

# BIOSECURITY BLITZ

WORKING TOGETHER TO TO PROTECT OUR PORT,  
ENVIRONMENT, AND COMMUNITY

## WANT TO WIN BIG?

This is going to be a regular newsletter so we need a name for it. To help you get creative we've got a \$100 retail voucher up for grabs (for a store of your choice). \*\*\*

All you need to do is scan the QR code on the right, add your idea, your name and who you work for to the email that automatically pops up, and send it in. Good luck!

If you don't want to use the QR code you can send an email to [info@kvh.org.nz](mailto:info@kvh.org.nz).

We'll draw the prize winner at the end of September so get your thinking caps on, you don't want to miss out.

\*\*\* Store to be agreed between the winner, the biosecurity team and Port of Tauranga. Must be local to Tauranga.



The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) is one of New Zealand's most feared crop eating pests.

It hasn't established here but it's sneaky and we've caught it at the border many times, hitchhiking in imported goods and on passengers.

During the last high-risk season (which runs each year from September to April) there were 63 live BMSB finds across the country, and the season before there were 48.

There's an ID guide over the page and remember if you see anything unusual and think it might be a BMSB be sure to catch it, snap it, and report it immediately to 0800 80 99 66 or the local Biosecurity New Zealand office on 07 927 5700 .



CATCH IT



SNAP IT

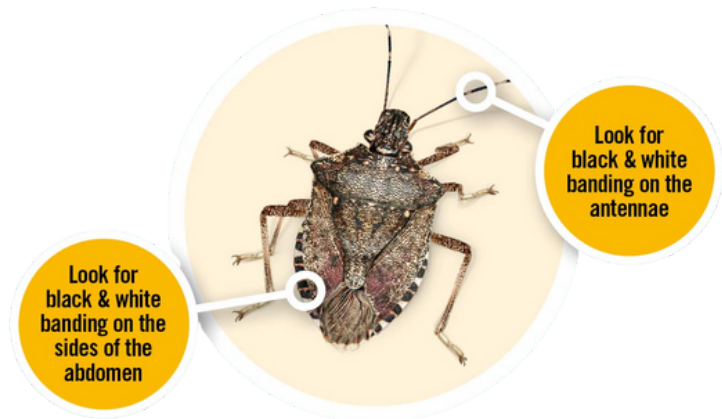


REPORT IT



Speaking of the BMSB and how to ID it (which you can see on the right), we've got some other tools to help too.

You might have seen us out-and-about with the small red BMSB key rings that light up. If you want more, just let us know and we can get them to you.



## GOT YOUR FREE CALENDAR?

The new unwanted pest calendars have arrived, hot off the press!

They've been delivered to staffrooms around facilities around the Port but if you want more - for work, home, the kids school, kindergarten (or anywhere else) - let us know and we'll get them to you.

These fantastic, bright and colourful calendars are free and we run out every single year so get in quick.

## PREVENT ES-CARGO-T FROM SLIDING INTO THE COUNTRY

Australian biosecurity officers had 28 Giant African Snail (GAS) interceptions last year, found in a variety of imported cargo at different locations across the country and at the border.

While we don't have as many interceptions in New Zealand they are occasionally also found at our border and are a big risk.

If the GAS were to establish here, it would be a risk to over 500 different kinds of plants and most vegetables. It has also been known to make its way up the bark of large trees, especially citrus.

The main biosecurity risk lies in plant material, crates, containers, machinery, or motor vehicles. It can hide out of sight and eggs may be introduced in soil. Make sure to keep an eye out and report any potential finds.

