

# Build homes for our wildlife, too

THE development in Cairns and, particularly, the northern beaches is out of control when our native wildlife no longer has any rights.

Tahnee Lawson (25-11-03) speaks of the dead wallabies in Trinity Park.

This also distresses me and a phone call to the council resulted in a comment that the northern beaches' wallaby population was doomed.

Similarly, I voiced my concerns to appropriate council staff regarding destruction of the habitat — a dam on a piece of land being developed off Linden St, Clifton Beach — of green tree frogs.

Despite this, the melaleucis around the dam were felled and the dam filled in.

## Editor's pick

Ultimately, this action destroyed a wildlife habitat.

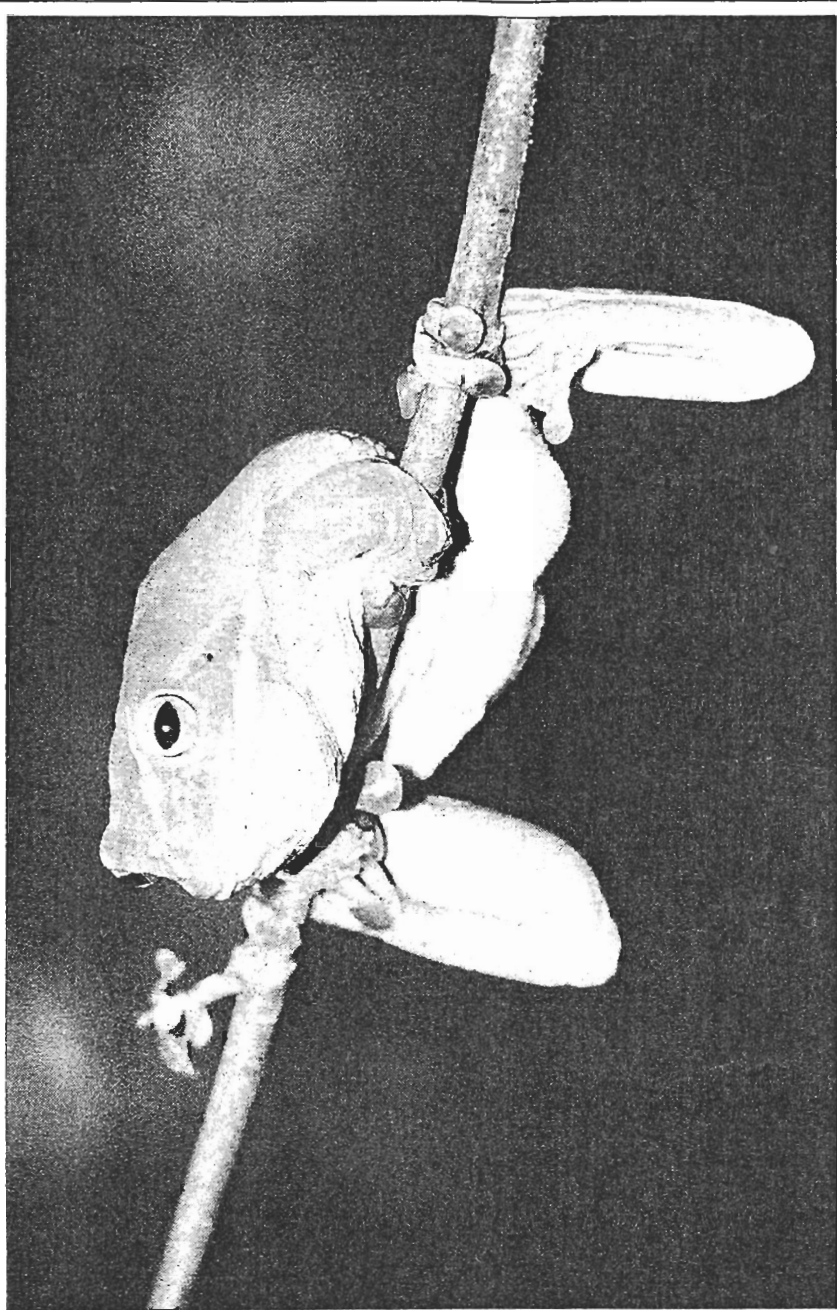
The law decrees wildlife is not to be harmed yet permission is given to annihilate their habitat.

Development is forging ahead without respect to wildlife.

Council officers who are in a position to control this are not doing enough to satisfy residents who wish to protect our environment and the wildlife who reside there.

One way to ensure a place for wildlife is for new developments to be designed with wildlife corridors.

— Maree Callaway, Egmont Close, Clifton Beach.



Dwindling population: New developments are destroying the habitats of native wildlife such as green tree frogs.

Picture: TOURISM QUEENSLAND

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## Dams don't cause rain

BEFORE every wet season we have this same debate about dams.

Dams cause unacceptable environmental harm, are expensive, in many cases uneconomical and silt up which also impacts on beach regeneration. And dams do not cause rain which is why most authorities are now reluctant to build them.

allowed this design to occupy so much of this land without considering surrounding residents.

No resident in 1979, when this land was gazetted as a shopping area, could have envisaged such a monstrosity ever being built.

If this is modern and smart commercial planning and something we can expect from the new Cairns Plan, residents need to voice their opinions so the architects, designers and town planners know this kind of

arrogant party have met their match. Instead of running the country, the Liberals spend all their time throwing mud at Mr Latham about his past.

Mr Latham is the first politician for years who speaks for the silent majority middle class. Most politicians are too scared to rock the boat and be seen as not politically correct.

I think Labor has a real chance of topping the Howard empire because Mr Latham is a down-to-earth leader, who thinks and talks like an Australian not a pseudo American.

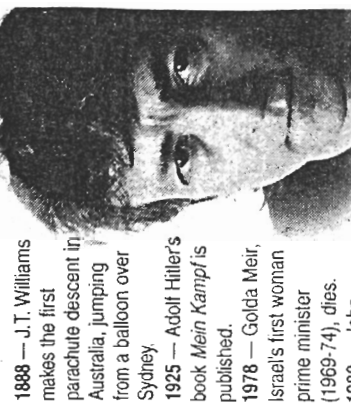
probably came here before amplifiers were invented.

It is not the style of music I object to. I love rock and roll like any other child of the '50s and '60s but I prefer slightly better than "moderately good" music. Music is like wine. Unless it is of a high standard it is not worth the resulting headache. And in recent times the volume has become louder and louder.

There is a law regarding excessive noise. Thanks to the responsible action of the licensing branch, the

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1888 — J.T. Williams makes the first parachute descent in Australia, jumping from a balloon over Sydney.

1925 — Adolf Hitler's book *Mein Kampf* is published.

1978 — Golda Meir, Israel's first woman prime minister (1969-74), dies.