

## OUR TALLY PASSES 6300 MYNAS

### SPRING IS HERE

We will probably be seeing more Indian Mynas around as they are now splitting away from their large winter flocks, finding partners and preparing to nest. So for many trappers it might be a time to get the trap back into action after a Winter break. It also may be time for a new water-bottle feeder – please see the reverse side for instructions.

### MARKETS

CVCIA attended the Nymboida Adventure Festival on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014. It was a great day particularly for me. Whilst Kevin manned the stall I was competing in the high-heel obstacle course and won a foot massage. I also helped the girl scouts construct a cardboard kayak for the race down the almost dry creek; they did not however manage a place.

The stall had many inquiries and we passed on plenty of info as well as catching up with some acquaintances.

Feral cats were also a hot topic among the visitors.



### VOLUNTEERING EXPO

Volunteering Clarence Valley is hosting a day on 11<sup>th</sup> October 10am-2pm in the Grafton Bunning's car park featuring many of the volunteer groups in the Clarence Valley. Why not come along and say Hi to us and see who else is represented?

### AROUND THE TRAPS

Last newsletter had two comments from trappers in Mountain View and Coutts Crossing about Indian Mynas favouring traps with something blue. Well on reading this, Jenny from Waterview Heights put something blue on her trap and she was then able to catch the couple of wary mynas that were hanging about.

According to the experts, "red is the Mynas' favourite colour (also hence the red dog biscuits) and blue is their least liked colour" – thank goodness not all the birds know this.

## INDIAN MYNA TALLY

**2011 = 1593    2012 = 2010**

**2013 = 1753    2014 = 971**

# TOTAL TO DATE 6327

### OUR TOP 10 TRAPPING AREAS in 2014

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|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 1.  | Coutts Crossing   | 196 |
| 2.  | Junction Hill     | 190 |
| 3.  | Lawrence          | 82  |
| 4.  | Lilydale          | 58  |
| 5.  | South Grafton     | 54  |
| 6.  | Eatonsville       | 39  |
| 7.  | Nymboida          | 39  |
| 8.  | Kungala           | 34  |
| 9.  | Waterview Heights | 33  |
| 10. | Maclean           | 29  |

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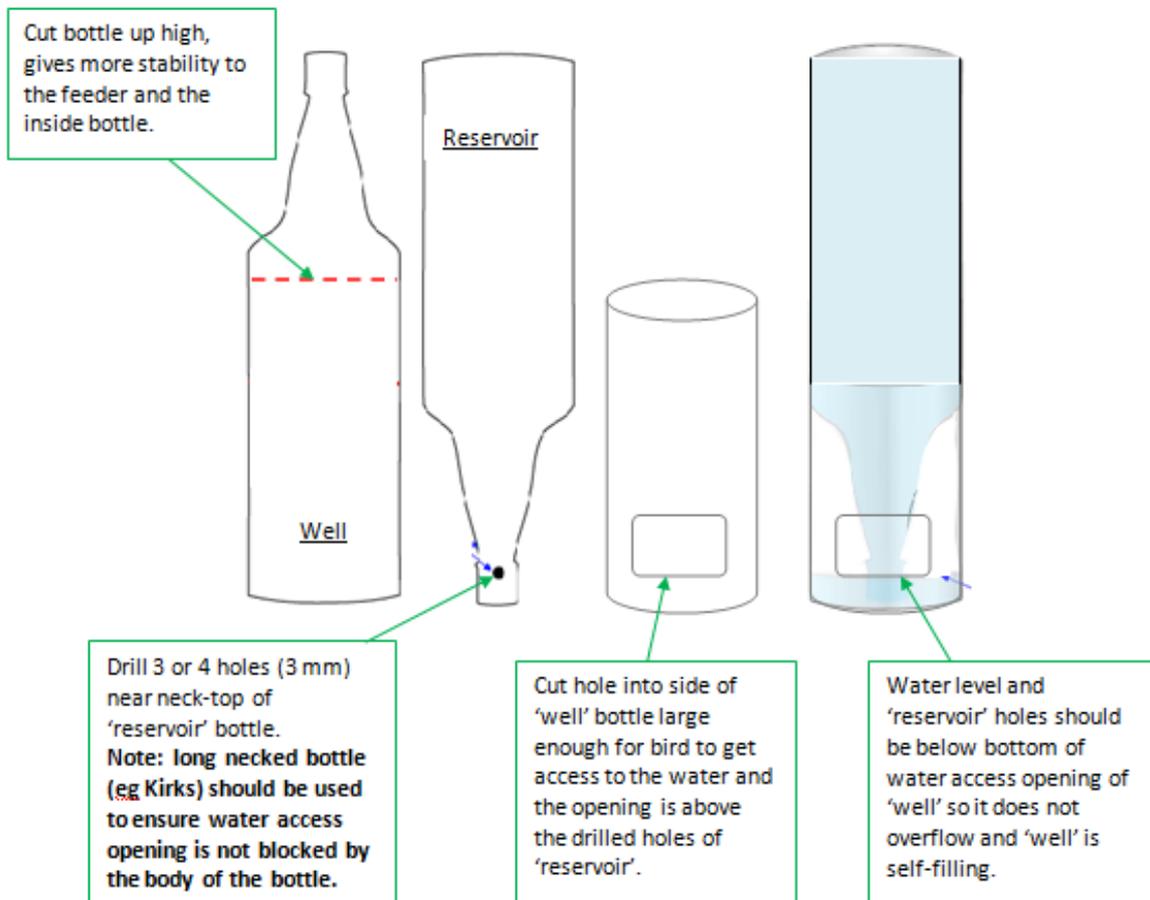
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# Water Bottle for Birds

2 plastic bottles required



The aim when making a water-feeder is to create a self filling water container and water must be accessed easily by the bird so it's important to check that:

- the water access opening to the 'well' is not blocked by the body of the 'reservoir' bottle. Most squat/short-necked bottles should be avoided;
- the water access opening is large enough for the bird's head;
- the holes in the 'reservoir' bottle are just below the 'well's water access opening to ensure water does not overflow and there is a sufficient level of water.

## Types of bottles that can be used

The water-bottle we originally provided was a 1.5L ('well') with an 1.25L inverted bottle inside ('reservoir'). Unfortunately the 1.5L is no longer produced by the soft drink companies but you can find 1.5L if you buy dearer fruit juice; or a 600ml Pump Water ('well') and a smaller soft drink bottle as a 'reservoir'; or as shown in the picture a curved 1.25L ('well') eg Woolworth's Select brand and a 600ml Pump Water bottle as a 'reservoir'. This last combination does not require any holes to be drilled, just remove the cap and the curve of the 1.25L prevents the 'reservoir' bottle from sitting right on the bottom and allows water into the 'well'.

