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**Darwin man celebrates New Year with $10,000 Barramundi**  

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A Darwin man has had a New Year’s Eve to remember after he won $10,000 in the NT Government’s Million Dollar Fish competition.  

Acting Chief Minister Willem Westra van Holthe congratulated 19 year old Nathan Neave from Virginia.  

“What an absolute stellar way to start 2016; I encourage everyone to get out on the water and tell your family and friends interstate and overseas to get up here to the Northern Territory, wet a line and become a winner,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.  

“There’s still time to register on www.milliondollarfish.com.au and spend your summer up here in the Top End chasing the remaining 69 $10,000 barras and of course the big one – the $1 Million fish.”  

Nathan went fishing with his older sister Jasmine yesterday afternoon when he reeled in the 69 centimetre prize-tagged barra in Darwin Harbour. He is the sixth $10,000 winner in the Million Dollar Fish competition.  

A regular fisho, Nathan registered for the competition two months ago thinking he might be able to fluke a win.  

He went fishing in his secret spot with his older sister who he admits he might have to share the prize with.  

“I’ll probably have to give her some or she’ll get annoyed,” he said.  

The pair didn’t realise they had hooked one of the winning barramundi at first.  

“We put it straight in the eski because it was thrashing around a fair bit. I didn’t realise it had the red tag until I went to get a drink out of the eski half an hour later. I couldn’t believe it and my sister started screaming,” said Nathan.  

The pair cooked up the $10,000 last night and it “tasted pretty good” according to Nathan.
He plans on putting the money towards paying off his car and admits his mates will be pretty jealous about his New Year’s Eve catch.

CrownBet CEO, Matt Tripp, said he was thrilled for Nathan after he landed a $10,000 prize Barra on New Year’s Eve.

“What a fantastic way to see in the New Year, congratulations to Nathan,” said Tripp.

“Million Dollar Fish is the new Australian gold rush for Fisho’s, and there’s plenty more catchable prize Barra out there.”

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