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## Lake Proserpine showcased during successful Australian Fishing Championships Legends Match

The Australian Fishing Championship (AFC) Legends Match was hosted at Australia's premier Barramundi impoundment, Lake Proserpine. The event took place on Thursday 15 & Friday 16, November 2018.

Tourism Whitsundays CEO Natassia Wheeler said that she was thrilled that was able to bring the event back to the Whitsundays again.

"Having the Australian Fishing Championships in Proserpine for the third year in a row is a continuation of our strategy to promote Lake Proserpine as the premier barramundi fishing impoundment in Australia"

"We have a regional strategy around developing experiences in the Whitsundays and holding the AFC again this year supports that strategy to ensure we get visitor dispersal throughout our region and promote the Whitsundays" she said.

Karen Vloedmans, Proserpine Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Whitsundays Board Director confirmed "We value the AFC competing at Lake Proserpine, arguably home to Australia's best impoundment fishing.

"The Whitsundays is a wonderfully diverse fishing playground with Lake Proserpine, our Creeks, Rivers, Estuaries, the amazing Great Barrier Reef and Islands. We look forward to seeing competitive and leisure experiences shared far and wide, highlighting another dimension of our wonderful region."

Together, reigning AFC Barra Champions Craig Griffiths and Karim De Ridder prove to be an unbeatable duo, but for this series they disbanded teaming up with NRL legend Matt Sing and Australian cricketing icon Andrew Symonds respectively to share their knowledge.

De Ridder got his team off to a flying start landing a monster 99cm Barramundi in the early stages of the competition, with Symonds helping to stretch their lead hooking a 98cm Barra for himself. Griffiths and Sing both dropped possible 100cm+ Barra's early, but didn't seem deterred as they started piling up points later in the session.

Both teams competed at a very high level and thoroughly enjoyed their time at Lake Proserpine, and were highly complementary of the quality of Barramundi sighted in the impoundment.

Who came out on top? You will have to see when the AFC Legends Match airs in April 2019. AFC Legends, together with AFC 15 will be broadcast free to air in 2019.

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(From Left; Karim De Ridder, Craig Griffiths, Matt Sing, Andrew Symonds)



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