



MVCB Weekly News

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Qfly Update

The table below sets out the trapping data for July 2013

Location	# Qfly	Action
Goodnight Township	1	Extends outbreak
Kerang South	1	Extends outbreak
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Buronga	1	Extends outbreak
Weman	1	No Action

DEPI staff will be installing suppression blocks in Buronga, Euston, Tooleybuc and Goodnight to assist with eradication efforts prior to baiting activities resuming in 2013.

MVCB will be holding a Qfly meeting on 11 September, all growers and packers are urged to attend. Vic DEPI staff will be in attendance to give an update on current outbreaks and reinstatements, PFA eradication operations for the 2013/14 season and changes to the movement of fruit in Victoria. MVCB CEO Hugh Flett will also give an update on MVCB funding for Qfly activities in the 2013/14 season.

Nominations Open for HAL Awards

Nominations for the 2013 Horticulture Australia Limited (HAL) Awards have opened. The HAL Awards include the Graham Gregory Award for excellence in horticulture, which carries a \$10,000 cash prize, the Young Leader Award which can be bestowed on up to five young leaders in one year and the Kendle Wilkinson Award which is bestowed on a young horticultural scientist.

Since its inception in 1993, the Graham Gregory Award has been the horticulture industry's most prestigious accolade, recognising outstanding achievements from all sectors on horticulture across the supply chain.

In the past the award has recognised achievements of growers, researchers, exporters and other agri-business leaders, who have helped enhance the horticulture industry through their work in research and development, marketing, technology transfer, education or training.

The Young Leader Award is open to nominees under 35 who are able to demonstrate leadership in any discipline related to the horticulture industry. The Young Leader Awards winner(s) will receive a prize that includes travel to the award presentation in Sydney with one nights accommodation, a free registration at a HAL-funded conference and a certificate of recognition. The Kendle Wilkinson Award is open to candidates who have graduated with a Master/PhD in Agricultural/Horticultural science in the last five years and with demonstrated ability to bridge the gap between science and best farm practice. The winner will receive a recognition plaque as well as travel to the award presentation in Sydney with one nights accommodation.

Nominations for these three awards close on Monday, 20 September. Nomination forms are available on HAL's website www.horticulture.com.au/halawards

Zest Fest

Field Officer, Tony Bothroyd and IDO, Mary Cannard attended Langtree Mall on Saturday morning as part of the Mildura Zest Fest celebrations.

Mallee Family Care Op Shop won the prize for the best 'citrus themed' decorated shop front.

The Marmalade competition was won by Mary-Ann Van Dijk with Anita Sundak taking out second prize. Mary-Ann will now be asked to submit an entry into the Benniyong MarmalAshes competition in 2014. Lisa DeMaria won the people choice award and Emma Ash won the under 18 prize for her marmalade.

The children's citrus sculpting competition was won by Anthony DeMaria.

MVCB would like to thank the following growers and packing sheds for contributing fruit and juice for all Zest Fest activities:

- Mildura Fruit Company
- SimFresh
- EJT
- SOS Citrus
- True Blue
- Curlwaa Fresh
- SS Citrus
- Col Nankivell
- All Seasons Citrus
- Mansell Farms

Without the support of these packing sheds it would not have been possible for the inaugural Mildura City Heart Zest Fest to be a success. MVCB staff is certainly looking forward to being part of this festival in future years.