



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

03 March

Murray-Darling Carp

This week at Friday Environment Forum – 03 March: *Rod Jamieson* will pose a number of questions about the Federal government \$15million plan to develop and release a herpes virus that could wipe out carp and help restore the river for the benefit of all.

There are good reasons why European Carp are held in high esteem in many countries but here in Australia they are generally despised, and nowhere more so than in the Murray-Darling river system. “Is this really a good idea? Are carp as bad as claimed?”



European Carp



These “river rabbits” are held responsible for much of the current degraded state of the Murray-Darling.

What is the role of alternatives in controlling carp numbers?” Since they were introduced they have multiplied and thrived and are estimated to make up over 80% of the fish biomass in the Murray-Darling. When feeding, European Carp uproot vegetation and stir-up sediment. This has a detrimental impact on the growth of native aquatic plants, the survival and breeding of native fish and other aquatic animals.

The presentation will also look at the safety factors about a release of this virus in such a critical river system. Could herpes really kill so many carp and what about the dead fish? What are **the risks to other species and to humans?**

To find out more about this complex issue come along to Noosa Parks Association Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville. Arrive early on Friday March 03 to enjoy coffee at 10.30am. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.



Big Carp

All welcome.