

National Fruit Fly Council  
Annual Report  
December 2022



## SUMMARY

In this Annual Report, we present progress against the planned deliverables of the National Fruit Fly Council (NFFC, or the Council) for the period January to December 2022.

This year represents the first full year of a new Manager for the NFFC, with Stuart Burgess commencing in the role mid-December 2021. Stuart has dedicated the year to getting to know the Council and broader stakeholders and has continued to deliver the strong advisory relationship that the Council is known for. Additionally, Chris O'Connor joined the team in July 2022, as an Engagement Officer, to deepen and broaden engagement opportunities. Together, Stuart and Chris have delivered the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) funded project to support the communication about the complexity of Australia's fruit fly system and the impact of a change to the current distribution of MedFly.

Progression of the review of the operations and composition of the Council was finalised with new Terms of Reference being accepted at the June 2022 Council meeting. The changes to the Council include the addition of an Executive Committee whose role is to progress projects and works as agreed upon by the Council. Strategic decisions and discussions will go back to the broader Council for any approvals or ratification. The Executive Committee will meet a minimum of four times per calendar year, however, this can be increased on an as needs basis.

A series of new Council specialist working groups are being convened from early 2023 onwards and will enable broader engagement across the national fruit fly system and progress on the NFFS. These include a Fruit Fly Trade Working Groups and a Fruit Fly Management Toolbox Task Group.

The 2021–22 Annual Implementation Report for progress against the NFFS is being finalised for publication. This report summarises progress and achievements from 1 July 2021 to 31 June 2022. Progress in each of the eight key result areas from the NFFS is tracked against the strategic framework and objectives within the NFFS.

The 2022–23 Annual Implementation Plan is also being prepared for publication on the prevent fruit fly website. It collates key fruit fly activities that have been planned and resourced by stakeholders from 1 July 2022 to 31 June 2023 and maps them against priority areas in the NFFS. This is also used to monitor progress against the NFFS and identify gaps that need to be addressed in the national system. The Annual Implementation Plan acknowledges many different stakeholders' considerable and ongoing contributions to fruit fly management in Australia. Importantly, it provides an opportunity to collectively consider potential gaps in this system as guided by the Intergovernmental Agreement on Strengthening Australia's Fruit Fly Management System.

Three highly successful webinars were conducted during 2022. The first was the '*Consolidated webinar on the phenology, demography, distribution, and diagnostics of fruit flies*' with speakers from QDAF, QUT, NSW DPI and Ag Vic. The webinar covered recent research results from the Strengthening Australia's Fruit Fly System Research Program of the Department of Agriculture, Water & Environment, with matched funds from state and territory governments. The second was '*Agrichemicals and novel technologies in fruit fly management*', with speakers from experts across consultancy, government, and research into novel management approaches. The third webinar



centred on interspecies competition amongst fruit fly and was delivered by Queensland University of Technology. Significant interest in our webinar series continues to be garnered not only locally in Australia but also internationally.

Ongoing delivery of the newsletter and social media program following the NFFC Communications Plan is continuing. A refresh of the prevent fruit fly website is underway with the revised website being prepared for live launch in early 2023.

## The National Fruit Fly Council project

The National Fruit Fly Council Phase 4 is funded by Hort Innovation, states governments, the Australian Government and fruit fly impacted horticultural industries. The NFFC is a strategic body bringing together federal and state governments, growers, and research funders to oversee the implementation of the National Fruit Fly Strategy and to provide advice and leadership on the delivery of a cost-effective and sustainable approach to managing fruit flies across Australia.

The objectives of the National Fruit Fly Council Phase 4 project are to provide a national strategic direction for the management of fruit fly in Australia, prioritise RD&E for fruit fly in Australia, and inform a national approach to the application of fruit fly management to meet industry needs for domestic and international trade.

This fourth phase of the NFFC continues to build on a considerable platform of work in recent years which has increased national engagement and identified priorities to strengthen the national fruit fly system and Australia's trade position. The NFFC is also now uniquely positioned to provide an independent and facilitatory role in bringing stakeholders around key issues that require national coordination and cooperation to be progressed and resolved.

The project enables regular meetings of the Council, and a small project team within Plant Health Australia. This team is responsible for developing the Council's agenda, increasing connectivity with trade and research stakeholders, and communicating with fruit fly stakeholders across Australia.

