

Around the Traps: Spring 2015

The Cairns community is noticing a difference. In the few years that the Cairns community have been trapping mynas, the number of traps provided to the community and the number of birds removed has been astounding. In a visit to Cairns in July I was fortunate to meet up with Peter Goulding, the President of the Cairns group, for a chat, and also to accompany the local birdwatchers for some early morning bird watching. The bird watchers – and they know their stuff – were highly complimentary of the Cairns program and were quite adamant that they had noticed a drop off in numbers within parts of Cairns. However, the mynas are still spreading and are now quite common up on the Atherton Tablelands.



The **Bayside Indian Myna Action Group (BIMAG)** control program is going very well. Sandringham Men's Shed was the major producer of their first traps but they were struggling to keep up with demand, so they have resorted to buying additional traps from other sources. Demand is still exceeding supply. A good initiative is that they have arranged for four vets to help in the disposal of trapped mynas. Encouragingly, other city councils and civic groups are evaluating what the Bayside group are doing. Hopefully those other councils and communities will see the good work being done by the BIMAG and replicate that in their areas.



Alan Thomas & Tim Large of the BIMAG Production and Distribution Team

Jay Duncan, President of the **Yinnar South Landcare Group** in **Gippsland** mentions that they have received some funding for a pest animal project and they are developing up a myna control program with those funds. We wish them all the best.

Meanwhile, Sam Hand of the **Mornington Peninsula Shire** advises that they are working towards having a program in place this financial year.

ROYALLA LANDCARE



Royalla Landcare has been providing the community with information on identifying and controlling mynas. There had been a few sightings in various spots in the Royalla area. However, at a recent Royalla Round-Up they were advised by local residents that the presence of Indian Mynas was more widespread than had previously been thought. Maryke Booth is the contact point for anyone in the Royalla area wanting to get a trap.

Josh Dyke, the Pest Management Coordinator at **Gladstone Regional Council** in Queensland advises that they are currently in the process of developing a management program for Indian Mynas up their way.