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Qfly Update

Area	# Qfly	Action
Goodnight	2	Extends outbreak
Buronga	1	Extends outbreak

Another fly has been detected at Buronga and two in Goodnight. Growers in the Buronga and Goodnight areas who have been contacted by the Board are reminded to collect their chemical from the Board's office at 58 Pine Avenue Mildura.

Summary of Minister Burke's Announcement – Murray Darling Basin Plan 22nd November 2012.

- The Murray Darling Basin Plan was today signed into law by the Commonwealth Government with 3,200 Gl of water to be returned to the environment by 2024.
- The 3,200 Gl comprises the following:
 - 2,100 Gl being total contracted recoveries, indicative future infrastructure yield and indicative residual water purchases.
 - 650 Gl being an obligation on the states to deliver through supply measures that achieve environmental outcomes with less water. The Minister used examples such as environmental works at the Menindee and Hattah Lakes.
 - 450 Gl to be found through efficiency measures, infrastructure upgrades that deliver environmental outcomes with no economic or social impacts. This water will be held by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder. The Minister gave a commitment to the delivery of this volume as part of the Plan.
- In making the announcement Minister Burke highlighted that 2750 Gl was the current sustainable level of take; going beyond that doesn't produce any extra environmental benefits because of system capacity constraints such as bridge height, channel constraints and easements over private land.
- 2,750 Gl however is not enough to restore the river to health as only 11 of the 18 flow level targets are met with this level of water returned to the environment.
- Capacity constraints will be identified and removed as part of the plan to achieve the 3,200 Gl target by 2024.

Crop Forecasting

The Murray Valley Citrus Board will be commencing the tagging of fruit for the upcoming 2013/2014 season. Over the next two months the MVCB will be tagging fruit, collecting size measurements and density counts. Growers are reminded to be mindful of MVCB staff moving across designated crop forecasting sites throughout the region.

Annual Grower Property Registration Forms Due Now

Annual grower property registration forms were posted to all registered growers (over 150 citrus producing trees) in early October. The response in returning these forms has been pleasing, however growers who have not done so are reminded that they are now required urgently. Accurate and up to date planting information is essential for crop forecasting, market planning and Qfly chemical distribution. The information will be treated as confidential and will only be used in aggregated form.

Sunraysia Citrus Growers Inc Annual General Meeting

Sunraysia Citrus Growers Inc is holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 29 November at MVCB, 58 Pine Ave Mildura, at 4.00pm. All subscribing members and invited guests are welcome to attend. Refreshments will follow at the completion of the meeting.

