to weigh in fish at the Carp-Out were presented with a junior rod and reel combo sponsored by The Angler Art Phillip (Compleat Angler). Those present (or represented by an older sibling or friend on their behalf) were: (top) Pal Polsomsai; Ode Lekjampee; Remi Lekjampee; Dylan Gavin; Scout Helman; Maleeyah Manthongsy; Jessica Sommerfield; Bubba Baxter; Dean Subritzky; Alura McDonnell; Rachel Dawes; Kira Dawes and Nathan Higgs; and (bottom) Daniel and Adam Moore.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 9.00 am – 10.00 am



Chris Head presenting a \$50 Otto's Tackle World Canberra Gift Voucher, cap and iFish DVD to Ode Lekjampee.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 10.00 am - 11.00am



Chris Head presenting a \$50 Otto's Tackle World Canberra Gift Voucher, cap and iFish DVD to Amanda Kyburz.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 11.00 am 12.00 pm



Chris presenting \$50 Otto's Tackle World Canberra Gift Voucher, cap and iFish DVD to Daniel Turner accepting on the behalf of the winner **Ashly Meek**.

Hourly Mystery Weight Prize – 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm



Chris Head presenting a \$50 Otto's Tackle World Canberra Gift Voucher, cap and iFish DVD to **Emily Fraser**.

Heaviest Carp Junior Boy



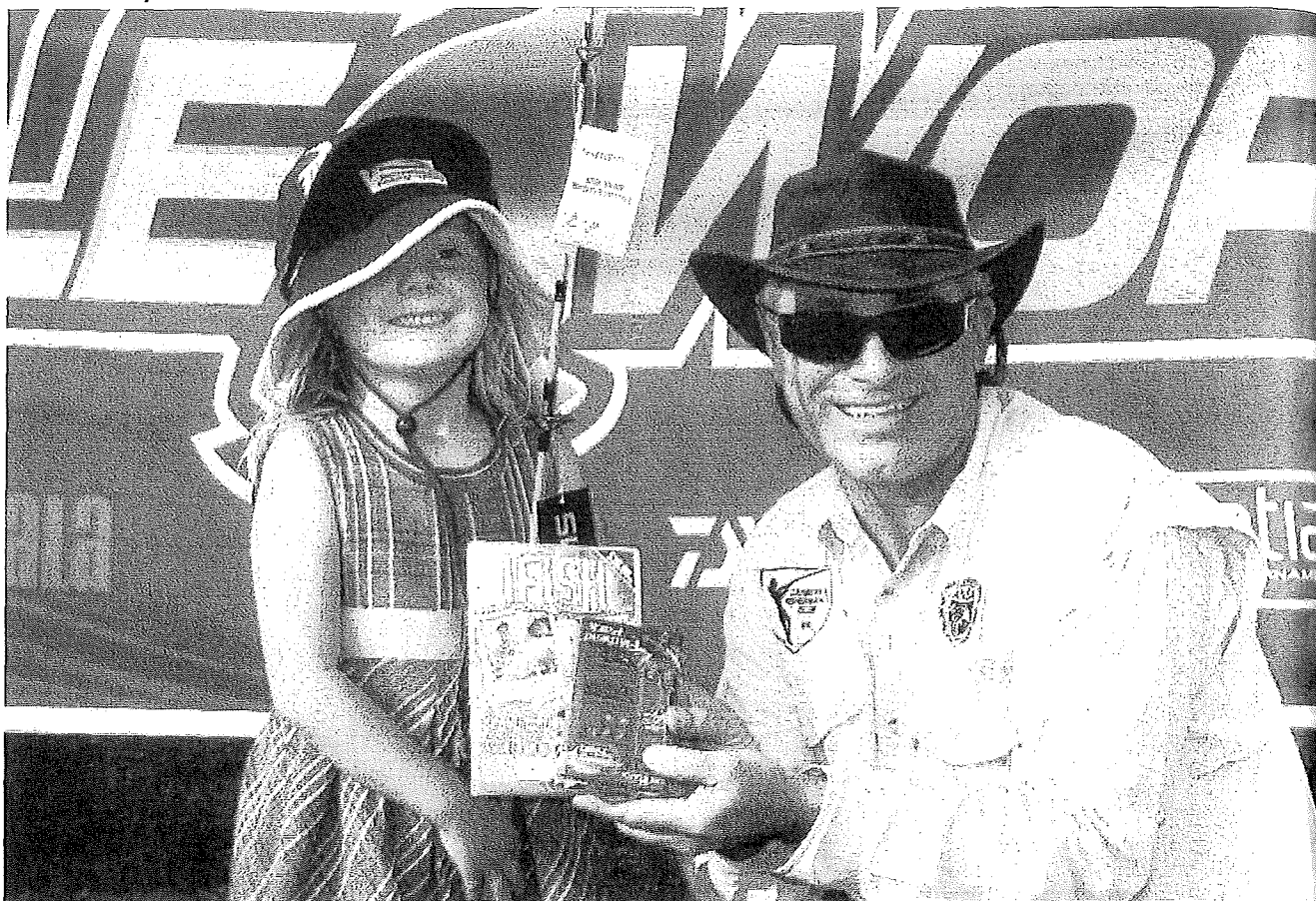
Chris Head presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo together with an iFish DVD and tackle box sponsored by *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* to **Baden Davis** for his 4.04 kg European Carp.

