

Members Q&A Chat – June 2024

From Bronwyn Lowe to Everyone: HI everyone! Loved seeing your garden on Gardening Australia Bozena!

From James Robertson to Everyone: Hello from the land of the Dharawal People

From Louise Minty to Everyone: hi from Wurundjeri country

From Karen Mewett to Everyone: Bozena, Loved your garden, Dallas were amazing.

From Bozena Peplowska to Everyone: Thankyou

From Bronwyn Lowe to Everyone: Kia ora from Kai Tahu rohe, NZ

From Cas O'Neill to Everyone: When did you graft this James/

From Bernie Lincoln to Everyone: James has it got a bud?

From Louise Minty to Everyone: where's the beer garden?

From Karen Mewett to Everyone: Looks amazing!

From Louise Minty to Everyone: Could it be citrus psyllids?

From James Robertson to Everyone: Replying to "where's the beer gar..." "Bee" garden!! Not "beer" 🤔

From James Robertson to Everyone: Replying to "When did you graft t..." Early this year I think, so it's been going for at least 3 months?

From Fiona Cannon to Everyone: Bozena, I loved seeing your garden on Gardening Australia. I could see you spent a lot of time in the garden

From Patrice Black to Grow Great Fruit(Direct Message): Hello Katie and Hugh! I don't want to interrupt the group, and what you're doing, but if one of you could give Philippa a wave, that would make her day, and I can send her off to bed.

From Patrice Black to Grow Great Fruit(Direct Message): we can wait for a break

From James Robertson to Everyone: I got a Ryobi One+ backpack sprayer that I'm happy with, at reasonable price

From Helen Lawrence to Everyone: I got a manual backpack sprayer 12 l approx but the strap kept falling off so returned it. Design fault. Got 8 litre sprayer and its excellent. 40 trees. Weight is major factor.

From Bronwyn Lowe to Everyone: Reacted to "I got a manual backp..." with 👍

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From Fiona Cannon to Everyone: Mel, I cover my small citrus trees and have made a specific cover for my lime tree (about 8 years old) as it has a hard time with the frosts.

From Patrice Black to Everyone: Hey Melanie - we wrapped our first year citrus trees all last winter, and they came through winter really really well. Just frost cloth in a triangle with steelies. On one I used a bed sheet on one side when I ran out of frost cloth.

From James Robertson to Everyone: So glad I don't have to worry about frosts on my citrus!

From Fiona Cannon to Everyone: Mel, I use shade cloth covers I made and they can stay on the tree

From Melanie Davey to Everyone: Reacted to "Hey Melanie - we wra..." with ❤️

From Ellen Hill to Everyone: Sorry I am late everyone. I was thinking earlier today, the next Q&A must be soon! I just checked my emails and low and behold the meeting started an hour ago!

From Louise Minty to Everyone: The bioguano spray recommended previously for a calcium boost seems to go down well

From Cas O'Neill to Everyone: Looks very like a macadamia

From Melanie Davey to Everyone: Replying to "Hey Melanie - we wra..." Did you get a frost cloth product from somewhere like Bunnings or elsewhere?

From Ellen Hill to Grow Great Fruit(Direct Message): QUESTION: do pomegranates need to remain on the tree until they are ready to fall. I had 2 on my tree. First year! Yay!!! One fell from the tree and the other was quite red in colour so thought it must be ready as well so decided to pick it. Of course I ate both of these with my chooks today. The one that had fallen was ripe. (Even though the was hardly any red on the skin) The one I picked was definitely not ready to be picked. The little seeds were mostly clear, not red.

From Helen Lawrence to Everyone: ha ha! I have to leave now to cover my citrus. Watching the temp plummet as we speak!

From Helen Lawrence to Everyone: Don't let the rats know you have a mac tree!

From Patrice Black to Everyone: Replying to "Hey Melanie - we wra..." Hey Mel - we've used a bunch of different materials for the trees. This is the frost cloth we used on the sides: <https://www.mitre10.com.au/coolaroo-frost-cloth-white-0-9-x-20m-3739695>

From Patrice Black to Everyone: Replying to "Hey Melanie - we wra..." And there was a green cloth we used last year that I can't find online right now. It disintegrated by the end of winter, whereas this white stuff we've re-used this year. Doubled up

From Melanie Davey to Everyone: Replying to "Hey Melanie - we wra..." Thanks!

From Patrice Black to Everyone: Replying to "Hey Melanie - we wra..." And then I bough bed sheets from St Vincent de Paul and used them, and our avocados are currently covered entirely on all sides and on top with 50% hessian and a huge pile of mulch around the base

From Patrice Black to Everyone: Replying to "Hey Melanie - we wra..." So whatever you can get your hands on really

From James Robertson to Everyone: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/diseases/horticultural/papaya-leaf-diseases>

From Melanie Davey to Everyone: Replying to "Hey Melanie - we wra..." Thanks. Looks like Bunnings has that same product. I'll give it a go!

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From James Robertson to Everyone: Controlling rots on the fruit: "Research has shown that dipping fruit in hot water - 52C for 5 minutes"

From Patrice Black to Everyone: Replying to "Hey Melanie - we wra..." Buy a stapler. It's kind of flimsy stuff and it was difficult to attach it back on itself. I just sort of pinched and stapled. It wasn't very tight. But I found wire just led to rips

From Karen Mewett to Everyone: Replying to "https://www.business..." Thank you, have saved it to favourites and will have a good read.

From Karen Mewett to Everyone: Reacted to "Controlling rots on ..." with 👍

From Julie Savage to Everyone: I've been making a calcium extract from eggshells extracted in vinegar, then diluted 1/500.

From Bozena Peplowska to Everyone: Garden centres having bioguano

From Karen Mewett to Everyone: Replying to "I've been making a c..." How long do you leave eggshells in the vinegar?

From Julie Savage to Everyone: Replying to "I've been making a c..." until the vinegar doesn't smell like vinegar any more - usually about 10 days

From Karen Mewett to Everyone: Replying to "I've been making a c..." 👍

From Julie Savage to Everyone: Replying to "I've been making a c..." I use 3 dox eggshells (dried and crushed) to 1700ml vinegar and use my own apple cider vinegar to extract it

From Patrice Black to Everyone: Replying to "I've been making a c..." Thanks Julie!