

'TIS THE SEASON

Apart from the obvious seasons of Christmas, New Year and Tourists coming to invade Sandy Point, there is another invasion happening which is decidedly unwelcome. That is the invasion of insects, especially the flying kind – namely flies and mosquitos.

No longer is it possible to leave a window or door open unless there is the protection of a fly-wire. Even so, they still manage to get in, either nipping in while you yourself have the door open to come in or hitching a ride on your person, but one way or another there always seems to be at least a couple of flies and a couple of dozen mozzies inside the house at any given time.

But it would seem that it is not only Sandy Point that is suffering with these pests. Last weekend, I was visiting the Mornington Peninsula to give my daughter a hand in her garden. I did put on repellent but it wouldn't have mattered because those mozzies managed to get me right through my clothing – even penetrating through several layers! I don't know that Sandy Point mozzies would dare be quite so persistent and invasive.

But it does raise the question of how can you protect yourself against getting bitten if, even fully covered-up, it can still happen? I certainly hope someone can come up with an answer sooner rather than later.

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