

# Ninney Rise - our heritage

Ninney Rise is a historic beachfront home in rainforest parkland at Bingil Bay.

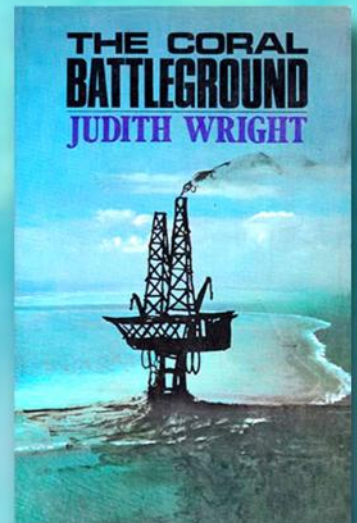


## Ninney Rise history

Ninney Rise is the base from which John Busst organised the 'Save the Reef' and rainforest campaigns in the 1960s and early 1970s. Set in rainforest by the Coral Sea, it was a meeting place for the campaigners and scientists including Prime Minister Harold Holt, poet Judith Wright, and scientists Webb & Tracey.

When John Busst saved nearby Ellison Reef from limestone mining in the Innisfail court in 1967, it set the legal precedent for protecting the whole Great Barrier Reef, including from oil drilling. The campaigns led to the declaration of the world's largest marine park, the formation of GBRMPA, and the eventual declaration of both the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics World Heritage Areas.

After John Busst died in 1971, Kate Tode bought Ninney Rise. Kate gifted it to National Parks when she died in 1990, trusting it would become a base for scientists to stay to explore the reef and rainforest and continue Busst's work. In 2010, the place was entered on the Queensland Heritage Register. In 2014 the Queensland Government leased Ninney Rise to the Friends of Ninney Rise for five years.



## Friends of Ninney Rise (FoNR)

Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Mission Beach Tourism, Cassowary Coast Alliance, Community for Coastal and Cassowary Conservation (C4), and Terrain NRM formed FoNR in 2013 to work together with the following purposes:

- to assist the conservation of the cultural heritage significance of Ninney Rise;
- to promote ecotourism at Mission Beach and ongoing reef and rainforest conservation through interpreting Ninney Rise's leading role in saving the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics rainforests;
- to assist retain Ninney Rise in public ownership with opportunities for appropriate public access particularly for tourism and conservation purposes;
- to assist the economically viable use of Ninney Rise;
- to facilitate tourism, conservation, community and government partnerships.

# What we've done so far



- secured Ninney Rise as a public asset (it was previously proposed for private sale)
- open days with guided tours of the house and grounds and/or guest speakers (see our website including facebook for details of past and upcoming events)
- Rainforest and Reef Conservation Stories conference
- venue for visiting international marine scientists
- appointed an on-site caretaker
- property maintenance
- videos on the history of Ninney Rise thanks to CCRC and Queensland Government funding (viewable on our website)
- Conservation Management Plan (CMP) completed

## Protecting and developing Ninney Rise

What future uses will protect the heritage of Ninney Rise, tell the story of rainforest and reef conservation, enable community and visitor access, and be self-funding?

Thanks to your donations and Queensland Government funding, FoNR is progressing recommendations in the CMP to help realise the great potential of Ninney Rise for tourism, heritage, conservation and our local community.

Projects completed or currently underway include;

- Detailed Fabric Survey
- Colour Study
- Consultants engaged to develop a Ninney Rise Interpretive Plan
- Vegetation Management Plan
- Building upgrade works as recommended in Engineers Report



## A future world-class trail



## Community asset

Ninney Rise provides a unique and authentic story; a reason for visitors to come here from all over the world and stay longer. It's one of our key long term assets. It's important to maintain our assets and develop them into experiences.

It's good for business and reef and rainforest conservation.

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