

Updated boundary extension to the Maroondah PIZ

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AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

UPDATED MAROONDAH PHYLLOXERA INFESTED ZONE (PIZ) BOUNDARY EXTENSION

In response to new phylloxera detections in the Yarra Valley Geographic Indication, the Maroondah PIZ boundary is being extended. In accordance with the National Phylloxera Management Protocols, a 5 km buffer zone has been established around the new detections.

Agriculture Victoria has consulted with the Yarra Valley Wine Growers Association (YVWGA) and the Nursery and Garden Industry Victoria (NGIV) to identify vineyards and nurseries which will be affected by the extended PIZ.

Agriculture Victoria is in the process of updating the Victorian PIZ Control Area Order with the new Maroondah PIZ boundary. In the interim, the identified properties for inclusion in the extended zone are working with Agriculture Victoria to manage the risk of phylloxera spread.

ACTION TAKEN BY AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

In response to the new phylloxera detections, Agriculture Victoria has:

- Worked with the property owners affected by phylloxera or who are part of the new 5 km buffer to manage the risk of phylloxera spread.
- Conducted surveillance on properties within 5km of the positive detections.
- Advised YVWGA, Wine Victoria and NGIV of the proposed boundary and discussed potential implications for affected producers.
- Advised interstate biosecurity agencies of the new detections and intent to expand the zone.

INFORMATION FOR PROPERTIES NOW INCLUDED IN THE PIZ

Movement from a PIZ

Movement of any phylloxera host material from a PIZ (even to another PIZ) is prohibited unless movement is made under a permit and the permit conditions are adhered to*.

Information on the conditions that may be on a permit are available on the online Plant Quarantine Manual available at www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/pqm (Figure 1).

Phylloxera host materials means host plants and plant products of the genus *Vitis*; and earth materials, packages or used equipment associated with the cultivation, harvesting, handling, transport or processing of host plants.

To simplify what types of hosts are regulated for movement within Victoria, they are typically grouped as follows:

- table grapes
- wine grapes
- grape must and unfiltered juice
- grape marc
- grape cuttings and rootlings
- potted grapevines
- diagnostic samples
- used agricultural equipment and packages (including bins)
- earth material (vineyard soil).

These conditions apply to any person or business moving host materials from a PIZ. This includes (but not limited to) vineyard operators, any property or home that grows grapevines, wine makers, contractors and agronomists moving diagnostic samples.

*Exclusion for requirement of a permit applies to the movement of table grapes packed with sulphur pads permitted to move under a Plant Health Certificate and to grape must and unfiltered juice consigned, transported, and received in accordance with ICA-22.

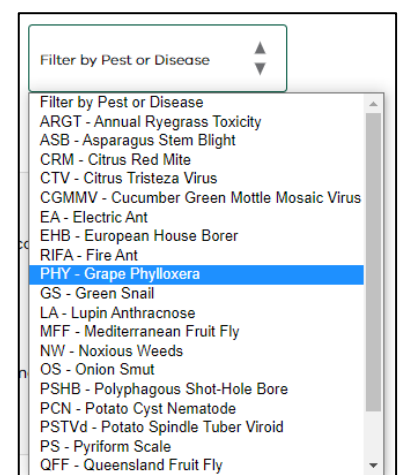


Figure 1: Using the Plant Quarantine Manual filter function to search for grape phylloxera movement conditions, see www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/pqm.

There is no application fee to apply for a plant biosecurity permit. However, Agriculture Victoria may charge a fee for compliance inspections associated with the permit conditions.

Movement within the Maroondah PIZ

Grape growers are reminded to enact good practice on-farm biosecurity measures to help mitigate the threat of phylloxera spreading to and from their vineyards.

These measures include:

- Ensuring all viticultural equipment and machinery is thoroughly cleaned of all soil and plant matter then disinfested by heat treatment prior to entering the vineyard.
- Ensuring contract staff disinfest tools and clothing and park vehicles outside of vineyards.
- Reminding visitors to use footbaths before entering the vineyard.
- Not sharing planting material between properties.

Movement interstate

Movement from a PIZ to another state requires a permit to leave the PIZ and requires any conditions of the receiving jurisdiction to be met. Entry conditions for other states can be confirmed by locating the state and their entry conditions from this website:

<https://interstatequarantine.org.au/producers/committees/quarantine-regulators/>

South Australia has an additional management zone in that they immediately recognise this expansion as a Phylloxera Interim Buffer Zone until the PIZ is published in the Victorian Government Gazette. See VineHealth Australia Website:

<https://vinehealth.com.au/tools/maps/phylloxera-management-zones/>

INFORMATION FOR PLANT NURSERIES

Entry conditions to other states may apply to plants grown in a Phylloxera Infested Zone, plants grown close to vineyards, soil, plants transported in soil or media containing soil.

Entry conditions for other states can be confirmed by locating the state and their entry conditions from this website:

<https://interstatequarantine.org.au/producers/committees/quarantine-regulators/>.

