



# MURRAY VALLEY CITRUS BOARD WEEKLY NEWS

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## MVCB Supports United Australian Citrus Industry

The MVCB would like to correct a statement made recently in the press. The article mentioned that 'the Board is giving every indication that it does not share Citrus Australia's vision of a united Australian industry'. The MVCB does support a united Australian industry. However the Board recognises that the industry comprises of a number of distinct growing regions with different needs and issues unique to those regions. It is for this reason it is imperative that we do not adopt the 'one size fits all' model being espoused. Regional representation with statutory backing enables the specific problems or concerns of citrus growers within the Murray Valley area to be addressed.

## Notice of Compulsory Poll (28 May to 8 June)

The Victorian Minister for Agriculture and Food Security has notified citrus growers that a poll of citrus producers in the defined Murray Valley production area of Victoria and New South Wales will be held on the question of:

**Do you agree that the proposed Murray Valley Citrus Industry Development Order 2012 should be made under the Agricultural Industry Development Act 1990 Vic and the Agricultural Industry Services Act 1998 (NSW).**

If adopted, the Order will apply for a four year period commencing 1 July 2012.

The roll of citrus producers entitled to vote at the poll is now available for inspection during office hours at:

### Victorian Electoral Commission

Level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000

### Victorian Department of Primary Industries

Swan Hill Office, 324 Campbell Street, Swan Hill, Victoria

Mildura Office, Eleventh Street and Koorlong Avenue, Irymple, Victoria

### NSW Department of Primary Industries,

Dareton Research Station, Silver City Highway, Dareton, NSW

### Murray Valley Citrus Board

58 Pine, Av, Mildura, Victoria.

Murray Valley citrus producers in the Rural City of Mildura, and the Rural City of Swan Hill in Victoria, and the Local Government Areas of Balranald, Wentworth and that part of the Shire of Wakool lying west of the Moulamein to Swan Hill Road in New South Wales, are eligible to vote.

Producers who did not receive a written report on the proposed Order in a mail-out in February 2012 and who, or on whose behalf, at least 150 citrus fruit bearing trees are grown in the Murray Valley production area in 2012 should check the roll and if necessary register their names in order to be eligible to vote. Any changes to the roll

need to be received (by post or by Fax by 5:00pm, 24 May 2012 to the following address:

Mr Jonathan Drohan,  
Agriculture and Food Industry Policy  
Department of Primary Industries  
PO Box 4440  
Melbourne Vic 3000  
Telephone: (03) 9938 5930  
Facsimile: (03) 9658 4472

Ballot papers will be posted to all persons entitled to vote at the poll. The completed ballot papers must be posted or delivered to reach the Returning Officer not later than 4:00pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

## Fruit Fly Area Freedom Reinstatements and Detections for Week Ending 11 May 2012

Ellerslie has been declared free of fruit fly and has been reinstated to area freedom; and, we are expecting Pooncarie to be declared and reinstated in the next few days.

The table below shows that with the onset of cold weather the number of Qfly being detected has dropped. The usual practice is for Victorian Department of Primary Industries (VIC DPI) to halt Qfly treatment operations in the peri-urban areas during the colder months as the flies will no longer be active. MVCB will cease supply of bait spray chemical to affected growers at the same time.

| Area            | #Qfly | Action                                   |
|-----------------|-------|--|
| Mildura         | 1     | No Action                                |
| Tresco West     | 1     | Supplementary traps remain deployed      |
| Tresco North    | 1     | Supplementary traps and larval searching |
| Kenley South    | 4     | Supplementary traps remain deployed      |
| Murrabit        | 3     | Extends Outbreak                         |
| Murrabit East   | 1     | Supplementary traps remain deployed      |
| Swan Hill North | 1     | Supplementary traps remain deployed      |
| Koondrook       | 1     | Under Chemical Control                   |
| Piangil         | 1     | No Action                                |
| Kenley North    | 1     | No Action                                |
| Boundary Bend   | 2     | Extends Outbreak                         |
| Vinifera        | 2     | Extends Outbreak                         |
| Toolybuc Town   | 1     | Extends Outbreak                         |
| Tol Tol         | 1     | Extends Outbreak                         |
| Tol Tol South   | 1     | No Action                                |
| Lake Boga West  | 1     | Supplementary traps remain deployed      |
| Lake Boga       | 1     | No Action                                |
| Nyah            | 2     | Supplementary traps and larval searching |
| Koraleigh       | 1     | No Action                                |