

# Frogsheet Spring 1999

## From The President

Committee members have been kept busy during what are our usually quieter months of the year.

Researchers and students are active investigating the life, habitats and environmental influences on our frogs. To this end, Q.F.S. Inc. has made another donation to Griffith University in support of Dr. J. Marc Hero and his team.

We continue to support Threatened Species Network. With the imminent launch of Nature Search (this time statewide) under the direction of Ric Natrass, I hope that all members will do their bit, so that frog habitats in their locality are identified and recorded.

Happy frogging,

Ruth Wait

## Executive Committee

## New Members

## Area Co-ordinators

## Frogs of the Floodplains

## Frog Colours

## By the Frog Pond

## The Frog Fungus

## Fearless Frogs Have Hearts of Stone

## Frogs Cross Here

## Around the Ridges

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- Ashgrove - Jenny Holdway

- Ashgrove - Phil Bird
- Brisbane Central - Stephan Durtschi
- Gold Coast - Dawn Perdue
- Pine Rivers - Laraine Dodd
- Redlands - Leanne Marshall
- Toowoomba - Dave Hills

## **Interesting Stories About Frogs From Ancient Cultures**

### **Poem - By Ric Natrass**

Don't drain it, don't strain it,  
Don't kill it, don't spill it,  
Don't fell it, don't sell it,  
And fill it with men,  
It's a creek, it's a soak,  
It's a swamp, it's a bog,  
But it's vital to me,  
It's my home,  
I'm a frog.  
(from WPS Qld flyer)

## **Radio Tracking the Endangered Giant Barred River Frog and the Common Great Barred River Frog.**

### **Frog Diary**

### **Frogs to Feature in New Stamps**

### **More Frog Jokes**

### **Letter From Dr. Jean-Marc Hero**

### **The Release of WPSQ Bayside Branch South east Qld Frog Watch Kit**

### **Old Frog Society Frogshop**

### **Brisbane Frog Survey**

### ***Adelotus brevis* - Tusked Frog**

Colonies were found in low numbers (which is normal for this species) in 30 of 119 areas surveyed. It

was most common in the catchment that drains the South East slopes of the Brisbane Forest Park. Annerley, Bardon, Enoggera, Kenmore Hills, Stafford, The Gap and the Brisbane Forest Park were the most productive areas.

Most of the records were from streams with good water quality in the upper reaches with some small established colonies existing in well vegetated backyard frog ponds. Populations also exists in the Greenslopes, Coopers Plains, Holland Park, Moorooka, Tarragindi areas. Very few observations outside the areas stated. Locally common but generally should be considered rare.

### *Assa darlingtoni* - Australian Marsupial Frog

No records during our survey; a high altitude rainforest species historically recorded from Maiala NP, cannot realistically be called a Brisbane species.

### *Crinia parinsignifera* - Beeping Froglet

Recorded from 27 areas mostly centered in the less urbanised South West Brisbane. Algester, Bellbowrie, Berrinba, Burbank, Capalaba, Carindale, Karawatha Forest, Mackenzie, Moggill and Parkinson were the areas that contain sizable colonies. Urbanisation certainly affects this species adversely; undeveloped large areas of woodland with flooded depressions with associated native grasses are the main requirements of this species. It was not recorded in ares north of the river. In twenty years time the species will only be found in areas like Karawatha Forest, major greenbelt areas are required if once abundant and common species of Brisbane fauna continue to remain as listed species within our city boundaries.

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