



General Rules

The Spring Carp-a-thon is a Carp fishing competition hosted by Hay Plains Landcare for the duration of the NSW Spring School Period:

Saturday 26th September 2026 to Sunday 11th October 2026.

- Participants must register to enter the competition and to be eligible for prizes.
 - Registration is FREE and open until the last day of the competition.
 - There are 2 levels of registration: Junior (1 to 11 years) and Open (12 years and older).
 - Register at <https://bit.ly/carpathon>
- All participants must comply with current NSW Fisheries and Waterways guidelines.
 - Participants aged 18 years and over must hold a recreational fishing licence
 - Fishing licences can be purchased here: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/recreational-fishing-licence>
- There is no set location for fishing. You are welcome to fish anywhere you like. Please note that permission must be granted to access private property from the property owner.
- To be eligible for prizes, Carp must be entered as follows:
 - Participants are to take a clear photo of each carp caught on a measuring device.
 - **Send photos at any time during the competition period to 0428 549 647**
 - Include the participant's name and fish length.
 - By submitting your photo you authorise its use by Hay Plains Landcare in printed materials, electronic materials, websites & social media. Please advise if you would prefer us not to use your image.
- European Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) is the only fish species that will be accepted in the competition.
 - As Carp are an invasive species, all Carp caught must NOT be released back into the waterway but instead dispatched humanely (i.e. by a sharp blow to the head, just above the eyes).

Competition Prize Categories

- Junior Longest Carp
- Junior Most Carp
- Open Longest Carp
- Open Most Carp
- Mystery Lengths

Prize details will be promoted on the [Hay Plains Landcare Facebook page](#) during the competition.

Risk Warning and Waiver of Contractual Duty of Care Civil Liability Act 2002

Contract for supply of Hay Trees on Plains Landcare Group Inc as organiser of the Spring Carp-a-thon to be held 26/9/26 - 11/10/26:

By participating in the 2025 Spring Carp-a-thon you agree to the following statement:

I agree to participate in the Spring Carp-a-thon at my own risk. I know that my agreement operates to exclude any liability in negligence for harm that I may suffer. I am aware that this recreational activity may cause physical harm to me or to someone under my control or accompanying me, and I confirm that I have no condition, medical or physical, that could prevent me from, or be aggravated by, participating in this activity.

Examples of the risks include but are not limited to: tripping, slipping and falling; collision with someone or something; something giving way unexpectedly; back injury; strains; spillage and burns; trip hazards; car accident; bites and stings; sharp tools and equipment; sun and heat stress; poisoned by chemicals; injury from falling branches; and strained back