

About Bug Central

Bug Central was launched in Adelaide in October 2004 to provide a range of products and services to reduce the use of pesticides in home gardens around Australia.

To date the company has focussed on a number of predators and parasites that control common garden pests such as aphids, mealybugs and soft scales. This product range is continually being expanded to include a range of alternative pest control products for other pests as well.

Stuart Pettigrew, the founder of Bug Central, has worked in the horticulture industry for more than 20 years, firstly helping out in the family landscaping business, before completing studies in Environmental Science. For the past 16 years he has worked in various consulting and production roles in commercial horticulture.

During this time he has seen both the damaging effect chemicals can have on the natural balance of growing systems, but also some of the dramatic improvements 'thoughtful' pest control can bring about.

Commercial horticulture has long understood that it is not only uneconomic to use chemical controls constantly, but that it is unsustainable. Industries such as citrus and

apples have led the way with Integrated Pest Management, and the use of beneficial insects.

Many of the products that help achieve this balanced control have only ever been sold in 'commercial' quantities. Bug Central now makes them available in affordable and easy to use home packs.

Bug Central is backed by a number of Australia's leading commercial suppliers of beneficial insects and environmentally safe control options. These products plus some sound practical experience allows us to solve most common pest problems encountered around the garden.

More Information:

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ABOUT STUART PETTIGREW

Stuart grew up surrounded by gardening, with his parents running a landscaping and gardening business. Gardening jobs and holiday work with the landscaping business helped Stuart pay his way through an Environmental Science degree at Adelaide University.

For the last 17 years, Stuart has worked in pest and disease management in commercial horticulture, in crops as diverse as winegrapes, mangoes, citrus, asparagus and cut flowers! Through this work he identified an opportunity to promote the principals and successes of Integrated Pest Management to home gardeners around Australia, with a particular focus on the use of 'good bugs' as a better way to control common pests.

Bug Central is the first step in removing pesticides from our homes & environment!

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