



MYPESTGUIDE® IN ACTION – SUPPORTING DIAGNOSTIC AND SURVEILLANCE PRACTITIONERS

When: TBA

Venue: AgriBio, Victoria

Training: Hands-on Diagnostic and surveillance workshop using MyPestGuide®

Background

- MyPestGuide® is an easy and effective tool for surveillance and reporting. It is an adaptable reporting system for public, industry and government surveillance. MPG provides an adaptable platform that promotes partnerships and networks across the public sector, industry and government organisations and a collaborative approach for surveillance and diagnostics.
- MyPestGuide® has been endorsed as the preferred tool for general surveillance nationally and is expected to become a national system used for the early detection of plant pests as well as supporting emergency incident responses and quarantine checks.
- This workshop will introduce participants to the MPG system and workflow to support surveillance officers and diagnosticians. Hands on training provided will show how the system supports field-based officers and laboratory-based diagnosticians; traceability of reports and surveillance activities; and added value for early detection, response activities and market access through providing evidence of area freedom.
- No MPG experience is needed; however, an understanding of taxonomic hierarchy is a requirement for the diagnostics component.

Workshop Scope

- Participants get hands-on training in the diagnostic workflow and what makes a good report; triaging reports, sample handling and processing; traceability and sharing the information.
- A demonstration on the use of the MyPestGuide® Reporter App as a targeted surveillance tool.

Targeted audience

- Surveillance and diagnostic practitioners who collect field data, identify specimens, wish to create their own projects, or require datasets for biosecurity or research purposes.
- Project leaders and their teams.
- For high-level managers to see what happens when an Alert is sent i.e., what's the process?

Prerequisites

- A laptop, no installation of software prior to meeting is required.
- A mobile device with MyPestGuide® Reporter loaded onto it beforehand.

Number of participants

The training will accommodate 20-30 participants. Selections will be on a first come basis.

Workshop facilitators

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