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During the upcoming Living Colour Festival in Rundle Mall, NGISA will be launching the SA Hanging Basket Competition.

The competition is designed to increase awareness of gardening, encourage people to prepare their own hanging baskets and have the chance to have their baskets on display at the Royal Adelaide Show and win some great prizes.

Thanks to the support of NGISA Gold sponsor Brunnings Garden Products, all garden centres will be encouraged to participate and promote the competition to their customers.

"We will be providing promotional posters and details to all member garden centres and asking them to be the initial judges to select finalists in the competition. Finalists will then be able to bring their baskets to the Show and have the chance of being selected category winners or even Grand Champion," said NGISA Communications Manager, Neville Sloss.

The categories will be: Colour, Foliage, Edible, Creative, Watermiser, School and Garden Club.

"Brunnings is provided product prizes for the finalists and for category winners

so we thank them for supporting this initiative."

Gardeners will have all winter and early spring to get their hanging baskets ready for judging at their garden centre on the weekend of August 27 and 28, then finalists and winners will be on display at the Show from September 2-11.

"We hope to make this an annual event and build it into a wider community event in the years ahead. We would love to see hanging baskets in the main shopping streets of Adelaide city, suburbs and country towns in the years ahead." said Neville.



We will be promoting this hanging basket from Gardman and Brunnings Eclipse potting mix as a perfect start for a winning entry.



President's REPORT

It is certainly a busy time ahead for NGISA, all designed to promote our wonderful industry and help build awareness and sales for our members!

In May we have the Living Colour Festival in Rundle Mall, as well as the launch of the SA Hanging Basket Competition.

I do hope our retail members will get right behind the Hanging Basket Competition – I am sure many of your customers will be interested and hopefully participate.

Overall, I am pleased to report that the nursery and garden industry in our state is going solidly and our membership continues to increase. I think we should be proud that we have the strongest listing of independent garden centres of any state, supported by the growers and allied traders.

At time of going to print, there is discussion about increases in the national membership fees and the issue is one of strong 'debate' between the states and the NGIA. As you are aware the national fee is included in our membership fees billed each year and we are conscious of not impacting upon your business, but at the same time continuing to deliver services you expect from your associations, both state and national. More on that front soon.

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Cover photo: Helping to kick off the SA Hanging Basket Competition are (l to r) David from Ball Australia, Heidi from AGCAS garden Centre, Glynde Mitre 10 and Simon from Brunnings Garden Products with all the right ingredients to make a great hanging basket.





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INDUSTRY SNIPPETS

New rose to commemorate WW I



A new rose of remembrance is just being released by Knight's Roses to recognise the contribution of the Australian Armed Forces during World War I.

The rose 'We Will Remember Them' is an impressive Hybrid Tea with large high-centred blooms worthy of a prime position in any garden. Growing to 1.7m x 1.2m, it produces prolific decorative blooms of rich yellow edged with bright orange, with a fresh sweet rose fragrance. The bush is upright, vigorous and hardy with good disease resistance.

Daniel Knight said, "I wanted to pay tribute to the sacrifice and heroism of those who fought. I also wanted to pay tribute to our relatives who had served. My grandfather lost two of his brothers in France."

Knight's Roses will donate part proceeds from the sale of each 'We Will Remember Them' rose to the Office of Australian War Graves to contribute towards the maintenance of war cemeteries in France - a lasting and memorable tribute to our war dead.

NGISA study grant

NGISA has provided a \$500 grant to photographer and garden designer Rosie Boehm to help her attend a course on garden design and planting in Greece in June. In return, Rosie will be reporting for the industry on her learnings and her travels.

Rosie was selected for the Mediterranean Garden Society South Australia (MGS) scholarship which is enabling her to work for one month at 'Sparozza' in Greece, a two-hectare estate owned by the International Mediterranean Garden Society.

"I look forward to sharing what I learn on my return. Sparozza has one of the most significant collections of Mediterranean plants in Greece and the similarities in climate between Greece and South Australia make this a highly relevant opportunity to learn," says Rosie.

In congratulating Rosie NGISA President Graham Brown said the industry would look to other worthy recipients in the future for grants where there was benefit to the industry in South Australia.

Living Colour in Rundle Mall - a great promotion for plants, greenlife and living colour

The Nursery and Garden Industry is getting excited as the time for the Living Colour Festival in Rundle Mall fast approaches.

