

NFFC Communiqué

The 32nd meeting of the National Fruit Fly Council (NFFC, or the Council) was held online on 13th December 2022.

Selection Process for the new NFFC Chair

Sarah Corcoran (Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Plant Health Australia) is currently acting as an interim NFFC Chair until a new independent Chair is appointed. A selection process for a new NFFC Chair was noted to be underway with an Expressions of Interest (EOI) document currently available on the Prevent Fruit Fly website. The EOI will be open until 31st January 2023 with responses to be subsequently evaluated by a selection panel comprising of Sarah Corcoran (CEO, Plant Health Australia), Greg Chandler (Hort Innovation) and Steve Burdette (representative for the NFFC Executive Committee).

New NFFC Structure

NFFC Manager, Stuart Burgess, presented to the Council on a new proposed structure for the NFFC. As part of the revised structure, an NFFC Executive Committee has been established to ensure continuity of NFFC work in between NFFC Meetings, provide guidance to the Council and PHA, as well as action the recommendations of the Council. It was noted that the NFFC Executive Committee would be expected to operate in accordance with its own Terms of Reference (ToR). During the meeting, the Council's role as an influencer, advocate and coordinator, was reaffirmed.

Additional stakeholder meetings have also been implemented during out-of-session periods between NFFC meetings to facilitate deeper two-way dialogue and sharing of information as well as to inform the NFFC stakeholder engagement plan.

NFFC Executive Committee

The first meeting of the NFFC Executive Committee was held on 17th November 2022. During the meeting, Annual Priorities of the Council were developed and accepted by the Executive Committee for continued relevancy in 2023. These priorities were informed by previous stakeholder engagement in 2021 as well as engagement sessions held in 2022 including the 15 National Fruit Fly System discussions held, the East/West Hypothetical exercises, the Joint NFFC and Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting in September and the Prioritised draft outcomes from the National Market Access Research Program (AM22000).

NFFC Phase 4 Annual Report 2022

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

The next NFFC Committee meeting (Meeting #33) will be held on 19th July 2023.