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Copeton Park's popularity sees registrations soar for 2017 Jackall Copeton Cod Classic

Copeton Park's reputation as a mecca for anglers across Australia has been sealed, with a record number of registrations for September's 2017 *Jackall Copeton Cod Classic* currently submitted.

The Classic is a catch and release fishing competition like no other and will see teams of three battle it out at Inland Waters Holiday Parks (IWHP) Copeton Waters over a fierce 36-hour session beginning 7pm on Friday, 15 September. Registrations close 30 July with more than 100 teams already signed up.

IWHP Copeton Waters is famous for the giant Murray Cod which inhabit its waters. As the only waterway in NSW with a year-round Murray Cod season it is a must-visit destination for those hoping to make a monster catch.

A key event in the NSW fishing calendar, the *Jackall Copeton Cod Classic* will see the best Murray Cod fisherman in the country battle it out for the top prize.

The largest Murray Cod caught will decide the ultimate winners of the competition, with entrants also having the chance to take home \$5,000 worth of fishing tackle and accessories through a monster raffle to be held on the Sunday night.

Those keen to get involved in all the fishing action can also register for the *Copeton Yella Challenge* which will be held in October.

If you miss out on registration you'll still have a chance to be named the 2017 King or Queen of Copeton. Simply post a photo captioned with the size of your catch to the Copeton Waters Facebook page before 30 November to have your chance to be a part of the Copeton Park's history books.

IWHP Copeton Waters Manager David Allan said there was still plenty of camping sites available for the weekend to view all the action.

"We are always excited to welcome such an esteemed and talented group of fishermen to our park as they go head to head to be crowned the winners of the *Jackall Copeton Cod Classic*," David said.

"It is great to see such a significant annual event continue to take place at Copeton Waters, with the increase in visitors over the weekend having a hugely positive effect for tourism not only in our park but also amongst the local community.

"As a keen fisherman, I look forward to seeing the best of the best take to the waters and wish all competitors the best of luck in snaring themselves a monster Murray Cod."



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The operations of Inland Waters Holiday Parks are managed by the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NSWCHPT), which also manages the North Coast Holiday Parks and South Coast Holiday Parks brands.

NSWCHPT CEO Steve Edmonds said he looked forward to seeing the event take shape in September, calling it a sign of the Trust's aim to enrich the local communities in which parks are located.

"As with all our Inland Waters parks fishing is a major tourism drawcard at Copeton Waters and events such as this competition allow us to showcase the Park as one of the best places in the country for freshwater fishing," Mr Edmonds said.

"As an annual event the *Jackall Copeton Cod Classic* plays a major role within the Inverell and Gwydir Shire regions and it is exciting to see the positive impact it has on the local community across an exciting weekend of competitive fishing.

"The Trust looks forward to seeing people of all skills and ages visit Copeton Waters to compete in fishing events at the park."

Register at www.aycfishingtournaments.com/copeton-cod-classic to enter a team.

For more information on all of the inland and coastal holiday parks managed by NSWCHPT visit www.inlandwaters.com.au, www.northcoastholidayparks.com.au and www.southcoastparks.com.au.

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