It will run from Sunday May 1 until Sunday May 15 and will showcase a wide variety of plants grown by NGISA members over the past two months.

There will be five blocks of plants presented in pine crates as planter boxes in a three by three metre square to add colour along the Mall and several side planter boxes along the streets and laneways leading into the Mall. Under the Gawler Place canopy will be more planter boxes and a large floral mural by local artist, Leah Grant.

The Rundle Mall Management Authority is paying for all the infrastructure (crates) and the promotional campaign.

More than 3,000 plants were supplied by Ball Australia for the Festival and David Eaton has been instrumental in putting the selection of plants and colours together.

"The promotion happened fairly quickly, but we have managed to get a colourful selection of varieties together, all being very well grown by participating nurseries," says David.

The nurseries which have been growing the plants are

Adelaide Plant Growers, Poplar Grove Nursery, Living Colour Nursery, Virginia Nursery, Briggs Nursery and Plummer's United Nursery. Garden City Plastics provided all the 140mm pots for the promotion.

"We hope this will be the forerunner of more projects in the city and Rundle Mall in the future," says NGISA President Graham Brown.

A full report will be in the June/July issue of *What's Growing On*.



Plants being prepared at Adelaide Plant Growers to go into the specially made timber crates for the Rundle Mall Living Colour Festival.

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Tino brings some 'down to earth' advice to SA gardeners

The ABC Gardening Australia's Tino Carnevale was special guest for the SA Autumn Garden Festival at the start of April and also took time to talk to gardeners at three garden centres and to up and coming gardeners as well.

Tino, whose 'specialty' is vegetable gardening on the program ("but I'm really into ornamentals as well" Tino told audiences!) arrived in Adelaide from Hobart on the Friday morning and took time out to speak to Year Eight students at Urrbrae Agricultural High School **in their garden plots.**

Afterwards he addressed students from Urrbrae TAFE, attracting a crowd of at least 50 people including several of the lecturers.

NGISA Board director and TAFE lecturer John Zwar had then organised for Tino to visit the Waite Arboretum across the road, where Curator Dr Jennifer Gardner took Tino on a guided tour.

On Saturday Tino started early with Michael Keelan on the breakfast gardening show on 5aa, before heading out to Newman's Nursery where 50 people were waiting to hear him **at** sold-out breakfast.

Mid-morning it was then off to Glynde Mitre 10 where staff had organised special door prizes, displays by Yates and Neutrog and Tino once again impressed people with his passion and knowledge of gardening.

Final stop for the day was Barossa Nursery where another 50 people were waiting to hear his words of advice when it comes to vegetable gardening.



(l to r) Tino, Dianne Hall from Newmans, Samantha Patterson and Jarren Galloway.





At Glynde Mitre 10, every question was rewarded with a punnet of vegetable seedlings, compliments of Living Colour Nursery.



Tino with Barossa Nursery staff, Jess Mansfield (l) and Trish Barraclough.

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Barossa Nursery had set up this great vegie patch display.

Garden Festival in perfect weather

Tino was the main guest speaker at the Garden Festival on the Sunday at the Clare showgrounds, where the crowds were out early as usual.

There were a record number of stalls selling plants and garden products including statues and sculptures and a wide variety of foods. One of the most popular was the spit-roasted lamb rolls. A record crowd of nearly 2000 people attended the Festival with organisers and stall holders delighted with the sales on the day.

Next year's date is yet to be resolved so that it avoids other gardening events but is looking like it will be later in April. Here are some snaps from the Day.





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Mighty Autumn Trade Day

Report and photos by Madeleine Broadbridge

The uncharacteristic humidity and midmorning downpour did not deter industry members, representatives, teachers and students from attending the recent Autumn Trade Day at Urrbrae Agricultural Centre. With a steaming coffee, compliments of Van Schaik's BioGro in one hand and a bacon and egg roll or gourmet sausage sandwich sponsored by Jong's Nursery in the other, around 200 people browsed the stands on display.

From newcomers Gregg's Kegs and SA Power Networks to 'veteran' stand-holders Adelaide Plant Growers and Detail Retail, there were opportunities to network, share information, preview a

large range of new seasonal stock and importantly, buy or order throughout the morning.

