

# Indian myna Pee Gee trap instructions

The following guidelines have been developed based on the regulatory requirements outlined by the Victorian Government (*Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986, and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2019*) and research by Australian National University.



## Phase 1: Pre-feeding

Duration: at least 1 week prior to using trap (i.e. don't put trap out until you have done pre-feeding for one week)

1. Remove pet food and other food sources from where Indian mynas can access it.
2. The ideal trapping location is an area where birds already feed, or areas they overlook from vantage points such as power lines or trees.
3. Place dried cat food or other bait (see useful tips) on a white dish in your chosen trapping location every day for at least one week, to ensure Indian mynas are coming to the trapping area in search of food.
4. Do not use grains or seeds as bait, as native birds are attracted to it.
5. Avoid approaching trap in daylight hours

## Phase 2: Trapping

Duration: continuous

1. Introduce trap to the location once Indian mynas are regularly searching for food in that area.
2. Avoid approaching trap in daylight hours.
3. Place bait on a white plate inside the feeding chamber, directly in front of tunnels so birds see it immediately.
4. Also put bait and water into feed dishes, ensuring dishes are within reach of perch. It is vital there is enough food and water provided to prevent captured birds becoming stressed.
5. For the first few days, it may be useful to place food in the tunnels and near the entrance to attract Indian mynas.
6. Check the trap daily after dusk, as birds should be released or euthanised within 24 hours of capture.

## Phase 3: Euthanasia

Duration: within 24 hours of capture

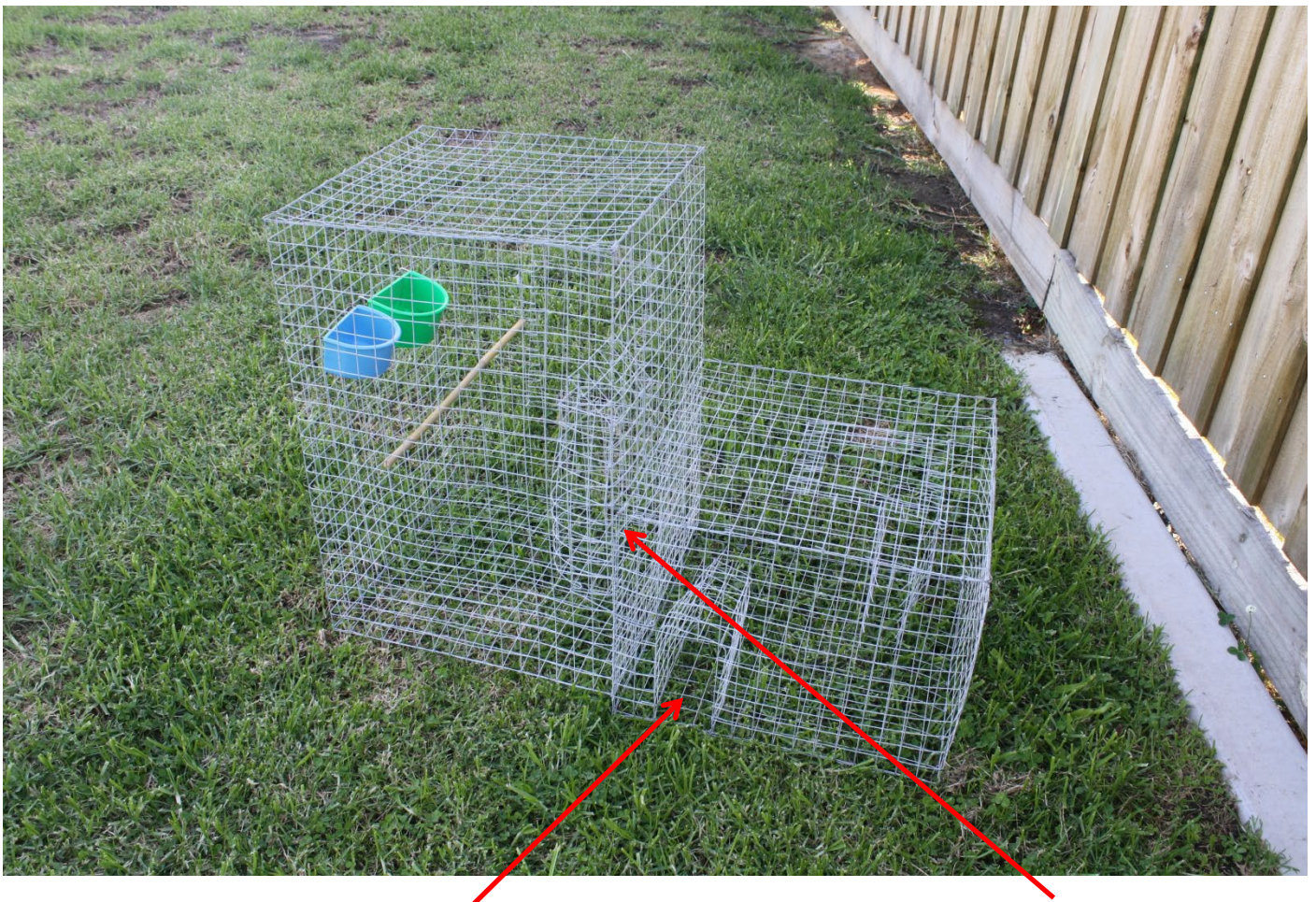
DO NOT euthanise birds using car exhaust as this has been proven to be inhumane. The heat and other chemicals in fumes are irritants, which mean death may be prolonged and painful.

Council recommends the humane euthanasia of Indian mynas by taking them to a participating vet for lethal injection.

**Table 1. Local veterinary clinics that will euthanasia Indian myna birds**

Veterinary clinic	Address	Phone	Fee
Avonsleigh Vet Clinic	441 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Avonsleigh	5968 3957	Nil request John Hamilton
Bunyip Veterinary Clinic	1312 Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Road, Bunyip	5629 5309	\$2-\$5 per bird
Koo Wee Rup Vet Clinic	272 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup	5997 3300	Nil to \$5 depending on how many birds
Racecourse Road Veterinary Clinic	86 Racecourse Road, Pakenham	5941 5994	Nil

**Figure 1. Pee Gee Indian myna trap.**



Indian mynas enter through the **tunnels** in the smaller cage, and then move through the **valve** into the larger cage for food and water.

Remove captured birds within 24 hours.