

# Controlling fruit fly with confidence

It is still possible to harvest beautiful fruit from your garden, even now that Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) is established in the region, Irymple's Deb Bogenhuber said.

On her acre of land, Ms Bogenhuber has a mixture of natives and fruit trees, including some unusual fruits that can't be sourced easily in the region. She also grows some vegetables in raised garden beds.

"I'm a keen cook, so I love being able to process food when there's an abundance, and experiment with combining different fruits," she said.

"Even though fruit fly is here to stay, by

using the right control strategies and being consistent – like picking up fallen fruit on a daily basis – it is still possible to grow your own fruit."

Ms Bogenhuber said she hasn't had any Qfly infestations since installing traps, and protecting her fruit trees by covering them with insect nets has helped her to produce beautiful fruit.

"I'm definitely more confident of the strategies to use, and understanding the life cycle and ecology of the fruit fly helps me implement the strategies better," she said.

"The more widespread control we have as a community, the better for everyone. If my neighbour had a fruit fly infestation and did nothing about it I would feel like I'm wasting my time, so it's great that we can all work together."



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