Outcomes of the project include:

- the provision of national, strategic direction for the management of fruit fly in Australia, including managing the risk of exotic species, to support a robust national system for trade and production
- prioritised R&D activities to meet the short and long-term fruit fly management needs in Australia, including endemic and exotic species,
- and communication and cooperation between governments, industries, researchers, and communities to progress strategically important national fruit fly issues.

The project contributes to the Hort Frontiers Fruit Fly Investment fund outcome of *"Maintained export markets – fruit fly as a second order issue for our trading partners"* by providing coordinated and collective consideration of national fruit fly challenges by key decision-makers and service providers, and those most affected by fruit fly. As a result of these discussions, the NFFC has



provided advice and leadership on the resolution of issues that benefit horticultural production and trade.

The project also contributes to the biosecurity outcomes of fruit fly impacted industry specific Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs). These outcomes include industry preparedness, responsiveness, and resilience to biosecurity threats (e.g., exotic fruit flies), a national approach to fruit fly management, reduced impact of endemic pests and improved on-farm practices.



## Key deliverables

### National Fruit Fly Council meetings

The Council has met four times during 2022. Of those meetings, two were held face-to-face (hybrid) and two online via Microsoft Teams.

- Meeting 29 – 15-16 March 2022
- Meeting 30 – 15 June 2022
- Meeting 31 – 20-21 September 2022
- Meeting 32 – 13 December 2022

Some of the issues considered by the NFFC during these meetings have included:

- Implementation of recommendations from the National Fruit Fly Council review.
- Consideration and development of corresponding new NFFC structures including a new NFFC Terms of Reference (ToR), Executive Committee, Working Group and Task Group.
- Progress against the 2020-25 National Fruit Fly Strategy and priority activities required to address gaps and strengthen Australia's fruit fly position to support horticultural trade.
- PHA's DAFF funded Engagement and Extension project and key themes;
  1. Building a national approach to the fruit fly system
  2. Preparedness support for changes to Australia's fruit fly distribution and trade
  3. Fruit fly engagement to support policy development
  4. Grower extension activities.
- Fruit fly outbreak eradication in the Riverland (South Australia).
- Consideration of a national Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) policy through engagement with the Riverland Fruit Fly Committee, PIRSA and DAFF.
- Engagement with the SIT Strategic Advisory Committee regarding program deliverables and future priorities.
- Consideration of the DAFF-funded and PwC-delivered *National Fruit Fly Resourcing Options* (Sustainable Funding) consultancy.
- Engagement around the DAFF-funded and Deloitte-delivered *Building Resilience to Manage Fruit Fly Package* scoping study.
- The role and future of irradiation as a market access treatment for fruit fly affected produce.

In September 2022, after nearly three years of leadership, the independent Chair of the NFFC, Lloyd Klump, stepped down from the role. Lloyd's strategic, open, and measured leadership of the NFFC cannot be understated. The Council thanked Lloyd for his contribution at the September NFFC meeting and via online acknowledgments. PHA Chief Executive Officer, Sarah Corcoran, is the current interim-Chair while an Expression of Interest process is underway to find a new Chair.

Council membership remained stable in 2022 with 16 members (not including PHA staff).





*Joint acknowledgement of the contribution of the outgoing Chair and launching the EOI process for the new Chair, PHA's LinkedIn account, December 2022.*

## NFFC Executive Committee meeting

The Council endorsed the establishment of a new NFFC Executive Committee at its June 2022 meeting with an open Expression of Interest process undertaken for representation which was available to all current NFFC members. The Executive Committee held its first meeting on 17 November 2022 in Sydney.

Some of the issues considered by the NFFC Executive Committee included;

- Development of 2023 Annual Priorities to strengthen the capability, capacity, and resilience of the fruit fly management system and to maximise R&D outcomes.
- 2023-24 NFFC program schedule across all core functions and activities.
- NFFC stakeholder engagement and influence mapping.
- 2023 National Fruit Fly Symposium scheduled for 17-19 July, 2023, in Adelaide.
- Establishment of a new fruit fly research network.
- Executive Committee roles within the NFFC Working Group and Task Group process.





