

Around the Traps – Dec 2010

Wollongong about to join the fight

Paul Formosa of the Wollongong City Council has been developing up WIMAP (the Wollongong Indian Myna Action Program) for some time and the final touches of the strategy are falling into place.

The comprehensive strategy has the following 5 key components:

1) Community Engagement; 2) Administration; 3) Men's Shed; 4) Monitoring; and 5) Research & Dev. Each of the above strategies have their own specific actions. It is a technique and approach that they have developed for the other two priority invasive species in their area, namely deer and rabbits.

With such a well thought-out approach, the care-free days of the myna in Wollongong must surely be numbered. Paul mentions that currently they have around 150 people ready to go. Which means, hopefully, that the Wollongong mynas are about to go.

The New Nowra Gaol

Max Smith of the Shoalhaven Indian Myna Action Group advises that he has been in discussions with the administrators of the new Nowra Gaol about the inmates there making traps for their members and other groups along the south coast. While the discussions are in their early days, this would be a wonderful development and a benefit all round: the inmates would have a fulfilling and productive task to occupy their time, the community-action groups down that way would have a ready supply of traps, and mynas would have some worries.