NEXT STEPS

Agriculture Victoria is updating the Control Area Order for the Victorian Phylloxera Infested Zones to reflect the expanded zone.

Once the Order is made, a new Biosecurity Update will be released. At this time, new maps of the Maroondah PIZ will be published on the Agriculture Victoria website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

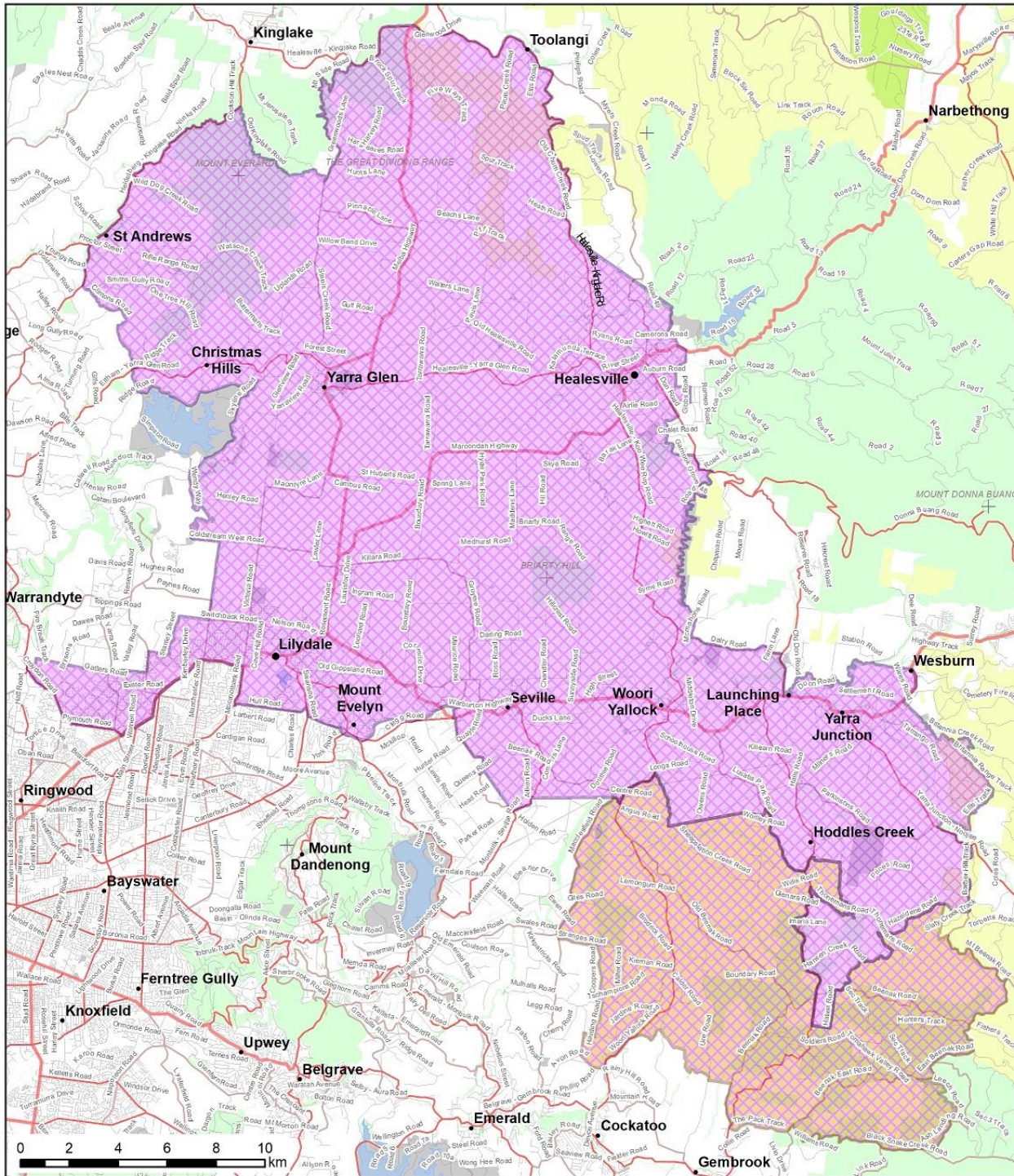
Phylloxera is a notifiable pest under section 17 of the *Plant Biosecurity Act 2010*. If you suspect phylloxera may be present in your vineyard, you must notify Agriculture Victoria by emailing market.access@agriculture.vic.gov.au.

For more information on phylloxera and its management, please refer to www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/vvb.

For further information regarding movement permits and treatment requirements, please contact your local Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Officer by telephone on 1800 878 962 or email the Region relevant for service delivery:

- South East Region: plant.standards@agriculture.vic.gov.au (covers Maroondah PIZ).
- South West Region: plant.southwest@agriculture.vic.gov.au
- Northern Region: plant.guarantine@agriculture.vic.gov.au

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- Current Maroondah Phylloxera Infested Zone (PIZ)
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