Heaviest Redfin Junior Boy



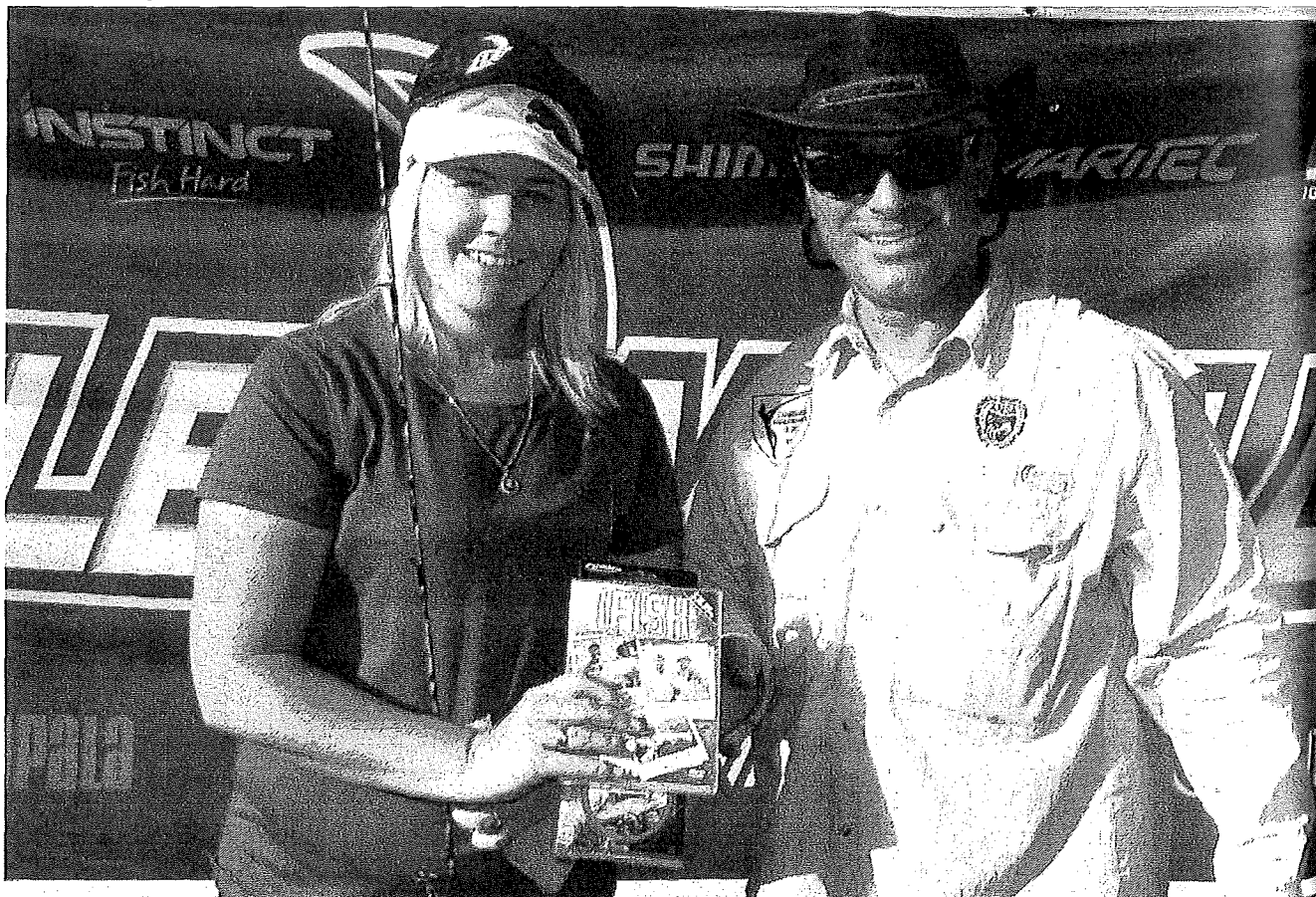
Chris Head presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo together with an iFish DVD and tackle box sponsored by *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* to **Zachary Zhao** for his 0.43 kg Redfin Perch.

