

'From zero to hero'

Home gardener Rob Wood went from losing much of his fruit and vegetables to Queensland fruit fly to having no infested produce this year by taking part in the local Fruit Fly Fighter Program.

Rob, who has a wide variety of fruit trees and fruiting vegetables, signed up for the free community program to learn how to better control fruit fly in his garden with the support of Fruit Fly Murray Valley.

"I'm an experienced, successful gardener, but when I moved here from New Zealand I found myself floundering with seasons, pests, watering and crop varieties," Rob said.

"The program helped me get from zero to hero in one season.

"It was really valuable to get personalised advice, learn how to identify fruit fly so I knew what to look for, and chat about gardening and using nets and traps.

"Being able to converse with other gardeners and learn from them was also helpful."

Using the knowledge he acquired through the program, Rob is confident he can continue to protect his garden.

"We are never going to get rid of fruit fly, so we need to learn to live with it," he said.

"Home gardeners are an important part of reducing its impact in our region."

Visit the Fruit Fly Murray Valley website to register for this year's Fruit Fly Fighter Program.



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