

Urban Community Surveillance through the Urban Plant Health Network

Virtual Annual Surveillance Workshop 2025
Session 1

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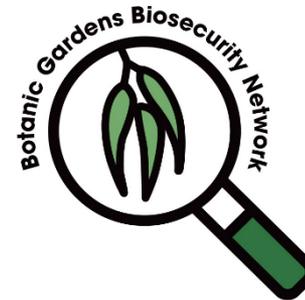
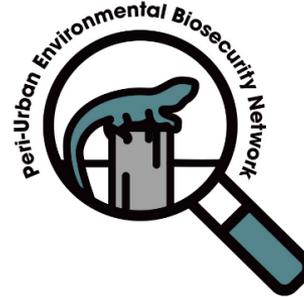


2019- 2021

Focus on digital extension

The Urban Plant Health Network

Background: Biosecurity Communities of Practice pilot 2019-2021

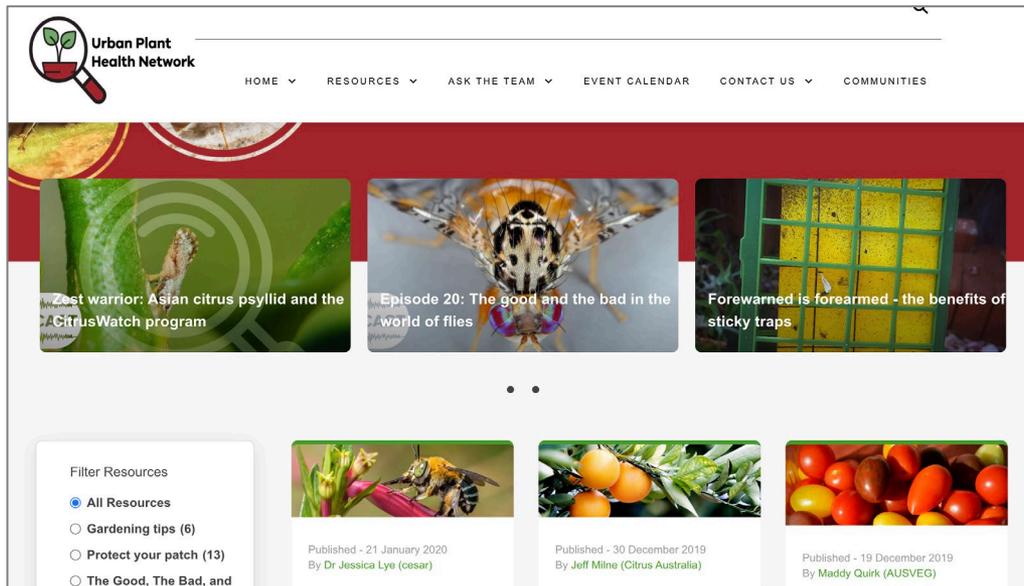


The Urban Plant Health Network – Aims and Intent

The Urban Plant Health Network is an online Community of Practice connecting urban and community gardeners in Melbourne with industry and government experts specialising in plant health and biosecurity.

Through the UPHN we encourage Melbourne gardeners to learn more about exotic pests and get involved in general surveillance of high priority exotic pests.

The Urban Plant Health Network – Digital extension tools



The Urban Plant Health Network – The 6 target pests

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug



Red Imported Fire Ant



Asian Citrus Psyllid



Exotic bees



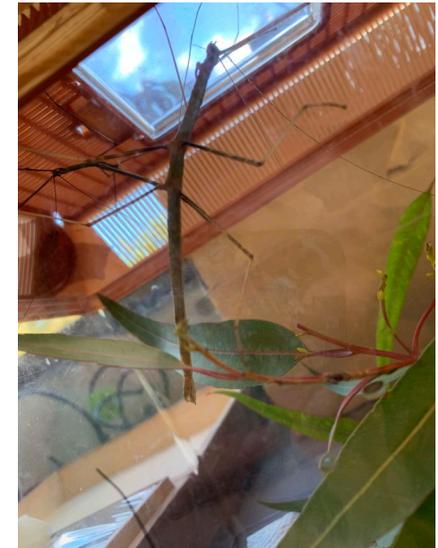
Glassy-winged Sharpshooter



Spotted Wing Drosophila



Face to face engagement 2020-2021 – 2 workshops



Lockdown in Melbourne 2020-2021



The Urban Plant Health Network – links to surveillance projects



Volunteer for TPP & ACP Surveillance in your garden!

Register to host sticky traps in your garden for four weeks from March 7th 2021 and receive a trapper pack and Urban Plant Health Network bag!

