

# Getting creative to control fruit fly

Monnapa Gervasi is one of many community members finding creative ways to control Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) in their gardens.

The Mildura resident has had great success using different types of nets to protect her fruit – from small bags, to curtains, to shade cloths.

Monnapa's large garden is filled with many types of fruit trees and fruiting vegetables. Some trees are completely covered with insect exclusion netting, while only select bunches of fruit have been covered on other trees, and netting draped over hoops protect her taller vegetables.

She is also using chemical-free control methods, including homemade and

organic traps and sprays, and is only growing trees and fruit that she wants and uses.

"I love being outdoors in the garden – growing new plants from cuttings, grafting branches from one onto another suitable tree, caring for the soil, making compost teas, growing beautiful and delicious fruit, and looking after the hens," Monnapa said.

"I want to help other people enjoy their gardens too and encourage them to share gardening skills with each other to grow more good food at home.

"We can grow beautiful fruit and vegetables by using nets and traps, picking all fruit off trees and any on the ground, and trying different ideas to keep fruit fly out."



The Fruit Fly Murray Valley program is supported by the Victorian Government

**Are you with us?**

For more information call (03) 5022 0327  
or visit [fruitflymv.com.au](http://fruitflymv.com.au)

