

## NFFC Communiqué

The 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the National Fruit Fly Council (NFFC) was held on 13 December 2023. Council Members met virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The plans for 2024 were discussed and included the establishment of a Biennial Fruit Fly Research Forum scheduled for July 2024, facilitation of a Fruit Fly Research Network, and a series of 'Think Tank' webinars on the following topics:

- Exotic Fruit Flies,
- Sterile Insect Technique,
- Parasitoids, and
- Medfly Gene Drive.

### **Expression Of Interest (EOI) for Industry Members of the NFFC**

The recruitment process for industry members of the Council, including the NFFC Working Groups, is now underway. The EOI will be open until 29 February 2024. An EOI for membership of the Executive Committee and Working Groups will go out to the state representative Council members.

### **Industry Access to National Fruit Fly Protocol**

National approval has been received to share Australia's National Fruit fly Management Protocol with industry representatives for information to support industry fruit fly management activities. Plant Health Committee recognised the advice provided by the NFFC relating to sharing a relevant subset of the Protocol. A communication strategy will be developed and implemented to support this activity.

### **Economic Analysis of Fruit Fly in Australia**

The NFFC endorsed a proposed approach for an economic analysis into the impacts of fruit fly in Australia. The Council will convene a Task Group to support the development and implementation of an economic cost analysis of fruit fly in Australia.

### **NFFC Phase 4 Annual Report 2023**

The NFFC Phase 4 Annual Report is available on the Prevent Fruit Fly website.

The next NFFC Committee meeting (Meeting 35) will be on 17 July 2024 in South Australia.