Heaviest Carp Junior Girl



Chris Head presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo together with an iFish DVD and tackle box sponsored by *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* to **Scout Heiman** for her 3.31 kg European Carp.

Heaviest Redfin Junior Girl



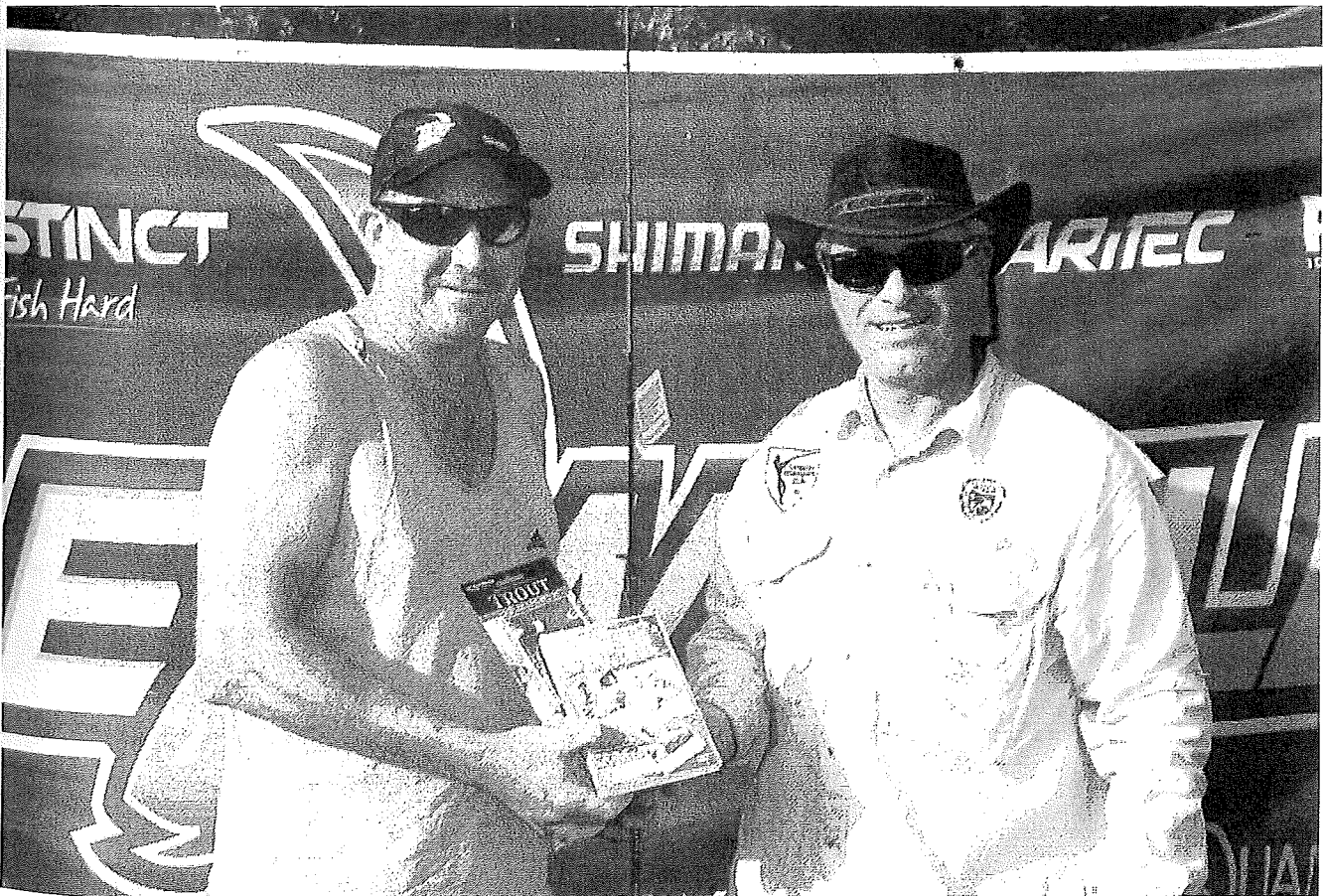
Chris presenting a \$50 Rod and Reel Combo together with an iFish DVD and tackle box sponsored by *Otto's Tackle World Canberra* to **Tylisha Campbell's Aunt** for Tylisha's 0.18 kg Redfin Perch.