### **National Fruit Fly Symposium**

Planning has commenced for the 2023 National Fruit Fly Symposium which is planned for July 17-19, 2023, at the National Wine Centre, Adelaide. The theme for the symposium is *'The view over the horizon'*. Participants will be targeted from a range of stakeholders including industry leaders, government representatives, researchers, and growers. The 2023 symposium will build on the success of the 2021 symposium. Trade will be front a centre of the 2023 program, with other priority strategic activities covered including;

- Market access
- Area Wide Management (AWM) and Sterile Insect Technique (SIT)
- Systems based approach
- Extension and engagement.

The symposium sessions will focus on three key areas:

1. a status report on what's been achieved to date
2. successful and practical approaches (success stories) to draw on, and
3. future opportunities and priorities (view over the horizon).

A key outcome of the 2023 symposium will be capturing and prioritising of the key issues identified through the sessions, with day summaries including actions collated similar to those generated for the 2021 symposium.

The days are being grouped into key activities and themes to help facilitate conversations and engagement:

- Day 1: Optional field trip to the Riverland region
- Day 2: The national fruit fly system and trade
- Day 3 – Workshops for strategic priority issues;
  - AWM/SIT
  - Systems based approach
  - Extension and engagement including social research

### **11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Fruit Flies of Economic Importance**

The 11th International Symposium on Fruit Flies of Economic Importance (ISFFEI) was held at Macquarie University in Sydney from 13-18 November 2022. The conference was hosted by the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries and organised in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Since the original symposium in Athens, Greece in 1982, the aim of these meetings has been to gather scientists, researchers, and those involved in plant protection agencies and phytosanitary programs to share knowledge, technologies, and experiences regarding fruit flies.

Over the past 40 years, these symposia have contributed to the global development and improvement of environmentally friendly control methods, management strategies that minimize the negative effects of fruit fly pests, and the development of a very strong network of tephritidologists.



Stuart Burgess presented on behalf of Plant Health Australia and the National Fruit Fly Council. The presentation, 'Collaboration: key to a strong and robust national fruit fly system'.

The NFFC were also sponsors of the conference which included in-kind deliverables of five International speaker profiles that were shared through prevent fruit fly socials. A 'Special Edition' newsletter is also being prepared for dissemination in December.

The 11th ISFFEI had a strong overseas contingent with opportunities for numerous side meetings, drawing on world leading experts such as those involved in presentations to the National Exotic Fruit Fly Action Planning group held on 21-22 November at Macquarie University. Plant Health Australia and Chris O'Connor from the NFFC team were involved with this set of meetings, which will also assist in the development of an Oriental Fruit Fly response exercise which is in development for 2023.



*NFFC Manager Stuart Burgess presenting at the 11<sup>th</sup> ISFFEI*





## National Fruit Fly Council webinar series

Continuing from the previous year's successful webinar series we have again delivered several successful webinars. These webinars provide a platform which empowers regional stakeholders by sharing relevant information on national fruit fly management activities and research, and practical and regionally appropriate practices for the management and/or prevention of fruit fly.

During 2022 the NFFC delivered three webinars:

- Webinar 7: Fruit fly interspecies competition (4 April 2022)
- Webinar 8: Coordinated National Research of fruit flies – a consolidated webinar on the phenology, demography, distribution, and diagnostics of fruit flies (24 May 2022)
- Webinar 9: Agchemicals and novel technologies in fruit fly management (31 May 2022)

Attendance across the series averaged around 100 attendees each webinar. Participants included researchers, growers, grower advocacy groups, peak industry bodies, regulators, policy makers and the public. Slides from the individual presentations have been made available on the [Prevent Fruit Fly Website](#).

Recent restrictions on travel have seen a forced shift to online engagement and this has aided in building an appetite for delivery using digital means. The value of webinars resides in their ability to communicate national messages simultaneously reaching a diversity of production regions and industries.



*Presenters from the Agchemicals and novel technologies in fruit fly management webinar*



## Prevent Fruit Fly E-Newsletter

Throughout 2022, four Prevent Fruit Fly e-newsletters were distributed, and in this year the number of newsletter subscribers has increased by 39% to 814, compared to 582 in December 2021.

Past editions of the newsletter can be found at [Newsletter - Prevent Fruit Fly](#)

EDITION 37 | October/November 2022



**Stuart Burgess**  
Manager, National Fruit Fly Council

### Message from the Manager

It's been a busy few months in the fruit fly space covering everything from Council meetings and joint sessions with the Sterile Insect Technique Strategic Advisory Committee (SITSAC) as well as visits to the fruit fly team headed by Associate Professor Markus Riegler at the Institute for the Environment at Western Sydney University (WSU).

