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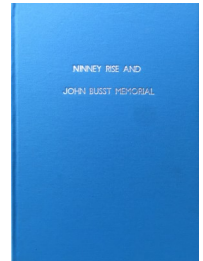


# NEWS

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

## Dear Friends,

Since our first newsletter in April last year, we have received the commissioned Conservation Management Plan. However its delay until August meant that the recommendations could not be addressed in 2016.



Friends of Ninney Rise committee with copies of the Conservation Management Plan  
From Left Sally Moroney; Tony O'Malley; Sandal Hayes; Liz Gallie; Suzie Smith; Helen Larson

## Margaret Thorsborne Library

Despite this, the year finished on a very positive note with two marvellous gifts. We were delighted to receive Margaret Thorsborne's library on 18<sup>th</sup> November. We would like to thank Peter Vlieg for his generous support in constructing the new shelving. Once it is complete it will provide a wonderful reference collection for visitors



Margaret Thorsborne AO



Library shelving under construction





## Virginia Edlington Collection

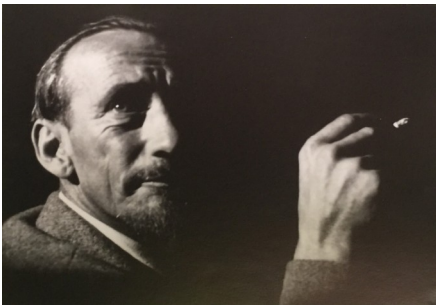
Friends of Ninney Rise also received a priceless collection of approx. 400-450 original photos, slides and clippings of John and Alison Busst and friends at Ninney Rise and earlier days on Bedarra Island. For most of these images, no other known copies exist.

Amongst the photos it was exciting to see a record of the construction of Ninney Rise from the ground works to completion and others of John and Ali relaxing at their home showing the signature style bamboo furnishings and paintings created by John.

The images are approximately 60 years old and were gifted by Victoria Edlington, (right) a close friend to Alison Busst.



There are notes on only a few of the images. We secured a RADF grant from the Council to pay for their digitalisation and cataloguing.



A component of the grant is an exhibition of some of the images where we hope older Cassowary Coast residents could add invaluable information.

This information will help tell the wonderful story of how the Bussts and friends, from their base at Ninney Rise, initiated the protection of what we now know as two World Heritage Areas: the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics rainforests.





# BE INVOLVED



## Early march date tba

There will be a working bee to unpack the 29 boxes of Margaret's library and put them onto the new shelves in thematic order. Anyone who can come and help would be most appreciated.

