

Stay vigilant for fruit fly

For Swan Hill's Danielle Pretty and her kids, summer means eating fresh fruit straight off their trees.

Queensland fruit fly infestations in their backyard threatened to put an end to that, so last year Danielle decided to do something about it.

She learned all about fruit fly and how to control it, and set about protecting her various trees and plants using insect exclusion netting and traps.

"We had an entire summer enjoying apricots, plums and loquats with no fruit fly in the fruit," Danielle said.

"The amount of fruit fly in the garden traps have significantly reduced."

Danielle said she didn't know anything about controlling fruit fly before she sought help from Fruit Fly Murray Valley.

Her loquat tree was full of inedible fruit because fruit fly had gotten into it. She also had a feijoa tree that she didn't know was a breeding ground for fruit fly.

"Now I am much more confident in managing fruit fly, and should be able to continue what I have learned," Danielle said.

"It is important that the community works to control fruit fly so we are able to enjoy our own tasty fruit, free of pests.

"Use the experts to give you the advice you need – and be vigilant."



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