Grey-headed Flying-fox: a Victorian Government perspective

2021 National Flying-fox Forum

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DELWP GHFF Discussion Paper Project

- DELWP is developing a Discussion Paper to inform management approaches
- External stakeholder engagement (including camp managers) conducted March-April 2021
- Final draft is currently being developed
- Potential outcomes include:
  - Ensuring consistent camp population monitoring and input into National counts
  - Consistent response to heat stress events
  - Improving information sharing and community engagement

Further information: swp@delwp.vic.gov.au

Statewide Heat-Stress Response Plan

- Wildlife welfare arising from extreme heat events is a defined emergency under Victorian emergency response arrangements
  - focused on dense single species populations
- Currently drafting the *Victorian Response Plan for Heat Stress in Flying Foxes*
- Response arrangements will align with State emergency response procedures
- Plan will be distributed to Victorian stake holders for initial comment before a draft is made available for testing over the summer
- Plan will be finalised in March – April 2022

Collaborators:

•Land managers
•Friends of Bats and Bushcare
•Wildlife carers and rescuers

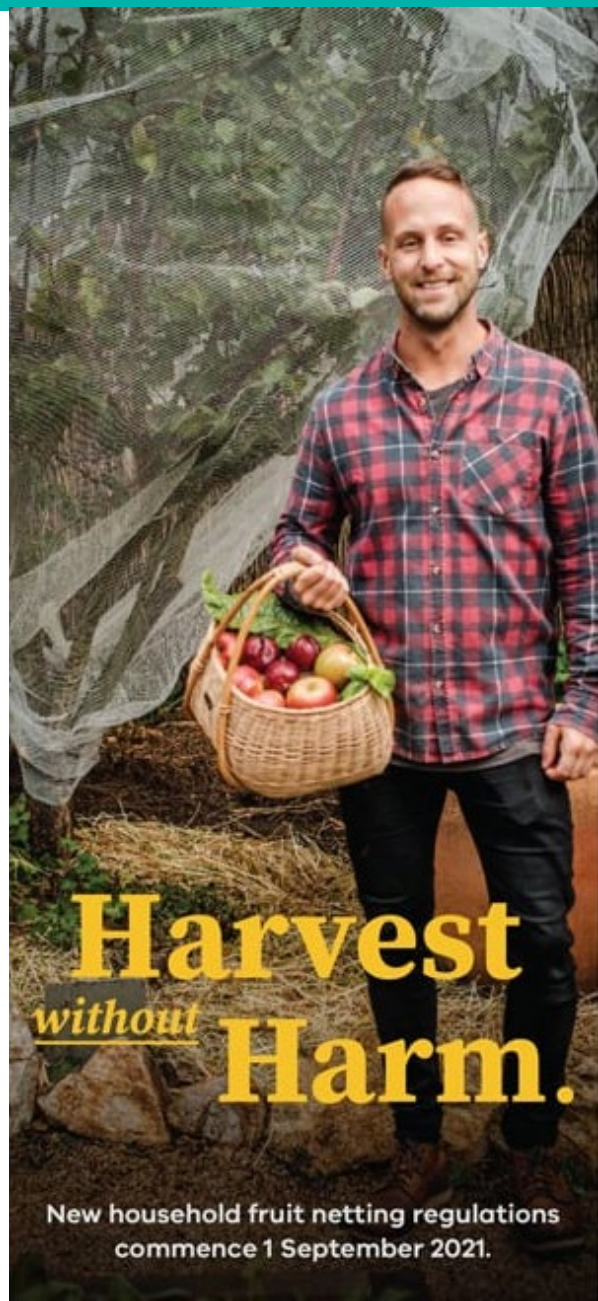
Further information:

www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/wildlife-emergencies

Harvest without Harm: Wildlife friendly fruit netting

- Fruit netting is the leading cause of flying fox injury and death in Victoria
- Change in Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (POCTA) Regulations in Victoria led by Animal Welfare Victoria (Ag Vic)
- From 1 September 2021, household fruit netting must have a mesh size no greater than 5mm x 5mm at full stretch
- Animal Welfare Victoria are also working with suppliers to cut off the availability of non-compliant netting

Further information:
www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/wildlife-and-fruit-trees



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