Activities planned for 2023 include the various Council and newly created Executive Committee meetings, National Fruit Fly (NFFC) Research Working Group and Fruit Fly Management Toolbox Task Group meetings, the National Fruit Fly Symposium planned for 17-19 July 2023, regional workshops (i.e. Area Wide Management) and a series of webinars being planned in the lead up to the symposium.

[Read more](#)

### Building Capacity in Phytosanitary Irradiation Strategic Workshop

Fruit Fly Engagement Coordinator Chris O'Connor recently attended the 'Building Capacity in Phytosanitary Irradiation Strategic Workshop' hosted by Agriculture Victoria in Attwood.

The workshop allowed government, industry, research and service providers to come together and discuss industry experience with irradiation, overcoming the barriers to trade and how irradiation fits with the Australian Food Standards. This was followed by a tour of the Steritech Irradiation facility in Merrifield hosted by Steritech CEO, Murray Lynch and Fresh Produce Business Manager, Ben Reilly.

[Read more](#)



### 11th International Symposium on Fruit Flies of Economic Importance

The 11th International Symposium on Fruit Flies of Economic Importance (ISFFEI) will be held at Macquarie University in Sydney next week from 13 - 18 November.

The Symposium will gather scientists, researchers, and those involved in plant protection agencies and phytosanitary programs around the world, to share knowledge, technologies and experiences regarding fruit flies.

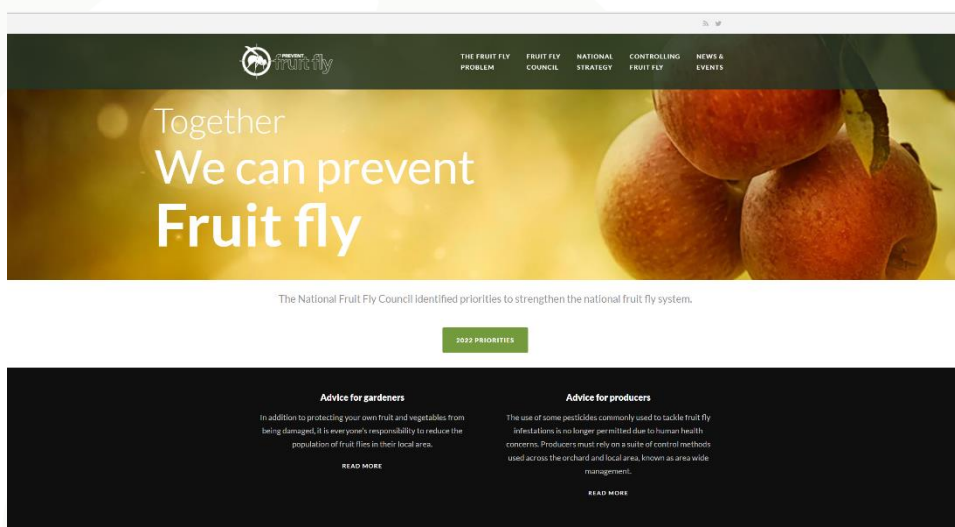
[Read more](#)

