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INTERNATIONAL ANGLERS JOIN NRL LEGEND TO COMPETE AT LAKE PROSERPINE

For the third consecutive year the Whitsundays will be hosting the Australian Fishing Championships from 15 November 2018 at Lake Proserpine. Some of the world's best Anglers compete with NRL legend including Matt Sing.

The Australian Fishing Championships Series XIII is the absolute pinnacle of tournament fishing in Australia, and the opening Round of the Championships at Proserpine will be televised and promoted across Australia.

Lake Proserpine, also known as Peter Faust Dam, is home to more barramundi over one metre in size than any other impoundment in Australia.

Natassia Wheeler, CEO of Tourism Whitsundays said "The success of the Australian Fishing Championships in one of our regions premier fishing spots Lake Proserpine, is a continuation of our strategy to promote Lake Proserpine in the Whitsundays as the premier barramundi fishing impoundment in Australia."

"Once again we have a regional strategy around developing experiences in the Whitsundays and held the AFC again this year in support of that strategy to ensure we get visitor dispersal throughout our region and promote the Whitsundays."

Former NQ Cowboys star Matt Sing will join Australia's top anglers Craig Griffiths and Karim Riddler, and International guests Jong Hyun Kim and Dong Won Kim in a head to head battle to catch a one metre barramundi.

Karen Vloedmans from the Proserpine Chamber of Commerce said "It will be wonderful to welcome back competitors of the Australian Fishing Classic. This event is a calendar highlight on the professional fishing circuit and having the tournament return to Lake Proserpine is a great demonstration that the Whitsunday region is a world class fishing destination. We look forward to seeing many mighty Barramundi being caught during the tournament, catches that will be showcased around the world."

Whitsunday locals have the opportunity to meet competitors and enjoy dinner with them at Hotel Metropole Proserpine on the 15 of November. Tickets are \$79 each and available at whitsundaytickets.com.au.

Throughout the tournament the anglers will also head out for some reef fishing off Airlie Beach and then up to Bowen for a wrap up party at the Grand View Hotel helping to ensure that the publicity for this event is as much throughout the Whitsunday region as possible.

The Australian Fishing Championships will be a fantastic opportunity for the Whitsundays to showcase the variety of fishing spots in the region, to visitors from Australia and overseas.

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