

# GREATER SUNRAYSIA FRUIT FLY GOVERNANCE GROUP

MEETING 11 • 05 AUGUST 2021

The Greater Sunraysia Fruit Fly Governance Group meetings are held online.

## **Greater Sunraysia Regional Fruit Fly Action Plan 2021-2025**

The group was presented with a draft of the Greater Sunraysia Regional Fruit Fly Action Plan 2021-2025. The action plan outlines activities to deliver of the Greater Sunraysia Regional Fruit Fly Strategy 2021-2025 key objectives.

### 1. COOPERATION

*Facilitate cooperation on fruit fly management between federal, state and local governments, with stakeholders, industry, growers and community, to ensure state and federal objectives maximise their alignment with the unique characteristics of the region.*

2. MANAGEMENT OF ESTABLISHED FRUIT FLY  
*Coordinate the implementation of an area-wide management program with industry and the community to reduce pest pressure from established fruit fly across the region.*

### 3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

*Coordinate with state, national and international research and development organisations to communicate regional needs and facilitate local delivery of research and development outcomes within the community.*

### 4. PREPAREDNESS TO THREAT OF REGIONALLY EXOTIC FRUIT FLIES

*Increase the industry's awareness of and preparedness to the threat of regionally exotic fruit flies to the region and support government and industry to have robust preparedness plans for any incursions.*

### 5. SURVEILLANCE AND MONITORING

*Provide regional context to surveillance activities for regionally exotic and established fruit flies and support regional surveillance capability.*

The final version of the action plan will be available on the GSPFA website  
[www.pestfreearea.com.au](http://www.pestfreearea.com.au)

## **Greater Sunraysia Regional Fruit Fly Plan 2021-2023 funding application**

The governance group was presented with potential projects to be included in the greater Sunraysia's application for funding under Victoria's Fruit Fly Strategy 2021-2025 Grants.

The proposed activities include the Regional Coordinator position and the five additional projects:

1. Awareness raising, communication, education and engagement
2. Hot spot investigations
3. Fruit fly fighter
4. Tree removal
5. Sub-regional plans

The group supported the proposed projects presented at the meeting and will review the draft application in full on 16 August 2021.

The application is due to be submitted to Agriculture Victoria by midnight on 20 August 2021.

## **Greater Sunraysia Fruit Fly Group Regional Vision 2026**

To accompany the funding application under Victoria's Fruit Fly Strategy 2021-2025 Grants the Governance Group has been request to provide a two page document to succinctly outline the Group's shared vision of what regional Queensland fruit fly management will look like in 2026. Beyond the delivery of the 2021-25 program.

The group held lengthy discussion on what fruit fly management would ideally look like and also what was practical and feasible.

The following statement describes the Governance Group's vision for what the program will look like in 2026.

*By 2026, Sunraysia horticulture industries will be continuing to produce fruit fly free, clean and marketable fruit and vegetables. These industries will be supported by a wider community (both on and off farm) that is well placed in understanding and implementing effective management actions to minimise the impact of established fruit fly species on the region's horticulture industries, irrespective of the availability of ongoing government support.*

*Government and industry will have robust preparedness plans in place for any incursions of regionally exotic fruit flies.*

*Local councils and Agriculture Victoria will support industries through the continuation of their regulatory roles.*

Without Victorian Government and horticulture industry investment or co-investment, this vision is based on the perpetual efficacy of legacy learnings and management tools from preceding Qfly programs. The proceeding programs will focus on preparing non-agricultural sectors within the region to, as best as possible, perpetually manage Qfly and be aware of impending threats from other fruit fly species.

## **Greater Sunraysia Pest Free Area**

The governance group was informed that the Greater Sunraysia Pest Free Area Order was gazetted on 15 July 2021. The renewal of the order was for 12 months.

## **Greater Sunraysia Pest Free Area Governance Group**

The current terms of reference for the governance group were extended until 30 March 2022 or until reviewed, updated and accepted as part of Victoria's Fruit Fly Strategy 2021-2025 Grant.

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### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting date is to be advised.

