

Question on Notice Raised at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 8 February 2017:

Question from Cr Lambert:

1. FRUIT FLY

Cr Lambert asked whether there had been a change in policy to do with the fruit fly as he believed that in the past Council used to put baits out with sterile flies and a lot of home veggie garden growers now had problems?

Response from Director Corporate, Community and Regulatory Services:-

It appears that Council last baited for fruit fly in about 2007/2008. Baiting was not considered particularly successful.

The Department of Primary Industries has advised that fruit fly is now endemic throughout NSW, similar to blow flies and cockroaches (which they do not control). When the Department of Primary Industries was involved in control of fruit fly some time ago, they encountered private property access issues (with 10 to 15% of the population not allowing access); and also concern with residents that pesticides were being used in back yards which then exposed children to those pesticides. In addition, lack of funds and the fact that the fruit fly is endemic to NSW meant that the Department of Primary Industries made the decision to focus on education of fruit fly control.

NSW Trade and Investment's *Policy for the Management of Fruit Flies in New South Wales (2014)* is available on the website at <http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/>.

As per the above policy management of fruit fly is predominantly the responsibility of the land owner (both on farm pest control and backyard fruit fly management).

The Department of Primary Industries is providing Council with brochures on the control of fruit fly, should residents wish to access these.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

Question from Cr Collins:

1. BINS IN MAIN STREET

Cr Collins asked when the filthy bins in the main street were going to be replaced as the garbage contractor does not clean them and there is rubbish piled up between the bin and the receptacle?

Response from Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services:-

New bins have been ordered, and will be installed before the end of the financial year. In the meantime, the bin in front of the Bakery has been removed and had the pavers underneath fixed.

Arrangements are in hand to clean the street bins on a regular basis.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.