## Examples from recent Prevent Fruit Fly E-Newsletters

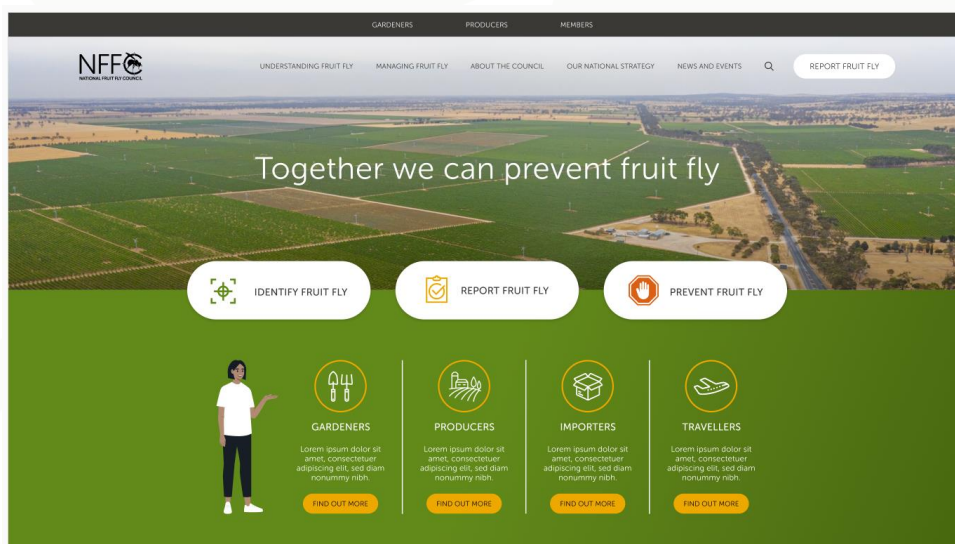


## Prevent Fruit Fly website

During 2022 the Prevent Fruit Fly website had 71,570 page views and 45,655 users. The website is currently undergoing a refresh which will see a number of cosmetic changes implemented along with improvements to the website structure to enhance user experience.



*Image of the current Prevent Fruit Fly website*



*Concept image for the refresh of the Prevent Fruit Fly Website.*



### Prevent Fruit Fly Twitter account

In 2022, 86 tweets and 246 retweets were shared on the Prevent Fruit Fly Twitter feed which received a total of 31,000 impressions. During this 2022 year, the number of Twitter followers increased by 17% from 354 followers to 415 followers.

Through the Prevent Fruit Fly Twitter account we have also run campaigns with information targeted at specific audiences. The use of hashtags (#) enables us to group these messages together allowing users to quickly find information in the related topic. An example of the use of hashtags includes the use of #biosecurity, #planthealth #fruitfly #preventfruitfly. The nature of the platform also assists us in amplifying fruit fly related messaging of our members and other key stakeholders.



*Prevent Fruit Fly Twitter channel page*



### **Industry articles**

Three articles have been written and distributed to relevant industry magazines over the course of year including:

- Australian Tree Crop Magazine
  - NFFC off-farm Collateral (Mar 22)
  - Fruit Fly Facts (Oct 22), and
- Australian Fruit Grower Magazine
  - NFFC Phase 4 (Summer 2022)

Bespoke articles have also been specifically developed for use on the Prevent Fruit Fly website, newsletter and social media channels as well as more broadly via the Plant Health Australia communication channels.

### **Other NFFC Phase 4 activities**

#### **Meetings with State Agencies**

An independent external review of project activities, performance, program structure and corporate government arrangements, was conducted to inform future phases of funding.

The independent review of project HA18000 – National Fruit Fly Council (Phase 3) was undertaken by GHD Pty Ltd during October and November 2021. Review recommendations were presented to the NFFC in December 2021 and were considered and acted on in the first half of 2022

#### **Research focused exchange**

Multiple meetings have been held between the NFFC and lead fruit fly research agencies and groups. These include:

1. Three meetings with the Hort Innovation National Market Access Research Group leading to into the development of the 8-year Hort Innovation project AM22000
2. Meeting with the Macquarie University fruit fly research group on 30 August 2022
3. Meeting with the Western Sydney University fruit fly research group on 26 October 2022
4. Meeting with the Oriental Fruit Fly Working Group (FF18001) including involvement in the development of the DAFF-funded National Action Plan for Exotic Fruit Flies project (21-22 November 2022)
5. Involvement with the Steritech Irradiation Workshop (AM19002 – Building capacity in irradiation – pathways to export) (15 September 2022).







*NFFC Manager Stuart Burgess, with Dr Bishwo Manali and Dr Soo Jean Park of Macquarie University discuss fruit fly research*

### **National Fruit Fly Management Protocol Engagement Meeting**

In July 2022, the NFFC convened a meeting between the Horticulture Export Import Consultative Committee (HEICC) and the Dr Sonya Broughton, chair of the Australian Fruit Fly Technical Advisory Committee (AFFTAC) to discuss the Australian National Fruit Fly Management Protocol (the Protocol) currently being developed between Australian governments. The meeting was requested by DAFF to facilitate discussion and planning for ongoing industry engagement in relation to the Protocol. Following the meeting, the Council offered Dr Sonya Broughton, as the chair of AFFTAC welcoming an opportunity to continue to lead engagement between governments and industry on the development of the Protocol; essentially providing AFFTAC with a voice to industry as the Protocol is developed further. We look forward to following up this offer in 2023.



