

## NFFC Communiqué

The 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the National Fruit Fly Council (NFFC, or the Council) was held as a hybrid meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Council members attended in person at Crowne Plaza located at 27 Frome Street, Adelaide, as well as virtually via Microsoft Teams.

### National Fruit Fly Council Research Working Group

The newly established National Fruit Fly Council Research Working Group conducted a scoping session on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Attendees included representatives from the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (QDAF), Agriculture Victoria, Macquarie University and the New Zealand Fruit Fly Council. During NFFC Meeting #33, endorsement was sought from the Council for approval of a New Zealand representative on the Research Working Group. In response, the Council approved the involvement of a New Zealand representative on the Research Working Group provided discretion would be exercised around any sensitive trade issues.

### Strategy and Implementation Plan/Report Update

Work by the NFFC Council remains guided by the priorities set in the National Fruit Fly Strategy (NFFS) of which the current version covers the period from 2020-2025 inclusive. The NFFS was developed by the Council to provide a supporting framework for stakeholder cooperation as part of a national approach to fruit fly management in Australia. Implementation of the NFFS is monitored by the Council through development and review of Annual Implementation Plans (AIPs) designed to bring together key fruit fly activities as outlined in the NFFS and to reflect shared goals supported by stakeholders. Each AIP is evaluated by the Council through the development of Annual Implementation Reports (AIRs) which also report against the NFFS Strategic Framework. Both AIPs and AIRs inform the development of strategically aligned annual priorities that guide work undertaken by the Council and the Executive Committee during each calendar year.

During Meeting #33, NFFC Manager, Stuart Burgess, provided an update on the NFFC Implementation Plan 2022-23 and NFFC Implementation Report 2023-24.

### NFFC Research Forum and Network Update

During the meeting, the concept of a Research Forum was introduced as an opportunity to support innovation and to provide researchers with an opportunity to update the fruit fly community on current research. Consensus from the Council was in support of this idea with a future forum proposed to be held in the off year of the Symposium.

### National Fruit Fly Resourcing Options

During the meeting, the Council acknowledged that a consultancy firm had been commissioned by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) to undertake a review of resourcing to support the fruit fly system and challenges to achieving sustainable resources into the future. The review generated a report titled 'National Fruit Fly Resourcing Options' which was discussed by the Council during the meeting.

The next NFFC Committee meeting (Meeting #34) will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.