



Clarence Landcare Inc. Field Officer – Common (Indian) Myna Project Application Due 25th February 2021

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Field Officer - Common (Indian) Myna Bird Project
Reports to:	Project Coordinator, Clarence Landcare
Location:	Mid – Lower Clarence Catchment, various locations
Tenure:	Casual, March 2021 to the end of May 2021- with the possibility of an extension pending further funding. 14 hours a week, flexible days and hours to be determined.
Remuneration:	\$28.99/hour including casual loading (+superannuation and expenses)

Position Summary:

Clarence Landcare has been awarded NSW Local Land Services funding to scale up an existing pest animal Common (Indian) Myna Bird trapping and education program. The project will target areas within the Clarence valley, where populations of Myna birds have been identified. The Field Officers will be responsible for building, maintaining and placing the traps in the field. Trapping includes placing bait, catching and euthanising* trapped Myna birds.

** according to approved animal ethics standards by NSW DPI.*

Position/ Role Objectives:

Field Officers will assist the Project Coordinator/ Officers to meet funded project objectives. This may include but is not limited to:

- Deliver traps to predetermined locations on private property, using own vehicle.
- Set traps, catch Myna birds and euthanise humanely (training will be provided). Release any nontarget wildlife from traps including birds and reptiles.
- Collect data of Myna bird capture and euthanasia. Report on condition of traps.
- If required to wait at a public trapping site for a period (up to 7 hours). Use time efficiently in the field by building traps and be comfortable fielding enquiries from passers by.
- Build and maintain traps, working with wire using hand tools.
- Liaise with staff, landholders and the wider community.
- Present to the public in the interests of the project and Clarence Landcare in a professional manner at all times**.

***Sign a work contract and adhere to the standards and ethics according to the Clarence Landcare Handbook for Employees and Volunteers.*



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The ideal candidate:

- has an interest in local environmental and land management issues.
- has a friendly, approachable manner and the ability to communicate with a broad section of the community.
- has a demonstrated ability to work with minimum supervision, use initiative and work as part of a team.
- is flexible about their working hours and breadth of work over the period of employment.
- has current drivers licence and use of own vehicle with ability to tow the Landcare trailer. (Travel costs to and from sites will be remunerated at standard ATO rate of 72c/km.)
- has existing knowledge of Common (Indian) Myna bird issues or willingness to learn (see links below), so that members of the public can be educated when encountered by the Field Officers.
- has physical ability to use basic hand tools, and to lift traps/ aviary in and out of trailer.
- has their own smartphone and ability to utilise smart phone apps.

The base of employment is at the Landcare Office – 1/48 Prince St Grafton.
Clarence Landcare is an equal opportunity employer.

Links that may be useful for your application.

<https://cvcia.org.au/common-mynas/>

<https://www.feralscan.org.au/mynascan/default.aspx>

<http://clarencelandcare.com.au/>

Selection Criteria:

1. An interest in local environmental issues and an understanding of the reason for the Common (Indian) Myna control program.
2. Demonstrated ability to work in a small team and use time effectively with minimal supervision.
3. Demonstrated ability to use hand tools and follow directions in minor construction projects such as trap building and repair.
4. Demonstrated ability to handle wildlife, and a willingness to learn how to euthanise Myna birds according to the approved animal ethics standards.
5. Demonstrated ability to communicate with landholders and members of the public who may show interest in the Myna bird project and it's purpose.
6. An understanding of the need for Work Health and Safety standards and protocols and the ability to implement them.

Your Application

Written applications should address the above **Selection Criteria** and be emailed with your detailed **Resume** to debbie@clarencelandcare.com.au by midnight (12pm) Thursday 25/02/2021. Interviews will be arranged for potential candidates the following week with commencement ASAP. For further information contact Debbie Repschlager or Laura Noble at the Grafton Landcare Office on 02 66 435009.