Heaviest Carp Adult



Chris Head presenting a \$140 Rod and Reel Combo together with an iFish DVD and tackle box sponsored by Otto's Tackle World Canberra to Wendy Dawes for her 5.84 kg European Carp.

Heaviest Redfin Adult



Chris Head presenting a \$140 Rod and Reel Combo together with an iFish DVD and tackle box sponsored by Otto's Tackle World Canberra to Greg Collins for his 0.59 kg Redfin Perch

Mystery Weight Bag of Redfin



Chris Head presenting a \$100 Tackle Box sponsored by Otto's Tackle World Canberra to Jay Allen for the Mystery Weight Bag of Redfin.

Team Challenge



Chris Head presents the trophy for the Team Challenge to **Carp Busters**, who weighed in 21.18 kg of Carp

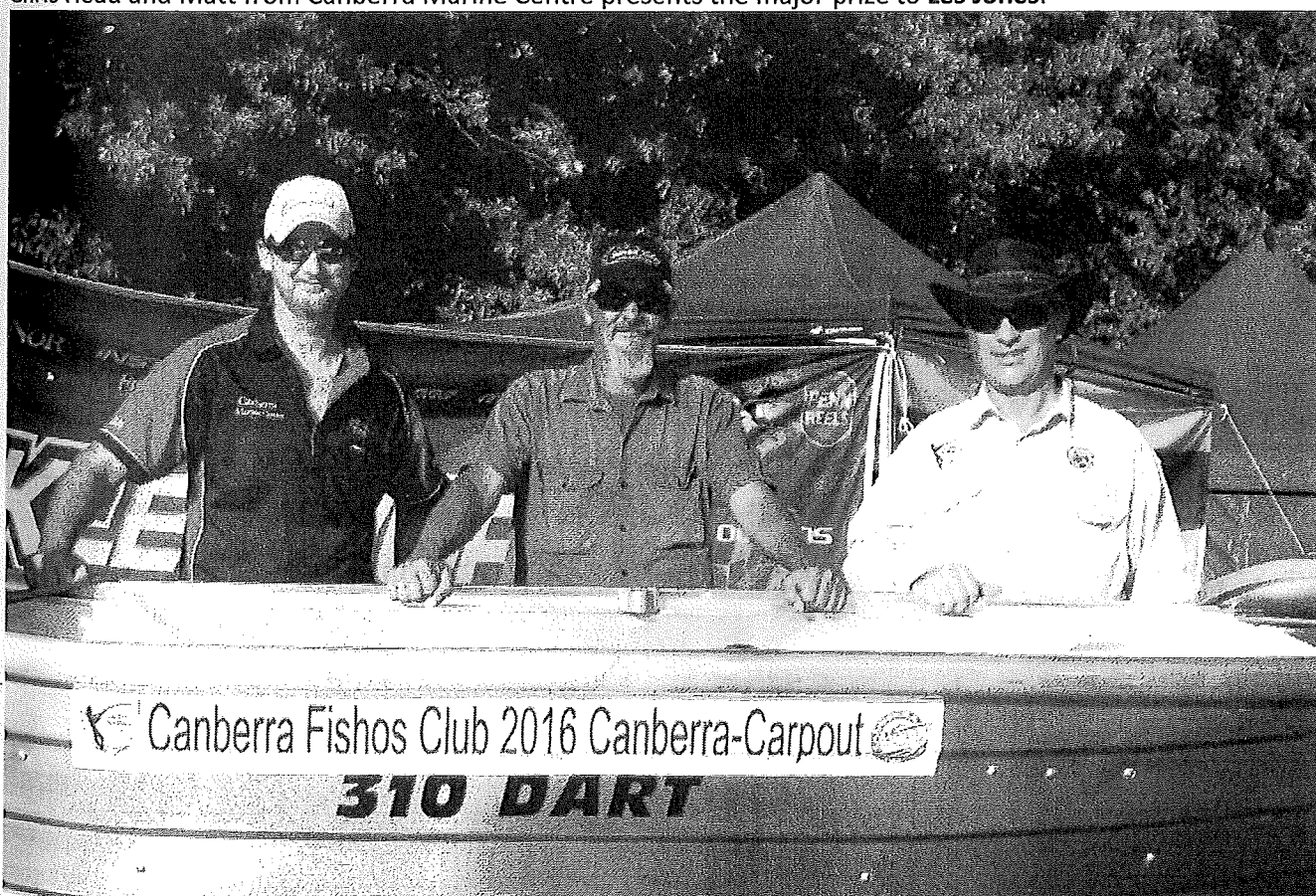
Winner of the Major Prize: \$5,500 Boat Package

The major prize was the \$5,500 boat package sponsored by the Canberra Fisherman's Club, Canberra Marine Centre and Fyshwick Marine. The winner was determined by mystery weight draw so everyone who weighed in a Carp was eligible to win the prize.

