



**GOULBURN INDIAN MYNA BIRD
ACTION GROUP**

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Goulburn Indian Myna Bird Action Programme Terms of Agreement

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Customer's Name:	
Customer's Mailing Address:	
Property Address:	
Telephone Number(s):	(H)
	Mobile
Email Address:	

Customer's Signature:		Date:	
Volunteer trap manager's Signature:		Date:	

Trap hiring commences		Date for return	
Deposit \$110 received		Method of payment	
Type of trap (PG, timber, tower)			
Condition of trap			
Agreement of trap condition			

General Question

NSW DPI and other organisations provide a number of guidelines to specify humane methods for trapping and euthanising various animal species. Identify the three documents that prescribe the appropriate methods for trapping and euthanising Indian Myna that guide this program below:

Answers:

- a) Standard operating procedure BIR002 Trapping of pest birds
- b) Standard operating procedure BIR001 Shooting of pest birds
- c) Standard operating procedure GEN003 Trapping using soft net traps
- d) Standard operating procedure GEN001 Methods of euthanasia
- e) RSPCA Management of common (Indian) myna birds

Answer response – please select all relevant:

Conditions of participation in the Indian Myna Bird Action Program

The Indian Myna Bird trap is provided by GIMBAG and is to be used only to assist in the capturing of Indian Myna Birds.

Trap operators must read and be familiar with the procedures outlined in the SOP for *Trapping of Pest Birds* and RSPCA Information Paper - Management of Common Myna prior to conducting any control activities. Persons must agree to the terms of the program specified in this agreement in order to participate.

Legislation

The program is to be conducted in accordance with the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* which is purposed to: prevent cruelty to animals; to encourage the considerate treatment of animals; and to improve the level of community awareness about the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Operation of Trap

The trap operator is required to:

- 1) Have attended GIMBAG's Indian Myna Bird Action Program Workshop
- 2) Understand operation of the trap before trapping commences
- 3) Ensure the humane operation of the trapping system
- 4) Ensure native birds or other wildlife are not harmed during the trapping
- 5) Be available to monitor and service the trap on a daily basis.

Operation of the trap and handling of birds is undertaken at the trap operator's own risk. GIMBAG is in no way liable for any damages or injuries caused through participation in this program. Please refer to the **Health and Safety Considerations** section of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for *Trapping of Pest Birds* for advice on handling the birds.

Deposit and Hiring arrangement

A deposit of \$110 is required to participate in the programme. The Hirer is entitled to use the trap for 4 weeks from the date of hiring.

On return of an undamaged trap on or before the 4 weeks, a refund of \$100 will be returned. The balance of \$10 will contribute to euthanising costs and trap costs. Every full- or part-week beyond the initial 4 weeks that the trap is late, a further \$10 will be deducted from the hire deposit. Please contact the Hiring volunteer to arrange a time – if the Volunteer cannot meet you within the 4 weeks you will not be charged for extension.

The trap must be returned in an undamaged condition. If the trap is damaged beyond the costs of reasonable wear and tear, the deposit will be retained to the extent that a replacement trap is required, or repairs to the trap required. This is a non-profit volunteer-driven community operation. Repairs to the trap will be charged at a rate of \$40 per hour.

The deposit will be forfeited if the Hirer does not return the trap on or before 5 weeks of the hiring arrangement commencing. It is the responsibility of the Hirer to monitor the dates required for return of the trap.

Location of Trap

Traps are to be located on private land only. The following should be considered when deciding where to locate the trap in your property: theft/vandalism, public perception, public safety, access by dogs and cats, shade for trapped birds. Theft of trap cost is borne by Hirer (deposit forfeited)

Operational Costs

Operational costs including food and carbon dioxide gas (if used as the preferred method to euthanise trapped birds) are to be met by the trap operator.

Euthanasia

GIMBAG is not responsible for the euthanasia, destruction or disposal of any trapped birds. GIMBAG will not accept any trapped or euthanised birds.

Euthanasia is the responsibility of the trap operator and must be carried out in accordance with the SOP for *Trapping of Pest Birds* produced by the NSW Department of Primary Industries and the RSPCA Information Paper - Management of Common Myna. Clinton street vet have offered to humanely dispose of the birds – included within your hiring fee

Disposal of Carcasses

Carcasses must be placed in a plastic bag and disposed of in a standard domestic garbage bin (red lid) immediately following euthanasia.

Participants should be aware of public health risks and act to prevent contact with dead birds by any persons that have not read the **Health and Safety Considerations** section of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for *Trapping of Pest Birds*.