



# MVCB Weekly News

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### Qfly Detections in the Past Week

The table below sets out the number of location of Qfly trapped in the past week. Is it worrying that a number Qfly have been trapped in new locations within the Sunraysia Pest Free Area. MVCB will be working with growers in these locations to manage any new outbreaks.

Location	# Qfly	Action
Kerang	39	Extends Outbreak
Gol Gol	1	Extends Outbreak
Tooleybuc Town	Larvae in Fruit	Extends Outbreak
Euston Nth East	1	No Action
Boundary Bend Township	2	Extends Outbreak
Iraak	2	No Action
Trentham Cliffs	1	No Action
Tooleybuc East	1	No Action
Speewa	1	No Action
Swan Hill	1	Extends Outbreak
Woorinen Nth	1	No Action
Kerang South	1	Supplementary traps deployed

### Be Vigilant with Fruit Fly

Recent fruit fly detections are a stark reminder that we must be vigilant and do all we can to protect the citrus production areas in the Murray Valley.

With many visitors expected in the Sunraysia area during the Easter and school holiday period, mobile fruit fly roadblocks will be in place to check that visitors are not bringing in fruit or vegetables. Motorists found breaching restrictions can be fined up to \$5,500.

Local residents are urged to contribute to the awareness to visitors of the devastating consequences of a fruit fly outbreak in the region which has fruit export markets worth millions of dollars.

If visitors have inadvertently brought fruit into the area it can be placed in a sealed plastic bag and left in the sun for at least a week or placed in the freezer for two days to kill any fruit fly maggots. Local fruit drop from home trees should also be bagged and left in the sun. If an outbreak is suspected in a home orchard, it should be reported immediately to DPI Victoria.

Further information is available at [www.fruitfly.net.au](http://www.fruitfly.net.au) or [www.fruitfly.mobi](http://www.fruitfly.mobi) on mobile phones for a convenient check on what cannot be brought into the fruit fly exclusion zone.

### Copper Spray Application

To achieve the best result and returns from export and local markets, March to early April is the optimum time for citrus growers to apply copper based sprays.

The benefits of copper based sprays are;

- Pre and post harvest disease control
- Leaf disease (control of greasy spot) and rind blemish disease (control of Septoria spot)

## Diary Dates:

4 April 2013, 3:00pm

### Citrus Pre-season Meeting,

MVCB Boardroom, 58 Pine Av, Mildura.

and anthracnose)

- Control of snails in trees

Fruit for export and local markets should have an early autumn application to enhance post-harvest fungicide control on fruit.

Use good quality copper spray products as some inferior brands can lead to fruit marking and blemish. Spray copper and wetters at label recommended rates and make sure leaves and fruit are well covered. Extra sprays may be needed in wet weather conditions; spray mid-morning when fruit is warmed.

#### **Peru Expects to Increase its Citrus Exports by 10% Annually**

The Citrus Growers Association of Peru (ProCitrus) reported that in recent years the country has been increasing its citrus exports to the major markets of the world such as the UK, Netherlands, USA, Canada and Russia. Since the tendency is to increase exports 10% per year on average, they expected to export 100,000 MT (metric tons) this year.

The association also reported that Peru has been working permanently hand in hand with the SENASA (Peruvian Agriculture Department) in the opening of new markets. In recent years they have accomplished entry into China and Mexico, and in the next years they expect to enter Japan, Korea, Brazil and the Middle East. Scientific tests required for the opening of the Japanese market have been conducted since 2008.

(Source: <http://www.freshplaza.com/news>)

#### **Sunraysia Regional Forum and Variety Day**

Citrus Australia will be holding a Regional Forum and Variety Day at the Coomealla Club, Dareton on Wednesday 20 March, starting at 9:00am.

Growers will be able to hear presentations from Variety Commercialisers, up-to-date information on variety trends and replanting options. Practical field sessions demonstrating top-working and a discussion of best practice redevelopment will be held in the afternoon.

Ring (03) 5023 6333 for more information or to register.

#### **Correction:**

Last week's newsletter thanked Glen Goldup for growing the large pumpkin used in the display and Hanging Rock. In fact it was Stephen Sos who grew the pumpkin – so thanks to Stephen for providing the pumpkin for display.