

National Fruit Fly
SYMPOSIUM 2023

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ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

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The National Fruit Fly Council (NFFC) is excited to host the 2023 National Fruit Fly Symposium at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide, South Australia.

This is the first face-to-face NFFC-hosted symposium since 2018. Since our last Symposium, the world has undergone some significant global upheavals, all contributing to a rapidly evolving context for fruit fly affected horticultural crops.

Themed 'The view over the horizon', the symposium will help us to take stock of progress against the National Fruit Fly Strategy to-date and build a collective view of the opportunities and challenges we face. The two-day symposium will provide participants with a front row seat to engage and contribute to our collective fruit fly future.

Day one will open with a status update of the fruit fly system followed by a contextualised scene setting presentation from global expert Dr Claire Naughtin, co-author of the 2022 CSIRO Our Future World megatrends report.

This will be followed by a series of panel sessions and collaborative discussions with fruit fly thought leaders and decision makers, exploring the potential bold futures we can realise in trade, considering the influence of current and emerging megatrends.

With a strategic focus, the importance of the market and economic imperatives for our horticultural industries and Australia more broadly to control fruit fly will be debated.

Day two dive deeper into one likely future, comprising a series of discussions around the issues contributing to our operating landscape as we transition to a chemically limited future.

Experts in the areas of agricultural chemicals and alternate control methods of fruit fly will provide an update on past and current work, draw on successful and practical approaches, look at case studies both locally and internationally, and explore future opportunities and priorities enabling us to chart a path forward and identify the role of stakeholders in this transition.

KEY PARTICIPANTS



John Webster | Chair of the National Fruit Fly Council

John is the Independent Chair of the National Fruit Fly Council and brings to the role extensive experience from senior positions within agricultural RD&E management and facilitation.

John's career has spanned the agricultural sector having previously been General Manager of Meat and Livestock Australia, Managing Director of Horticulture Australia Limited as well as CEO of Foodbank Australia.

In addition to his role with the NFFC John also Chairs the Fight Food Waste CRC, Red Meat Panel and is A member of the Strategic Advisory Council of the ARC Training Centre for the Transformation of Australia's Biosolids Resource.



Dr Lloyd Klumpp | Inspector General of Biosecurity

A well-known and highly respected biosecurity professional, Lloyd is the immediate past Chair of the NFFC and before taking up his current role of Inspector General of Biosecurity.

Lloyd previously served as the General Manager of Biosecurity Tasmania as well as senior roles within the Victorian Department of Primary Industries.

Lloyd has a deep understanding of the issues affecting the successful execution of biosecurity outcomes.



Prof David Hughes | Emeritus Professor of Food Marketing, Imperial College London

Professor David Hughes is a much sought-after speaker at international conferences and seminars on global food industry issues, particularly consumer and retail trends.

David has lived and worked in Europe, North America, the Caribbean, Africa and South East Asia and has extensive experience as an international advisory board member with food companies and financial service organizations. Around the globe, he works with food and beverage supply chain companies – including farm input, growers, manufacturers and ingredient companies, retailers and food service firms – to assist them in management training, strategy and Board level decision-making.

KEY PARTICIPANTS



Dr Claire Naughtin | CSIRO

Dr Claire Naughtin is a Senior Research Consultant and leads the Digital Futures team at CSIRO's Data61. Claire is passionate about bridging the gap between research and the real world and uses data to tell stories about the future to help leaders make more informed decisions.

Claire specialises in future-focused, strategic foresight projects for government and industry, covering topics such as the future of employment, healthcare, transport, the public sector workforce and emerging industries.

In her most recent work, Claire co-led the delivery of CSIRO's once-in-a-decade Our Future World report, which identified seven emerging megatrends that will shape the next 20 years for Australia.



Dr Penny Measham | QLD Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Penny is the Director of Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries portfolio of Market Access research with projects designed to enhance the productivity and profitability of Australia's horticulture industries through export.

Penny works with the market access team to build the strategic capacity and future direction of market access research, and engage nationally and internationally on fruit fly and market access challenges.

She has a PhD in plant physiology, and post graduate qualifications in plant biosecurity and commerce, and has worked extensively at the nexus of research, industry and government for over 15 years.



Dr Rieks van Klinken | CSIRO

Rieks is a research leader in CSIRO's Biosecurity Program and the Trusted Agrifood Exports Mission, coordinating work in the ecology and management of invasive plants, animals, and pest invertebrates.

As an ecologist and systems thinker, Rieks tackles national biosecurity challenges, with a focus on Market Access. Rieks has assembled a multi-disciplinary team to advance phytosanitary risk science and apply improved scientific methods and tools to manage trade-related biosecurity risks.

