



# MVCB Weekly News

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## **Qfly Update**

Two Qfly outbreaks, Boundary Bend and Boundary Bend West have fulfilled the requirements for reinstatement for the domestic market and are declared to have fruit fly freedom for the domestic market (one generation and 28 days or 12 weeks, whichever is longer) as of 1 May, 2013. Growers in these areas may be affected by adjacent quarantine areas.

Area	# Qfly	Action
Gol Gol	1	Extends Outbreak
Tresco Sth	4	New Outbreak
Swan Hill	2	Extends Outbreak
Kerang	2	Extends Outbreak
Kerang Sth	2	Extends Outbreak
Murrawee	Larvae	New Outbreak

## **Pat Barkley Foundation – 2013 Applications Open**

The Pat Barkley Foundation assists the Australian citrus industry maintain access to world-class technical expertise by providing international travel grants to attend scientific meetings, workshops or short-term training programs, or to visit world-leading scientists overseas. Applications are now being sought for the 2013 grant.

Interested applicants will need to complete the Pat Barkley Foundation application form (available on the Citrus Australia website) and submit together with a proposal addressing the criteria as stated and their current curriculum vitae to Citrus Australia by COB 31 May, 2013.

Applications can be submitted via email to [admin@citrusaustralia.com.au](mailto:admin@citrusaustralia.com.au) or fax 03 5023 3877 or post to PO Box 10336, Mildura Vic 3502

If you require further information in regards to application requirements please do not hesitate to call Citrus Australia on (03) 5023 6333 or email [admin@citrusaustralia.com.au](mailto:admin@citrusaustralia.com.au)

## **Export of Citrus to Thailand Revised Requirements**

The Thailand Department of Agriculture (DOA) has revised conditions for citrus being imported from Australia. The revised requirements are as follow:

- Grower registration is for orchards or blocks, previously only orchards were permitted.
- If non-compliance on arrival in Thailand occurs three times (once for Fuller's rose weevil) from a registered orchard or block, DAFF will suspend registration from the orchard.
- Once an orchard or block is suspended, consignments containing fruit from the suspended orchard or block (including certified consignments in transit) will not be permitted entry into Thailand.
- The registered orchard/block number must be on the phytosanitary certificate.

These conditions are to be met for citrus entering Thailand from 20 May, 2013.

The new protocols can be accessed from 30 April, 2013 from the MICO R website. In order to view the documents online you are required to be registered. To register please select 'register with Plan Exports'.

If you have any further enquiries, please email the Horticulture Export Program, or phone the Horticulture Exports Program on (02) 6272 5308.

### **SCG/MVCB/NSW DPI Technical Field Day**

Sunraysia Citrus Growers Inc and Murray Valley Citrus Board will be hosting a 'Grower's Technical Field Day' on 26 June, 2013 at the NSW Department of Primary Industries Dareton Primary Industries Institute.

The event is expected to attract 100 - 200 citrus producers from the tri-state region eager to see and learn about the latest technology, machinery, and agricultural products available in the citrus industry.

This Technical Field Day will be free for all Murray Valley citrus producers to attend and will bring international and national citrus experts to Mildura.

There will be two keynote speakers; Joshua Kanonich, an Israeli citrus extension specialist, and Pat Barkley, the eminent Australian citrus pathologist. Joshua will speak on the Israeli approach to mandarin production, and Pat will address the threat that the citrus greening disease, Huanglongbing, poses for the Australian citrus industry.

Other topics will include

- crop regulation from a grower's perspective;
- potential in the East Asian market for Australian citrus;
- electricity cost savings associated with irrigation;
- the financial feasibility of on-farm electricity generation using solar energy.

**The conference numbers are strictly limited. Admission is by registration only and registrations will close on June 14. Register by ringing MVCB on (03) 5051 0500 or email [marv@mvcitrus.org.au](mailto:marv@mvcitrus.org.au).**

### **Navel Maturity Results**

Some of the Navel maturity tests results carried out over the last week are listed in the table below. Growers are encouraged to have their Navels tested before harvesting so sour, immature fruit does not reach the market. MVCB staff will carry out free maturity testing for all Murray Valley growers and packing sheds.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Variety</b>	<b>% Juice</b>	<b>° Brix</b>	<b>Brix:Acid Ratio</b>
3.5.13	Iraak	Navelina	44	9.7	10.1:1
3.5.13	Colignan	Navelina	43	12	9.3:1
3.5.13	Ellerslie	Navelina	45	10.6	10:1
1.5.13	Gol Gol	Navelina	44	11.7	10.2:1