

Yarra Indian Myna Action Group Inc.



Animal Welfare Protocol

The principal objective of YIMAG is to reduce the impact of Indian mynas on our native birds and animals.

The YIMAG seeks to achieve this objective by:

- Increasing public awareness that Indian mynas are a serious environmental and health threat, not just a public nuisance.
- Implementing a humane reduction program.
- Coordinating the manufacture and supply of traps.

Members of YIMAG who participate in the trapping program are required to adopt the following animal welfare protocol.

Management of traps

- Traps used are designed specifically for Indian Mynas and have a release opening to allow any native birds to escape.
- The traps are to contain adequate food, clean water, shelter and shade for any trapped birds.
- The birds are not to be exposed to undue stress while trapped — avoid manhandling or approaching the traps too frequently.
- Traps are to be checked daily.
- Trapped Indian Mynas (or other pest birds) must be destroyed within 24 hours of capture.
- The birds are not to be treated cruelly or with harsh conditions: please observe the requirements of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*.

Dealing with trapped birds

- The method used for euthanasing birds is to be **quick, painless, and involve minimal stress**.
- Acceptable euthanising methods include injection of barbiturates by a veterinarian and cervical dislocation.

Disposal of dead birds

- Dead birds are to be disposed of in a hygienic and environmentally sound way.

I commit to the above protocol on animal welfare if trapping.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ PCode: _____

Email: _____

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