Building on prior research on phytosanitary systems approaches, Rieks led a Hort Innovation funded Safe Trade project aiming to drive a transformational improvement in the supporting science for market access and 'safe trade'.



Kevin Bodnaruk | AKC Consulting

Kevin has over thirty years' experience in both government and private enterprise on aspects of pesticide development, use and regulation.

He has provided technical and regulatory support to Australian government agencies, agricultural industry associations, Rural Development Corporations and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

Kevin has also contributed to various national and international industry committees and working groups as well as participating in an Australian delegation to the Codex Committees on Pesticide Residues and the Committee on Contaminants in Food.



Bec Lang | Facilitator | Rebecca Lang Consulting

Bec is a facilitator who specialises in designing and delivering engagement initiatives with people from the community, industry and government. She is commonly found facilitating conversations around land use and resource management issues where there are diverse and often competing stakeholder views. Bec has been working with fruit fly issues at a regional, state and national level for the last three years.

She is passionate about collaborating to create and facilitate processes that participants find worthwhile and that enable effective outcomes to be achieved. Bec holds qualifications in Conflict Facilitation, Organisational Change, Group Work and Applied Science in Horticulture.



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PROGRAM

Thursday 20 July 2023






Day one - A focus on fruit fly and the future of trade

Time	Session	Presenters / panel
9.30am	Introduction and welcome	John Webster Sarah Corcoran
	Our Future World - 'Global megatrends impacting the way we live over coming decades'	Dr Claire Naughtin
10.10am	Morning tea	
Panel 1: Potential bold futures in trade - sponsored by Hort Innovation		
11.00am	Hort Innovation trade overview and grower introduction An exploration of what the bold future of trade looks like and what it can deliver. Setting the scene a grower, NFFC member and exporter, will share their insights on the outcomes the production sector wants from bold futures and why?	Dr Mila Bristow
	Panel of specialists from the market access and trade space will delve into trends, competitors and market expectations to shed light on what the bold future of trade could look like	DAFF Joe Saina Suzy Green Dr Lloyd Klumpp Dale Williams Prof David Hughes
12.30pm	Lunch	
Panel 2 – Capturing the bold futures in trade		
1.15pm	A panel of specialists in the Australian fruit fly system will explore how we're currently working to capture this bold future of trade, what more needs to be done and where cooperation is needed to bring change into the system Following the panel, participants will work in table groups to discuss what they've heard	DAFF Andrew Bishop Dr Penny Measham Ben Calligan Dr Lloyd Klumpp John Webster
3.10pm	Afternoon tea	
Panel 3 - Bold futures in trade from an industry and grower perspective		
3.30pm	We will hear from a panel of growers and industry about their perspective on bold futures in trade and the changes needed to capture these bold futures at industry wide and enterprise level Facilitated Q&A	Growers and industry
	Wrap up	Facilitator: Bec Lang
5.10pm	Evening drinks sponsored by Steritech, National Wine Centre	
7.00pm	Day one concludes	

Friday 21 July 2023

Day two - Managing fruit fly populations on farm in a bold future

Time	Session	Presenters / panel
8.30am	Welcome back!	Bec Lang
Fruit Fly Management Toolbox Hypothetical Session – ‘a chemically limited future’		
	Day two will take a deeper dive into one likely future. Focusing on the scenario of a chemically limited future, we'll hear about New Zealand's approach to this future followed by a series of panelists exploring this future scenario	Facilitator: Bec Lang
	An update from across the Tasman We'll hear about the New Zealand Fruit Fly Council's readiness activities and how their horticultural industries are preparing for a chemically limited future	Matt Dyck Brad Siebert
Panel 4 – What's part of the toolbox in a chemically limited future?		
	In this panel session, we'll hear from leading experts about future control methods and options for the fruit fly management toolbox of a chemically limited future	Kevin Bodnaruk Prof Phil Taylor Dr Rieks Van Klinken Dr Maryam Yazdani Ben Reilly Dr Hazel Parry Dr Nancy Schellhorn
10.10am	Morning tea	
Panel 5 – Growers making the transition to a chemically limited future on farm		
10.30am	We'll hear why some growers are already making this shift and how they're doing it	Growers Trade Agronomists
	Refresh Think Tank session – ‘Mindset is one of the strongest leverage points to achieve change’	Dr Heleen Kruger
	Following the panel, participants will work in table groups to discuss what they've heard	All
12.15pm	Lunch	
1.00pm	Collaboration in a bold future? Participants will work in table groups to discuss the role of collaboration in a successful bold future	All
2.45pm	Afternoon tea	
3.05pm	Reflections on the symposium and a way forward. What have we heard and what will we do? Next steps?	DAFF Industry Researchers Trade Regulators NFFC
4.00pm	Symposium concludes	

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