Preferably located in South-east, South-west, Tullamarine, and Melbourne CBD areas

Volunteers must have at least one of these eligible plants:

- Tomato
- Citrus
- Sweet Potato
- Potato
- Chilli
- Goji Berry
- Capsicum
- Eggplant

Tomato Potato and Asian Citrus Psyllid surveillance is being conducted in partnership with Agriculture Victoria and Citrus Australia with support from the National Plant Health Surveillance Program






Volunteer for Autumn TPP Surveillance in your garden!

Register NOW to host sticky traps in your garden for four weeks in March 2022!

Do you live in one of these suburbs?

WEST
Campbellfield, Tullamarine, Airport West, Essendon, Maribyrnong or Sunshine

EAST
Richmond, Kew, Bulleen, Templestowe, Warrandyte, Doncaster, Glen Iris, Chadstone, Glen Waverley, Clayton or Brighton

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This trapping program is being conducted by Agriculture Victoria Research as part of the National Tomato Potato Surveillance Program





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Episode 21: Zest warrior: Asian citrus psyllid and the CitrusWatch program with Dr Jessica Lye

The Good, The Bad and the Bug-ly, a Podcast series by the Urban Plant Health Network

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2022- 2025

Expanding face-to-face engagement

**Melbourne International Flower and
Garden Show**

National Insect Expo

Schools pilot project

Expanding face-to-face engagement

Some of our learnings from the first few years of the UPHN were that:

- Children were a big part of our target audience
- We needed more face-to-face engagement events

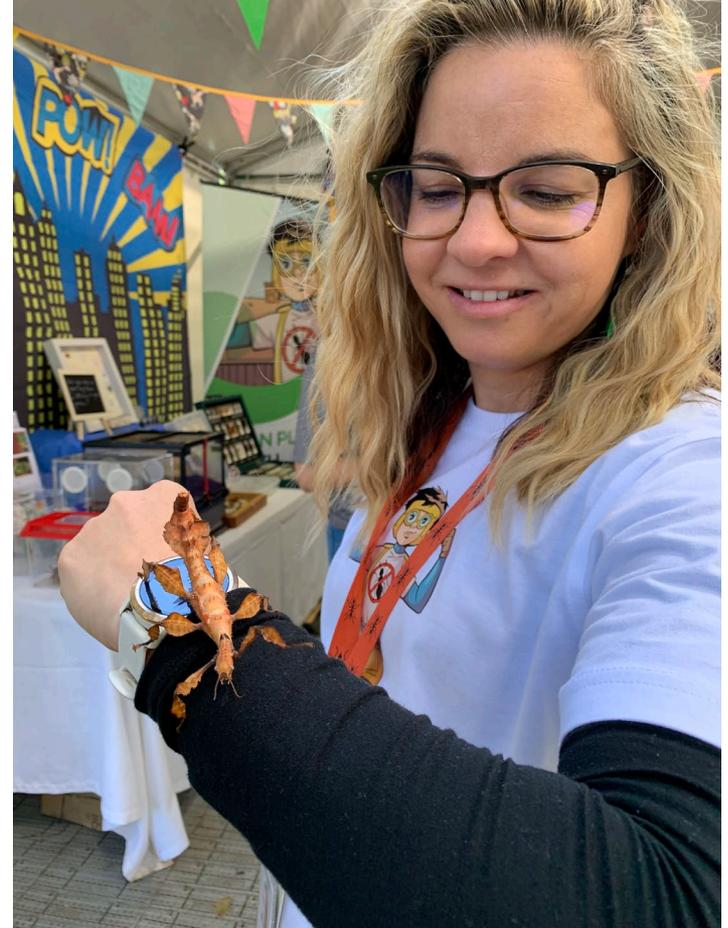
Expanding face-to-face engagement – working with primary schools



Expanding face-to-face engagement – MIFGS 2022



Expanding face-to-face engagement – MIFGS 2023



Expanding face-to-face engagement – MIFGS - 2024



Expanding face-to-face engagement – National Insect Expo





MIFGS 2025



LOOKING OUT FOR GOOD BUGS & BAD BUGS

Not all bugs are pests – some are tiny garden heroes! Pollinators like bees help plants grow fruit and flowers, while predator bugs eat pests that damage crops.

Everyone is responsible for keeping their gardens clean and free of plant pests. These 'pest bugs' can spread easily to other gardens to farmland and our environment.

The Urban Plant Health Network teaches people how to look out for new pests.



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Thank you!

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