Each trade day, the best displays of greenlife and allied trades are awarded a small prize. For this one the winners were:

Best Greenlife: Plummers Nursery, Renmark

Best Allied Trade: Li'l Boxes, Edinburgh North

The next Trade Day is scheduled for early Spring 2016 – tentatively for Tuesday August 23, but more details will be released in the next issue of 'What's Growing On'.



Chris Ayles from Precision Nursery with Graham and Robyn from Garden City Plastics.



Smiling for the camera on the Plummers United Nursery stand are (l to R) Laela from Crafers Garden Centre, John Plummer and sales assistant Fiona Krawczuk.



Mighty Autumn Trade Day cont...

Madeleine asked a few of our stand holders why they came along to our Autumn Trade Day and this is what they had to say:

Phil Gange from P.B.M. Nursery -

“It is a great opportunity to put our face in front of people. Sometimes we might not sell much on the day, but it’s what comes over the next few weeks that is the real benefit.”

Gregg Mewett from Gregg’s Keggs -

“We wanted to create a bit more awareness about what we do for SA retailers. We currently sell a lot (of wine barrels) interstate so we wanted to make sure people in SA were aware of what we sold here.”

Nathan Briggs from Northcote Pottery -

“We always support this event. It is good to show our faces and surround

ourselves with networking and see the people that we miss from time to time in store.”

Peter Jong from Jong’s Nursery

“It’s become a very convenient location to meet a whole range of buyers in one day and present your products.”

Dot Flint from Adelaide Plant Growers -

“We love it! It’s bigger and better each time. It’s a time for PR and for the industry to get-together and have a chat.”

Matt Pearson from MADEC

“It’s our first time here and we saw it as a good opportunity to get our name out there in the industry and tell people what

we do.”

Alex Lewis from SA Power Networks -

“This is our first trade show and it has been great. We’ve used it as a chance to speak to the nursery industry about how to promote appropriate planting choices to their customers in store.”

Chris Ayles from Precision Nursery -

“We’ve been doing this for decades because it pays for itself each time. We’ve sold most of our stock here today and have orders ready for next week, plus it’s a chance to catch up with those [garden centres] we don’t get to see on a more frequent basis.”



David Eaton from Ball Australia) with Chris Physentzou from Adelaide Plant Growers.



Heynes Wholesale Nursery and to their right, Li'l Boxes a newcomer to trade day.



Despite looking like it would rain all morning, there was only one passing shower.



Some of the large crowd at the Trade Day.



President Graham Brown took the opportunity to present Stephen Simon from Molrgan Park with their AGCAS certificate and congratulate them on winning the Best Smaller Retailer National Nursery Award.



SA Power Networks took a stand to promote the new campaign about planting near powerlines.



Note - Bottom left pic, the word ‘Smaller’ highlighted in yellow but no post it note to alter?

John Ringham, now confident of water security in SA

John Ringham has more than 40 years' experience in the water industry, much of it with North West Water, a company in the United Kingdom. John joined SA Water as Head of Operations, before taking the role of Chief Operating Officer. In that role he carried overall responsibility for water supply and wastewater service delivery. He was appointed to the role of Chief Executive of SA Water in 2010, and will leave the role in July. NGISA's Neville Sloss spoke with John in this special interview for 'What's Growing On'.

Outgoing Chief Executive of SA Water John Ringham is confident that he is leaving the role with South Australia having a much more secure supply of water than ever before.

During his time at SA Water John witnessed one of the worst and longest droughts in SA's history, a drought that had a dramatic effect both on home gardeners and on the nursery and garden industry - growing and retailing sectors.

"We were not prepared for the drought years, and I think none of us who were affected by it were either, particularly the public," says John.

"Water restrictions were essential and, beyond the necessary use of water inside the home, watering of gardens had to be one area we targeted to reduce water consumption."

The nursery industry would generally be in agreement with John that the public had never been educated on efficient watering and in fact overwatering was not uncommon. But at the time the industry felt it was unfairly being targeted with suggestions that 45% of water was used in the garden and the industry arguing that it was more likely to be 35% outside.

"Regardless of the figures, we needed to reduce water consumption, particularly in the garden and the restrictions did achieve that, along with other measures such as low flow shower heads," says John.