## Key Outcomes

In the last twelve months we have progressed several key issues within the Council, considered and advised on national fruit fly priorities, improved Council engagement with stakeholders and implemented a new mechanism for ongoing communication. The new structures and operational model have further embedded the NFFC's reputation as a national voice on fruit fly. The momentum gained on national issues, meetings and papers raising issues and awareness to a variety of key stakeholders, hosting regular forums for information exchange, have demonstrated that the NFFC is a clear leader for strategic direction in relation to fruit fly management nationally. The impact of this project 'Phase 4 of the National Fruit Fly Council' is continuing to provide a foundation for robust outcomes into the future.

Attachment 1: The National Fruit Fly Council Terms of Reference



## Attachment 1: Terms of Reference

### 1.0 Rationale

The purpose of the National Fruit Fly Council is to provide leadership and advice to maintain, enhance and expand the trade of fruit fly affected industries, both domestically and internationally. Council oversees the implementation and maintains the National Fruit Fly Strategy to ensure the continuance of the Australian National Fruit Fly System.

### 2.0 Background

The National Fruit Fly Council is a strategic body bringing together federal and state governments, growers, and research funders to oversee the National Fruit Fly Strategy's implementation and provide advice and leadership on delivering a cost-effect and sustainable approach to managing fruit flies across Australia.

The project's objectives are to provide a national strategic direction for the management of fruit flies in Australia, prioritise RD&E for fruit flies in Australia, and inform a national approach to the application of fruit fly management to meet industry needs for domestic and international trade.

The project will continue funding the NFFC, building on a large platform of work in recent years that has increased national engagement and identified priorities to strengthen the national fruit fly system and Australia's trade position. The NFFC is now uniquely positioned to provide an independent and facilitatory role in bringing stakeholders around critical issues requiring national coordination and cooperation to progress and resolve.

The project will fund regular meetings of the Council and a small project team within Plant Health Australia. This team will be responsible for developing the Council's agenda, increasing connectivity with trade and research stakeholders, and communicating with fruit fly stakeholders across Australia.

The project will contribute to meeting the Hort Frontiers Fruit Fly Investment fund outcome of "Maintained export markets – fruit fly as a second-order issue for our trading partners" by providing coordinated and collective consideration of national fruit fly challenges by crucial decision-makers and service providers, and those most affected by fruit fly. As a result of these discussions, the NFFC will provide advice and leadership on resolving issues that will benefit horticultural production and trade.

### 3.0 Roles and responsibilities

The role and functions of the Council are to:

- Coordinate and provide leadership for fruit fly efforts across Australia
- Monitor progress and deliver Implementation Plans against the *2020-25 National Fruit Fly Strategy*.
- Advise on the contribution of proposed fruit fly research to the advancement of the National Fruit Fly Strategy
- Advise on strategic fruit fly management issues and activities, promoting consistency with international standards, minimisation of duplication, and support for Australia's market access opportunities



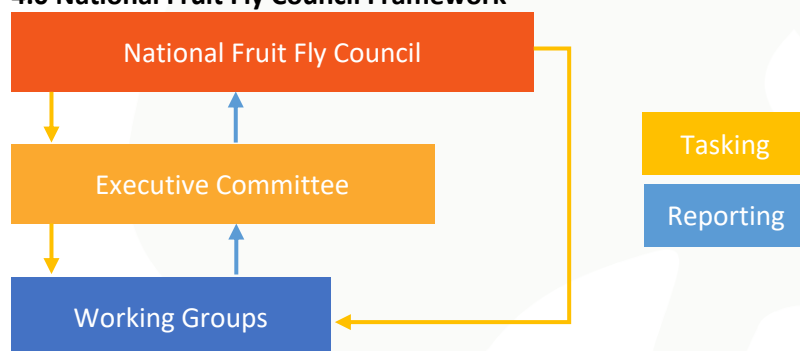
- Develop and implement a National Fruit Fly Council stakeholder and communications strategy
- Engage with relevant industry, government, research, and community stakeholders to develop positions that reflect the national interests in fruit fly management that are integrated into the national biosecurity system

### 3.0 Scope and limitations

The National Fruit Fly Council and its members are:

- an advisory body capable of setting priorities, and recommendations and using influence to achieve the national goals of the Council.
- not authorised to lobby any political party
- not authorised to spend or commit funds
- not responsible for setting or approving any research activities

### 4.0 National Fruit Fly Council Framework



### 5.0 Membership and Operation of the National Fruit Fly Council

#### Membership on the National Fruit Fly Council

Membership on the National Fruit Fly Council is based on skills and national requirements. Membership comprises regulatory biosecurity specialists from various jurisdictions, skilled representation from fruit fly impacted industries, Commonwealth, Plant Health Australia, and Hort Innovation representation.