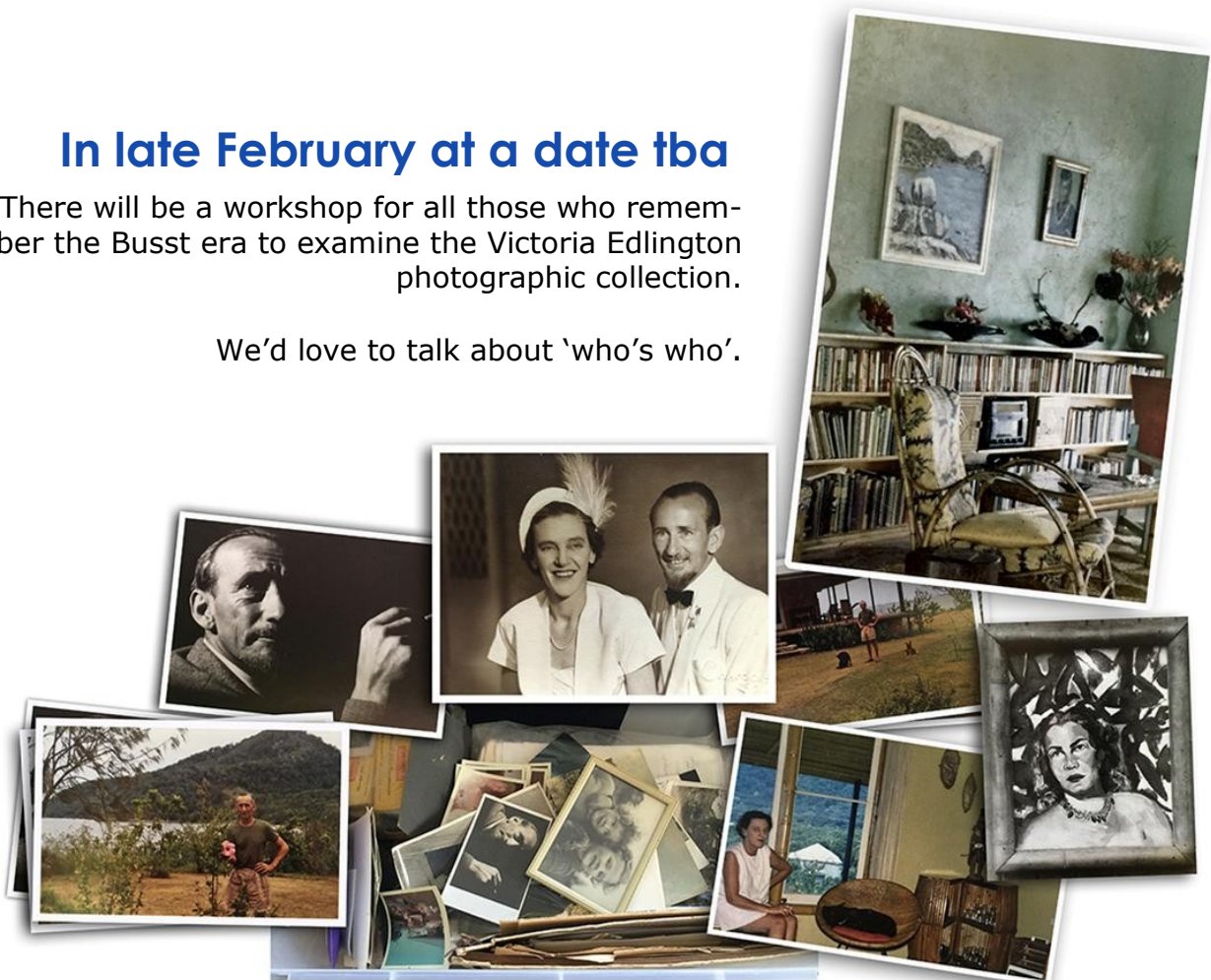
**From 10.00am. Light lunch provided.**



**In late February at a date tba**

There will be a workshop for all those who remember the Busst era to examine the Victoria Edlington photographic collection.

We'd love to talk about 'who's who'.





## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**ANNIVERSARY.....it's 50 years** since the Ellison Reef Campaign, run by John Busst, kicked off the Save The Great Barrier Reef campaign.

A planning meeting for these celebrations will be held starting at **10.00am**.  
**Bring a plate for lunch.**

Here are some photos from the 2012 45th anniversary trip to Ellison Reef with function at Ninney Rise. [See more](#)

Ellison Reef Saved  
45th Anniversary  
1967 - 2012



Event program



Dr Eddie Hegerl, Dr Ro Hill and Don Henry at Ellison Reef



At Ellison Reef



Lunch on the verandah of Ninney Rise



At the John Busst Memorial Plaque from Left; Brenda Harvey; Ro Hill; Don Henry; Suzie Smith; Margaret Moorhouse; Liz Gallie; Eddie Hegerl; Peter Rowles; Yvonne Cunningham.



**We welcome** Barbara Smith and Thomas Bauer as new FONR committee members.



Dr Thomas Bauer has been involved in the hotel and tourism industry since 1971 and has travelled in over 70 countries on all continents. He has worked in Germany, Japan, Fiji, the United States, Australia and Hong Kong.

Thomas is the joint owner of Dundee Park in Mission Beach, Australia. He is a well-published author and has been involved in tourism consultancies for the United Nations World Tourism Organisation, the Hong Kong Government and for Provincial governments in mainland China.

Thomas is the current chairman of Mission Beach Tourism



Barbara has wide ranging experience in the arts and cultural sector including policy development, community engagement, project management and grant writing.

She has worked for the Adelaide Fringe Festival, the History Trust of South Australia, the Australian Ballet Foundation, Griffith Artworks at Griffith Uni in Brisbane and in FNQ for the Cairns Regional Council, the Cassowary Coast Regional Council and Mission Arts.

Barbara has been an enthusiastic birder forever! In a foray into the Tourism sector in 2004 Barbara established the Art Deco Innisfail Tour.



**Congratulations** to FONR committee member Liz Gallie for being the recipient of the 2017 Excellence Award at the Cassowary Coast Regional Council Australia Day ceremony.

Liz was recognised for her work "...continually raising awareness of the Southern Cassowary and in doing so she also raises the profile of the Cassowary Coast Region and the importance of environmental sustainability".



**Being custodians** of the heritage listed Banfields grave at Dunk Island means FONR need to keep the Cairn and site maintained and free of weeds.

A fine day, leisure boat trip across to Dunk, a spot of gardening in the rainforest and some birding along the way... not hard to find volunteers for this job.



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