



# Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre

## MEDIA ALERT

3 May 2011

### NEW WEBSITE KEY TO MANAGING PEST BIRDS IN AUSTRALIA

The Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre and NSW Department of Primary Industries will today launch MynaScan, a website giving all Australians the opportunity to enter sightings of Common (Indian) myna birds to improve management and prevent the spread of the pest birds.

Following the success and overwhelming community participation in RabbitScan and FoxScan, MynaScan will assist communities and local authorities to track the birds and prevent further damage to native birds and urban areas.

**WHAT: Launch of the MynaScan website, [www.feralscan.org.au/mynascan](http://www.feralscan.org.au/mynascan)**

**WHEN: 12.40pm, Tuesday 3 May 2011**

**WHERE: Conference Centre, Mid City Motel  
19 Doveton Street North, Ballarat**

#### **INTERVIEW AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:**

Peter West, MynaScan Project Officer, will demonstrate the new MynaScan website and be available for interviews from 1.00pm.

MynaScan is the latest addition to the FeralScan project and will be launched as part of the Common Myna Workshop, bringing together VIC and SA state government and local government officials, community members and research specialists.

Statement ends 3 May 2011

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#### **CONTACTS:**

##### **FOR INTERVIEWS**

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##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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