This composition of members is as follows:

Membership	Ex-officio Membership
Commonwealth Government representative State or Territory Government biosecurity representatives Skilled based members from fruit fly impacted industries	Independent Chair Hort Innovation member Plant Health Australia member

Specifics of membership are as follows:

- Membership will be reviewed annually



- Members can nominate proxy attendance at the discretion of the Chair noting confidentiality agreements must be in place
- All members must have a significant understanding of the fruit fly ecosystem
- All members must remain focused on the national interest
- The Chair will be selected through an Expression of Interest and will be reviewed every three years
- The Council has the ability to invite other fruit fly specialists to meetings as required noting confidentiality agreements must be in place

### **Operation of the National Fruit Fly Council**

Meetings of the National Fruit Fly Council are held twice a calendar year, with additional meetings called by the Chair where required.

The Council is responsible for producing an annual priorities document for publication that the Council will use as a driver for work in the next calendar year. This document (previously known as the Council's Annual Priorities) will be created from the Annual Implementation Plan and Annual Implementation Report gap analysis.

Council will select critical issues from the 'Areas of Focus' at each meeting to determine:

1. What the ideal outcome or solution would be
2. Who to influence to work towards achieving this outcome
3. How influence could be used

The Council will then advise the Executive Committee to progress this work.

Work presented to Council by the Executive Committee should be discussed, and if endorsed, actions taken per the Committee's requests.

The Council can call for a specialist working group to be formed in the interests of a specific challenge or requirement.

Issues raised by members under Other Business at a meeting are considered for discussion if the Chair considers it appropriate. Otherwise, the matter is deferred to the next meeting as time permits.

### **Membership of the Executive Committee of the National Fruit Fly Council**

The Executive Committee is comprised of members of the Council to ensure the delivery of project outputs and the achievement of project outcomes.

The Executive Committee of the National Fruit Fly Council is comprised of:

1. The Council Chair
2. Up to five Council members
3. The Plant Health Australia member
4. The Hort Innovation member

Members of the Executive Committee will be reviewed annually by the Council.

### **Operation of the Executive Committee of the National Fruit Fly Council**





The Executive Committee members' role is to progress projects and works as agreed upon by the Council.

The Committee should present work to Council that is ready for Council's approval or ratification.

The Executive Committee is authorised to ratify operational activities stemming from previously agreed projects and works without Council approval. Any strategic decisions would go back to the Council for any approvals or ratification.

The Executive Committee should meet a minimum of 4 times per calendar year. However, this can be increased on an as needs basis.

The Executive Committee will:

- Progress work agreed upon by the Council
- Ensure the continuity of work between Council meetings
- Provide advice and guidance to Council to help inform decision making
- Action recommendations and items from Council meetings
- Represent the broader Council to the best of its ability

### **Membership of Specialist Working Groups for the National Fruit Fly Council**

Membership of these Taskforces/Groups will comprise of members of the Council and other specialist as needed.

### **Operation of Specialist Working Groups for the National Fruit Fly Council**

The Executive Committee can call for a specialist working group to be formed in the interests of a specific challenge or requirement.

The Council and Executive Committee both have the authority to create Specialist Working Groups for the National Fruit Fly Council.

These Groups are convened on an ad-hoc basis for a specific challenge or requirement that requires specialist expertise. These groups will only meet as needed and only exist for the particular task or function identified by the Council or Executive Committee.

Working Groups will report to the Council-Manager, who will be responsible for providing updates to the Executive Committee or Council.

### **Operation of Secretariat for the National Fruit Fly Council**

Plant Health Australia will provide secretariat support for the National Fruit Fly Council, the NFFC Executive Committee and related Specialist Working Groups.