"I was pleased that the nursery and garden industry in South Australia became a very active partner in educating the public. Initially we didn't realise the importance or value of the industry, nor the importance that many residents put on their gardens in the early days."

"While we had to be disciplined in the first instance I think we were successful in educating the public and our move to 'Water Wise Measures' was important in

bringing the public along with us."

John says water use is down 20-25% on average than it was in 2002, but any further reduction would be difficult.

"This has been achieved by greater water efficiency in the home and by changing the way people water their gardens and what they grow."

"We realised that it took some years for the growing industry to breed plants that required less water. Then and now we certainly appreciate what was done on that front.

"It is a credit to the boards of NGISA and Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey Fuller in particular, that they were willing to sit down and constructively work through how we could do things better - it became a shared problem where we were both looking for the best solutions."

John thinks there is still room for the garden industry to improve with more information on plant labels, fact sheets on plant care and better placed education for the gardening public. He thinks that much has been achieved in bringing water security to Adelaide, while allowing for growth.

"The Adelaide Desalination Plant is a vital part of the mix with a capacity of 100 billion litres per year and can provide Adelaide with one third of its peak daily water needs. We are much more efficient in the use of recycled water and storm water is being considered, but it is a much harder resource to collect, clean and store."

What does John see as his key achievements during his time at SA Water?

- a more secure supply of water
- the way SA Water has developed to work collaboratively with customers and key stakeholders like NGISA to solve joint problems
- making SA Water much more focussed on our customers and thinking from their perspectives.



John Ringham.

A keen gardener himself

John Ringham is a keen gardener, inheriting it from his great grandfather and grandfather who were professional gardeners. The week before the interview he had visited three Adelaide garden centres in search of specific plants to redevelop one section of his garden.

"I enjoy gardening and realise myself what value gardens and gardening bring to people's lives," he says.

"What is not often realised by gardeners is that the cost of water to keep plants alive and growing (and adding to their value) is only a fraction of their cost."

John cited a \$7 potted plant is the equivalent to around 2,000 litres of water at current prices (which are anticipated to drop slightly in July).

John is also a keen supporter of planting in the ground - "I realise that the move to courtyards means more pots, but the industry should encourage people to still plant in the ground and have permeable surfaces so that storm water is not wasted."

Comment - Geoffrey Fuller former NGISA CEO

Former NGISA CEO and now national director, Geoffrey Fuller worked closely with SA Water through the drought years and beyond. He had these words to say about John....

John brought to SA Water a working experience in not just supplying water to the community, but the importance of developing a strategy for the continuity of a clean and healthy product.

We worked with him through Kelly Westell (then SA Water Customer Relations Manager) to negotiate with the government to acknowledge the nursery industry and the home gardener's commitment to improve the way we used water but more importantly, sustain that commitment.

NGISA Presidents through the years, Dianne Hall, Malcolm Lewis and Milton Vadoulis, and I met many ministers and opposition spokespersons lobbying for sensible water allowances with marginal success - but John knew the importance of industry and community support and

would advise the government to listen to our views.

Not that we always got what we wanted - as Karlene Maywald, the Water Minister at the time (and one of our state's most effective in the role) had said, "Geoffrey you will not always get what you ask for, but you will get what we can give you."

NGISA received little financial support from SA Water with our promotions and advertising on the issue, but we did get one major advertising campaign featuring Sophie Thomson and supported by John. 'TUNE YOUR GARDEN into our climate' was a joint project with SA Water, NGISA, the Sustainable Landscapes Project and the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide.

John Ringham recognised the commitment of NGISA in educating water efficiencies and importantly, building water security for us all. On behalf of our industry I would like to wish him well in his future endeavours (including his gardening!)

National News Structure Review Adelaide meeting

A meeting will be held in Adelaide on Wednesday July 15 at Urrbrae Agricultural Centre at Netherby to seek the views of interested stakeholders regarding the best structure of the nursery and garden industry.

The aim of 2016 Nursery & Garden Industry Structure Review is to assess the current structure of the nursery and garden industry in Australia to determine the most effective and cost efficient structure for the industry. The Structure Review Committee will conduct a broad ranging, whole of industry review and make recommendations for the future.

The review is being conducted by an independent committee, which has been tasked to review the bodies representing growers, retailers and suppliers in the industry.

