

# Landowners fall fowl of the law

FINES totalling \$3500 have been issued to two Gingin landowners and a transport company for breaching rules regarding manure use, designed to prevent the spread of stable flies.

Raw poultry manure may only be supplied, transported, stored or used on properties in June, July and August.

The offenders were found to be illegally transporting and using raw poultry manure outside this permitted period.

Authorities say the use of raw poultry ma-

nure in horticulture has been scientifically proven to be highly conducive to the breeding of flies, particularly stable flies, which cause distress and weight loss to livestock, and annoyance to humans, as a result of their painful bite.

Stable Fly Action Group (SFAG) chairman Bob Wilson said he was disappointed the offences had occurred, however, in a letter received by the Shire of Gingin this week he congratulated the shire on its successful legal action.