The role of the Secretariat for the Council is to:

- Confirm and advise members of meeting dates, including a future meeting plan
- Prepare and distribute the Council meeting agenda and supporting papers for each meeting at least five working days before each meeting
- Record Council meeting outcomes and distribute minutes to members
- Produce a meeting communique for publication after each Council meeting
- Maintain communication networks with Council



- Manage the membership of the Council, including new and reappointments

The role of the Secretariat for the Executive Committee is to:

- Confirm and advise members of meeting dates, including a future meeting plan
- Maintain communication networks with the Executive Committee
- Manage the membership of the Committee, including new and reappointments

### **Independent Chair**

An Independent Chairperson chairs all Council meetings. If the Chair is unavailable, an interim Chair may be nominated by the Council.

The Chairperson will serve three years and be selected through an open expression of interest managed by Plant Health Australia. Council will then select the person who is best suited for the role.

The Chair is a funded position, and the contract being developed and executed by Plant Health Australia.

### **Code of Conduct**

All members of the National Fruit Fly Council and its sub-committee have an obligation to:

- Act honestly and exercise powers for their proper purpose
- Constructively contribute and provide an informed perspective on matters discussed
- Respect confidentiality requirements
- Declare any conflicts of interest
- Act in the national best interest and;
- Act in good faith.

### **6.0 Review and Assessment**

The Council has the opportunity to review the Terms of Reference annually to provide optimal effectiveness.



#### 4.0 Membership

The Council is comprised of:

Name		Title	Industry / Organisation
Lloyd	Klump	Chair (resigned in September 2022)	National Fruit Fly Council
Sarah	Corcoran	Interim NFFC Chair CEO	Plant Health Australia
Alison	Anderson	General Manager, Research & Development	Horticulture Innovation Australia Ltd
Greg	Chandler	R&D Manager for Biosecurity	Horticulture Innovation Australia Ltd
Satendra	Kumar	Director Plant Biosecurity & Product Integrity	NSW Department of Primary Industries
Ross	Meffin	Executive Director	Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA
Mike	Ashton	General Manager and Chief Plant Health Manager (Plant Biosecurity and Product Integrity)	Biosecurity Queensland, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
Andrew	Bishop	Chief Plant Protection Officer (Tasmania)	Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania
Sonya	Broughton	Chief Plant Biosecurity Officer	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development WA
Bertie	Hennecke	Assistant Secretary (Biosecurity Plant Division, Plant Health Policy)	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Rosa	Crnov	Chief Plant Health Officer	Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, VIC
Steve	Burdette	Owner	Steve Burdette & Associates
David	Daniels	General Manager (Market Development)	Citrus Australia
Tom	Eastlake	Cherry Grower	Cherry Growers Australia
Mark	Wilkinson	Stonefruit Grower	Sunpick Orchards
Dale	Williams	Mango Grower	Euri Gold Farms
Jolene	Williams	Stonefruit Grower	Sunfruit Orchards
Stuart	Burgess	Manager, NFFC	Plant Health Australia
Chris	O'Connor	Fruit Fly Engagement Coordinator (NFFC Secretariat)	Plant Health Australia



The NFFC Executive Committee is comprised of:

Name		Title	Industry / Organisation
Sarah	Corcoran	Interim Chair CEO	Plant Health Australia
Greg	Chandler	R&D Manager for Biosecurity	Horticulture Innovation Australia Ltd
Andrew	Bishop	Chief Plant Protection Officer (Tasmania)	Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania
Bertie	Hennecke	Assistant Secretary (Biosecurity Plant Division, Plant Health Policy)	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Rosa	Crnov	Chief Plant Health Officer	Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, VIC
Steve	Burdette	Owner	Steve Burdette & Associates
Jolene	Williams	Stonefruit Grower	Sunfruit Orchards
Stuart	Burgess	Manager, NFFC	Plant Health Australia
Chris	O'Connor	Fruit Fly Engagement Coordinator (NFFC Secretariat)	Plant Health Australia

### Chairperson

The Council is chaired by an independent chair, previously Lloyd Klumpp who resigned from the role in September 2022. Sarah Corcoran, CEO Plant Health Australia, is the interim chair for the NFFC Executive Committee and the NFFC as Plant Health Australia recruit a new independent chair (due to be finalised in early 2023).

Meetings are convened by the Chair and supported by the manager of the Council.