The Committee includes:

- Chair Gary Eyles, a citrus grower from NSW
- Deputy Chair Glen Fenton from Nationwide Trees in Victoria
- Carl Heyne from Heynes Wholesale Nursery in SA

- Gena Campbell from Redcliffe Garden Centre in Qld

The committee will operate in cooperation with but without the interference or influence of existing bodies. The Committee profiles and Terms of Reference under which they operate are available at www.ngia.com.au.

Written submissions are also being accepted and a form can be downloaded from the NGIA website. All submissions will be viewed by the Committee. Individual responses will not be provided however a list of contributors will be included in the final report.

Submissions and supporting material should be submitted to structurereview@ngia.com.au by Friday 15 July 2016.

If you have any questions regarding the submission process, please contact Kobie Keenan on (02) 8861 5112 or email kobie.keenan@ngia.com.au with your enquiries.

In the meantime check with the NGISA Nursery Notes for details about the Adelaide meeting on June 15.

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From the Chief Executive



Grant Dalwood

I have been engaged with the other state NGIs and Peter Vaughan (NGIA) on monthly phone meetings and conversations which have been important on a number of fronts: the NGIA office is under serious financial pressure as a result of there being far reduced income from Levy funded projects and Peter and the NGIA Board are working to keep the balance.

There is a high level independent Industry restructure committee formed to look at the overall position of the NGIA and States relationships and our own Carl Heyne will be sitting on that committee. I urge you all to talk to Carl over the next months to express your viewpoint.

Of interest, the Hardware Association of SA (I am on the board representing NGISA) is debating a move to a national structure known as Hardware Australia under the management of the National Retail Association. This has many parallels to the NGIA and will see interesting outcomes in the near future.

There has been ongoing communications with HIAL regarding projects to utilise the levy funds that are available until the end of June. To this end we are seeking to support an Adelaide

University fellow to work towards clarifying some contentious Declared Weeds issues in SA.

The NGIA has needed to restructure the functioning of the FMS (NIASA) program, but my future role in that program is unknown as management reverts to the NGIA from 2017. I have just returned from a very busy week in Tasmania conducting FMS audits and talking to NGIT Members, and the new levy funded Biosecure program has now kicked off with John McDonald at the helm.

The Hort Coalition under the excellent leadership of Susie Green from the Apple & Pear Association is striving ahead and is currently seeking farm gate production values from our members in order to add to the \$1bn value delivered in SA by the horticultural sector. I urge all production members to fill in the survey.

We are working to ensure our next big projects "The Living Colour Festival" in Rundle Mall for the two weeks around Mother's Day and the SA Hanging Basket Competition are both great successes. Ball Australia, GCP and our growers have been sensational in supporting the Rundle Mall event while Brunnings is assisting with the Hanging Basket completion.

Meanwhile, as we enter the final quarter of the financial year I am pleased to report that NGISA is financially stable with great support from sponsors, the SA Gardens & SA Outdoor Living magazine, audit income, additional Trade Day support from Van Schaik's Bio Gro and of course your memberships.

Promoting the beauty of native SA flora



The Kauwi Interpretive Centre. 'Kauwi' means fresh water in the Kaurua language.

The Kauwi Interpretive Trail is one way that SA Water promotes the state's rich native flora - and Aboriginal heritage.

Beginning at the Kauwi Interpretive Centre at the Adelaide Desalination Plant, the trail leads visitors through the vibrant Bush Tukka Garden towards the Gulf St Vincent and along the coast.

Three lookout points are spaced along the trail providing information signage on the surrounding landscape, including local indigenous plant species used during the revegetation of the site. Stories about local Kaurua Aboriginal cultural heritage can also be found as walkers enjoy panoramic views of the Gulf St Vincent and southern coastline. Features of the Kauwi Interpretive Trail include;

- Thousands of native plants that were sourced from local specialists to revegetate the desalination plant site.
- The architecturally designed buildings of the Adelaide Desalination Plant and the Kauwi Interpretive Centre can also be seen clearly along the walk.

- Wetlands, also featuring native plants, have been created to harvest stormwater and provide a home for native birds and insects.
- A rehabilitated and revegetated creek has also been established as a vital habitat for Australian fauna, including Australian wood ducks, white-faced herons and Pacific black ducks.

