

# 2013 Indian Myna Conference - Program

## “Towards Best Practice Indian Myna Control”

Date: Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Venue: Discovery Centre, CSIRO, Black Mt, ACT <http://goo.gl/maps/Fb7EH>



### Speakers:

Opening: Shane Rattenbury MLA, Minister for Territories & Municipal Services 8:40am (7 mins)

Setting the Scene: Prof Tony Peacock, Patron CIMAG / CEO of CRC Association 8:50am (10mins)

Program: 3 major themes:  
 Theme 1: The Science on Mynas  
 Theme 2: Pest Management Principles and Approaches  
 Theme 3: The Control Measures and Approaches for Indian Mynas

### Theme 1: The Science on Mynas

Dr Andrea Griffin, Newcastle University 8:50am (40mins)  
*Myna Intelligence, Adaptability and Risk Aversion*

Kate Grarock, PhD Candidate, ANU 9:35am (30mins)  
*Myna impacts on Native Birds / Does trapping help?*

Peter West, CRC Invasive Animals 10:10am (20mins)  
*MynaScan: what it tells us and new developments*

Martin O'Brien, Vic Scientific Advisory Committee 10:35am (20mins)  
*Does the impact of Indian (Common) Mynas on native fauna meet the criteria for being listed as a threatening process?*

Morning tea 20 mins 10:55am – 11:15am

### Theme 2: Pest Management Principles

Peter Bird, SA Dept of Biodiversity 11:20am (30mins)  
*Pest management principles – why it makes sense to halt the spread of mynas*

Michael Linke, CEO RSPCA-ACT (to be confirmed), Greg Flowers 11:55am (20mins)  
*Animal Welfare Issues: Treatment / most humane disposal method*

Susana Saavedra: **International Speaker:** Spain & Tahiti 12:20pm (20mins)  
*Indian Myna Elimination – it can be done!*

Lunch 50 mins 12:40pm – 1:30pm

### Theme 3: The Control Measures and Approaches for Indian Mynas

Bill Handke: President, CIMAG 1:30pm (20mins)  
*Local Govt & Community Action Together – what can be achieved, what is needed*

**Plenary Discussion:** Council and Community: What works/ What doesn't/ Challenges 1:50pm – 4:25pm

Introductory 5 min talks by:

Paul Formosa, Wollongong City Council / Martin Gauci, Hawkesbury City Council

Kevin and Laura Noble, Clarence Valley Conservation in Action Group / Julia Gibson, Yarra Indian Myna Action Group

Plenary Discussion - lead by moderator.

Afternoon tea 15mins 3:00pm – 3:15pm

Plenary Discussion (cont) 3:15pm – 4:25pm

**Wrap Up:** 4:30 (20mins)

Ian Fraser, Naturalist, Winner of the Natural History Medallion