

Around the Traps – Summer 2020

Goulburn Community Joins the Fight

There have been a few trappers in Goulburn over the past years but Sue Theron of Goulburn has been galvanising the Goulburn community to get a coordinated program underway. With Sue's enthusiasm and skill we are hopeful that the Goulburn effort will intensify. Sue organised for Greg Flowers, Dan Buchler and me to give two presentations to interested Goulburnians. The meetings were well attended and we are hopeful that it will lead to many more people tackling the problem in that area. We have offered to provide traps gratis to the emerging Goulburn group to help get them started.

Hall also Joins the Fight

A similar story for Hall. Greg Flowers – a Hall resident who started trapping there before CIMAG was established and who was involved with Chris Tidemann (the eminent ANU myna-control researcher and our first Patron) – and I were invited by Rhondda Dickson to talk to a gathering of concerned Hall people.

A large group attended and as a consequence a coordinated program is being established. They have ordered 5 traps which will be loaned around to people in the area. The Hall Progress Association will fund a donation for that.

Mynas and starlings are aplenty in the area so a coordinated Hall trapping program will be of great assistance to the 10 locals who have traps already. Judy Roberts borrowed Rhondda's trap: got 57 mynas and 34 starlings in 9 days this January. It was not uncommon for Greg to catch over 200 starlings and up to a 100 mynas a year.