The Interpretive walk is 2.3kms in total and is open to the public at all times. The Kauwi Interpretive Centre is only open for group bookings. For more information, please visit www.sawater.com.au



The walk also provides excellent views across St Vincent Gulf.

INDUSTRY SNIPPETS

SA production nursery survey

Through funding by the Horticultural Coalition of SA, an important survey is underway to get an estimate of the real value of production from SA nurseries.

All production nurseries were mailed the survey to get a snapshot of the production figures and values from the 2014-15 year.

All surveys are due back by April 25, after which time the independent consultant will report back to the industry on the findings.

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Hort Media intern



An exciting new opportunity is being provided for university students in Adelaide studying journalism and media studies.

An internship has been established by the Horticultural Media Association in SA in association with NGISA to provide an opportunity for one student to work with the horticulture media over six months to gain hands-on experience.

The first recipient is Emma Heidenrich from Mitcham, who is a fourth year student at the University of South Australia, doing a double degree in journalism and international Relations.

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Easter Rose display



Newman's at Tea Tree Gully had a special Easter Rose Display with over 1000 blooms on show.

Members of the Rose Society volunteered to assist customers and provide rose growing advice, as well as promote the April Rose Show.

On show were over 20 of the 2016 new releases from international rose producers - Delbard, David Austin, Warners, Rosen Tantau, Weeks Roses, Guillot to name just a few. Many favourites and classics are there as well.



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Expansion at Poplar Grove



New beds in progress with part of the new trial beds in the foreground.

The team at Poplar Grove Wholesale Nursery has been busy all summer adding on 2500m² of irrigated growing beds that will have the potential to increase production by around 100,000 plants per annum.

The site was first cleared and leveled. Drainage and the ability to recycle the water will be easily achieved using the land's natural slope. Garden edging and builders plastic was then laid down and covered by around 50mm of gravel. The whole area was covered in weedmat before the irrigation and surrounding windbreaks and garden beds will be established.

"Along with new trial plant areas and raised garden beds, this significant investment will see an improvement in plant quality and the ability to continue to add to our extensive range of new release perennials as well as good old fashioned favourites," says Jason Scroop.

"Many new release plants are in the pipeline for 2016/17, this new growing bed addition will ensure that the new release plants will continue to be born for many years to come," added Jason. Poplar Grove are currently trialing over 400 varieties in their new trial beds. All retailers have been invited to attend the inaugural plant trials on May 11-13. (Bookings essential).



Biosecurity Updates

Fruit Fly Outbreaks

Adelaide has been hit with two fruit fly outbreaks since the beginning of 2016, having a wide impact across suburbs around and south of the city and into the Adelaide Hills.

An outbreak of Mediterranean Fruit Fly was declared at Clarence Park February 25 as a result of fruit fly larvae being detected in a home grown fruit. A further larval detection on March 31 required further alteration to the outbreak boundaries.

Another outbreak of Mediterranean Fruit Fly was declared at Highgate on April 4 as a result of two fruit flies being detected in a Biosecurity SA - Plant Health fruit fly trap.

Host produce from within a Suspension Area (but not from within the 1.5km Outbreak Area) may move for local market within the zone without restrictions – but must not be moved outside the 7.5km, especially not to the Riverland or growing areas. The anticipated earliest re-instatement date for fruit fly freedom (lifting of suspensions) will not be until December 2016, however further events may cause this date to change.

Stopping the menace

An effective way to defend our precious crops has been found with the use of The Sterile Insect Technology (SIT) facility at Port Augusta is due for completion later this year to help stop the spread of Queensland fruit fly (Q-fly).

PIRSA has teamed with Horticulture Innovation Australia to build the facility at Port Augusta which will have the capacity to produce 50 million sterile male Q-flies each week, becoming the new weapon in the State Government's \$5 million a year program to keep fruit fly out of South Australia.

SIT works by first knocking down wild fly populations to low levels and then flooding the remaining population with sterile male flies. These flies mate with any female flies in the population and this results in population collapse.

Q-fly is a pest that is endemic in many areas interstate, so the sterile male Q-fly produced at Port Augusta will be used to assist in management and eradication of the pest not just during South Australian outbreaks, but across Australian horticulture regions.

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High demand also contains TBF compact, a base fertiliser that will increase compact plant growth at the propagation stage.

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PEAT225MULT 225ltr bag

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