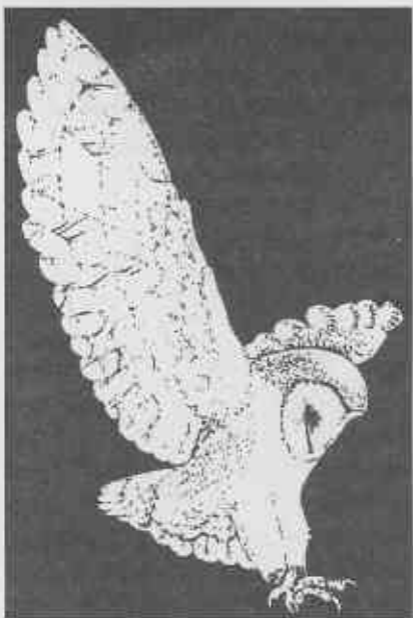


## IN BRIEF



### **Owls on freeways**

When racing along one of Perth's newer freeways at night, watch out for owls. Open and lightly vegetated sandy banks are ideal hunting grounds for them and, unfortunately, they are occasionally hit by cars. As the revegetation becomes more shrubby, the owls tend to move elsewhere.

Owls around Perth live mostly on house mice, and each bird kills about 2000 mice a year. Clearly they are important in controlling mouse plagues, so, if you can do so safely, try and avoid hitting them!