The winner was **Les Jones**, whose Carp of 0.89 kg was an exact match for the mystery weight.



Chris Head and Matt from Canberra Marine Centre presents the major prize to **Les Jones**.



In addition, the Canberra Fisherman's Club fish stocking raffle was drawn at the presentation. The winners were not present for the draw and were presented with their prizes afterwards.

1st Prize (\$3600 RRP) - Jessica McCarthy



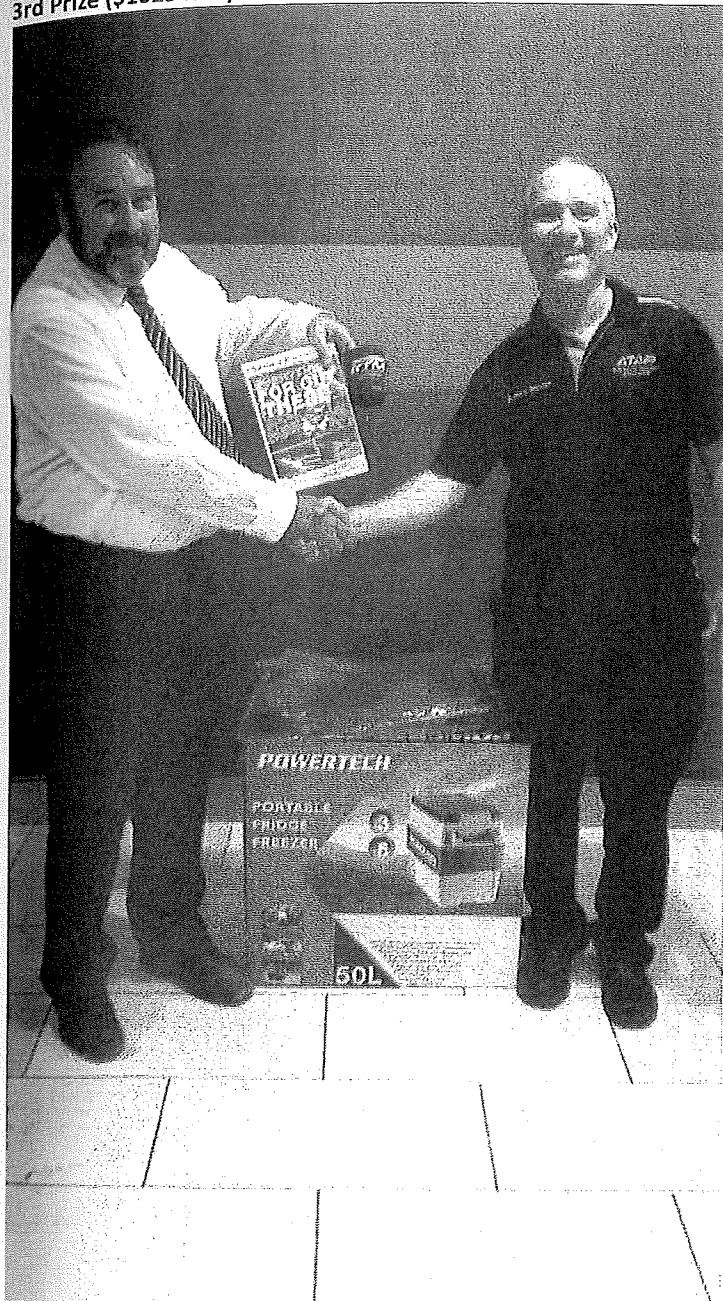
Hobie Mirage Outback Kayak, trolley, rod holder, life jacket and stand. Supplied by Wetspot Water Sports Fyshwick

2nd Prize (\$1199 RRP) - Joe Scalora



Aria 1 four-person tent featuring the new Aria Air Pole construction. Supplied by Camping World Mitchell

3rd Prize (\$1023 RRP) - David Bermingham



50 litre Powertech Portable Fridge/Freezer with Insulated Fridge Bag
Sponsored by Road Tech Marine, Fyshwick.