

Members Monthly Q&A chat log – August 2023

From Bozena Peplowska to Everyone: Good evening All

From James Robertson to Everyone: Sitting somewhere different guys? :-)

From James Robertson to Everyone: Hello from the lands of the Dharawal people :-)

From Amy Dyson to Everyone: Hello from Wadandi country!

From Cheryl Kearney to Grow Great Fruit(Direct Message): Just read your wonderful connection with the Murnong Mamas in this edition of Pip magazine = very inspiring

From David OSullivan to Everyone: Hi from Ngunnawal country

From James Robertson to Everyone: A possum?

From ellen hill to Grow Great Fruit(Direct Message): I want ti net the entire yard rather than individual trees. Is there any advice you can give on how to go about doing this?

From James Robertson to Everyone: If there's a leaf — there's hope! I've brought plenty of trees back to this brink, they're so tough :-)

From Cas O'Neill to Everyone: The rats are really bad this season

From Melissa (on Worimi Country) to Everyone: The rats must be starving. So horrible. Sorry to see.

From Veronika Sultana to Everyone: Perhaps it is medicinal for them?

From James Robertson to Everyone: Gnawed patches are fine, half the trunk can die and they'll still grow back ... but these are properly dead :-)

From Meg Marsh to Everyone: we have rats and possums eating the skin off grapefruits, oranges and lemons, and the tops off trees.

From James Robertson to Everyone: Move them indoors for a bit, if you've got a sunny room?

From Cas O'Neill to Everyone: Yes me too Meg

From Meg Marsh to Everyone: in Northcote, vic - happening to neighbours' tree too

From Christina Aston to Everyone: Looks like preying mantis

From Christina Aston to Everyone: That's correct

From Christina Aston to Everyone: Wonderful

From Meg Marsh to Everyone: have you tried using google lens?

From Alison Hawthorn to Everyone:
<https://au.search.yahoo.com/search?p=praying+mantis+egg+sac&fr=iphone&tsrc=apple>
Called an ootheca.

From David OSullivan to Everyone: Yes that's it. Thanks Alison.

From Melissa (on Worimi Country) to Everyone: Is that called frass?

From Melissa (on Worimi Country) to Everyone: Why is the bottom of the trunk ball like?

From Bozena Peplowska to Everyone: it is graft

From Melissa (on Worimi Country) to Everyone: It is really strange looking

From David OSullivan to Everyone: Will borer kill the tree if left untreated?

From James Robertson to Everyone: I've been told that borer are killing off many of our local Blackwood (Acacia Melonoxylon)

From Veronika Sultana to Everyone: How do you dispose of the cut limbs with the borer in it?

From David OSullivan to Everyone: Put them through a mulcher?

From Christina Aston to Everyone: Blackwoods are highly susceptible to borers. I was advised to not have Blackwoods planted near my hazelnut orchard

From Alison Hawthorn to Everyone: Mulch then put them ina hot compost heap?

From Bozena Peplowska to Everyone: popul8 around it

From Alison Hawthorn to Everyone: Another way to do it is put them in bucket and fill with water Put egg carton, newspaper or similar in top of water in bucket and the worms will climb up to the top

From James Robertson to Everyone: Daisies, plectranthus are smaller...

From David OSullivan to Everyone: Good work James!

From Karen Mewett to Everyone: Do compost worms survive in the garden
From ellen hill to Grow Great Fruit(Direct Message): How do earth worms go in a compost bin?
From Karen Mann to Everyone: Does that depend on the climate?
From James Robertson to Everyone: Great news on the woolly aphid! Says the busy/lazy orchardist :-)
From Sharon Bowen to Everyone: Reacted to "Great news on the wo..." with 👍
From Karen Mewett to Everyone: Reacted to "Great news on the wo..." with 👍
From Christina Aston to Everyone: Reacted to "Great news on the wo..." with 😄
From Cas O'Neill to Everyone: Thank you all - it's always inspiring
From Meg Marsh to Everyone: thanks very much :)
From Veronika Sultana to Grow Great Fruit(Direct Message): Hi Hugh and Katie, I emailed my photos to support@growgreatfruit.com.au just as the Q&A was starting.
From Alison Hawthorn to Everyone: Could she take the limb you are talking about now as a whole lateral and take it all out?
From Melanie Davey to Grow Great Fruit(Direct Message): Hi Hugh and Katie! Quick question, one of my apricot trees has a few pairs of branches that twist over each other, like crossing ones fingers. Can I leave this or will this cause problems down the track?
From Patrice Black to Everyone: Yes
From Melanie Davey to Grow Great Fruit(Direct Message): Ooo another question. Some of my apple scion wood has shrivelled a bit in the fridge. Is this normal or does it mean it's no good? Also, the seedling trees I have have over winter been in my greenhouse and have already started to grow new leaves. Should I be grafting them soon? Thanks, Mel
From Karen Mann to Everyone: A little bit
From James Robertson to Everyone: Thanks gang, until next time! :-)
From Karen Mann to Everyone: Yes thats what I have read
From Melanie Davey to Everyone: I've had better success with growing plants from seed when planting in the waxing moon
From Karen Mann to Everyone: Does local climate impact when to try and graft?
From Karen Mann to Everyone: Reacted to "Does local climate i..." with 👍
From Patrice Black to Everyone: Thank you!
From David OSullivan to Everyone: Thanks all. Till next time.
From Melissa (on Worimi Country) to Everyone: Do Apricots do better with another Apricot friend?
From Karen Mann to Everyone: How many years should yo expect to get fruit from a young tree
From Bernie Lincoln to Everyone: Bye All
From Veronika Sultana to Grow Great Fruit(Direct Message): Thank you!
From Karen Mann to Everyone: apricot
From Christina Aston to Everyone: Many thanks