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ELLISON REEF SAVED



**Celebrate the past and
influence the reef's next 50 years**

A boat trip to Ellison Reef & Reflections at Ninney Rise

with
Eddie Hegerl and Charlie Veron

\$175

a
Forum with Iain McCalman

\$25



Saturday 14 October 2017

The event will be filmed by ABC TV Queensland
For more information and to book seats
visit www.ninneyrise.com

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Friends of Ninney Rise



Graphics: Liz Gallie

Don't miss, Ellison Reef—Saved 50th Anniversary!

Dear Friends

Celebrating the Past and Influencing the Future

Our newsletter cover features the poster for our upcoming event, the 50th Anniversary of Ellison Reef—Saved a celebration of the court decision to deny mining Ellison Reef for lime.

We are very excited at the enthusiastic response we have had so far from scientists, tourism, landcare and conservation representatives.

The anniversary will be celebrated with two events.



1967 Innisfail newspaper and original campaign sticker

- **A trip to Ellison Reef in the morning with a number of high profile scientists.**

The Reef Goddess will leave from the Clump Point boat ramp for Ellison Reef at 8am, returning at 1.30pm

- **A forum with Iain McCalman as moderator in the afternoon at Ninney Rise.**

"Reflections" at Ninney Rise will begin with Afternoon Tea. A distinguished panel of scientists including Charlie Veron and Eddie Hergerl, CEO Daniel Gshwind, QTIC, CEO Carole Sweatman Terrain NRM will address guests in a Q & A style forum moderated by well known author and historian Prof Ian McCalman. Iain's recent book "The Reef. A Passionate History" is known to many.

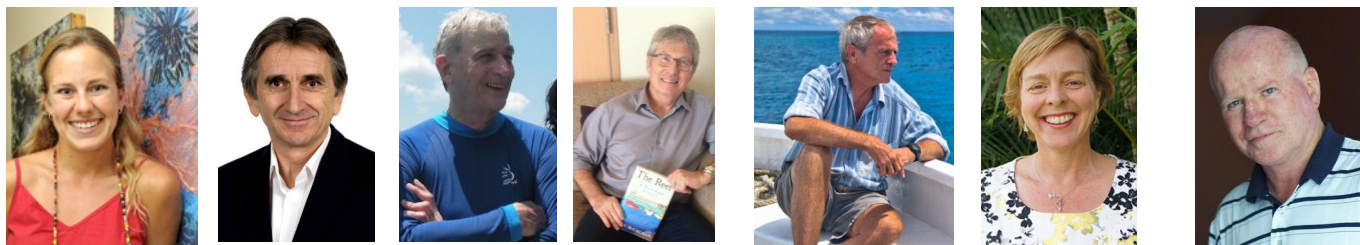
Tickets are selling fast so don't be disappointed.

Bookings are essential

[available online now](#)

Look who's talking

Click on photos below



Look who's coming



We hope that all our members will come along. For those who do not have internet please send your details and payment to Friends of Ninney Rise, P O Box 510, Mission Beach Qld 4852

We would like to thank [Castaways Resort](#), [Eco Village](#) and [Mission Beach Tourism](#) for their support and sponsorship of the event.

For more information [see our website](#)

Contact; FoNR friendsofninneyrise@gmail.com

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FoNR AGM

The Mayor, John Kremastos and Councillor Wayne Kimberley were welcomed to our AGM where the Mayor was presented with the Council copy of the Conservation Management Plan for Ninney Rise.



On the verandas of Ninney Rise after FoNR AGM

The councillors were very interested and impressed by Ninney Rise.



Banfield graves, Dunk Island

We hope that they will both attend an inspection of the Banfield Graves on Dunk Island when we will be urging the Council to restore the walking track and low bridge on the Council easement from the National Park to the Grave Reserve (which we manage) allowing tourists and locals to visit the Historic Graves.



John Busst Memorial Plaque, Bingil Bay

Council Parks division has also agreed to erect an interpretive sign at the Camping area below Ninney Rise explaining the commemorative plaque to John Busst on the rocks at Ninney Point.

Detailed Fabric Study



The Conservation Management Plan for Ninney Rise and the John Busst memorial has a brief Action Plan which we have been working through in conjunction with QPWS who have generously supported further investigations by a Structural Engineer and a detailed Fabric Survey.

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Virginia Edlington photos online

FoNR are working through the photos from the Virginia Edlington Collection catalogued by Justine Thorpe as part of a CCRC RADF grant.

The photos will be uploaded onto FoNR website with the opportunity to receive feedback from the community in the hope some of the people or places can be identified.

The first selection to be placed on the website is of the [construction of Ninney Rise](#). This detailed photographic record of the building progress has been helpful to Emma in identifying elements that belong to the original Busst era of Ninney Rise.

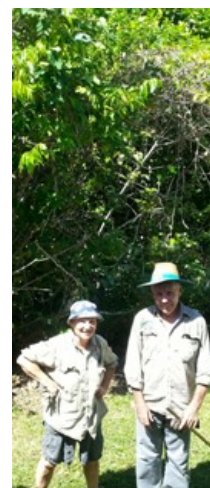




SUPPORT APPRECIATED

A huge thanks to the Cassowary Coast Regional Council revegetation unit for weeding and tidying the gardens at Ninney Rise in the immediate surrounds of the house.

This, and the recent assistance from the National Parks department (NPSR) with some of the more major grounds maintenance work, addresses some of the problems and recommendations of the Conservation Management Plan.



We are encouraged by the continued support from NPSR following their recent meeting held at Ninney Rise. They have recognised the uses that we envisage for the property with support to help acquire the equipment needed to make the property an attractive venue for environmental, artistic, historical and educational tours and meetings.

Mission Beach Tourism are receiving many enquiries about the history of the heritage listed property and are also very keen for Ninney Rise to open for visitors.

Official Launch of the Margaret Thorsborne Library

The Friends of Ninney Rise (FoNR) held a lovely ceremony on 14th May to officially open the Margaret Thorsborne Library at Ninney Rise, Bingil Bay.

Margaret Thorsborne AO has been a lifetime supporter of social justice and environmental protection. FoNR are thrilled that Margaret has generously donated her life's reading and that the books now have a new, secure and fitting home into the future. Rescued after Cyclone Yasi, when some were lost, there are some old, rare and valuable books.

The books reflect Margaret's interests - in art, plants, animals, conservation, World War One, the Antarctic, biography and much else. They are also a tribute to her wide friendships as many titles were gifts.



"I gifted the books to FoNR and Ninney Rise. said Margaret. "I felt they'd be looked after there and it seemed a suitable place, because it was a place of historic importance and it was involved with the care of the natural environment".

Friends of Ninney Rise hope to employ an archivist to properly catalogue the collection so that this wonderful reading/research library will be useful and appreciated.

Join friends of Ninney Rise

Please encourage others to become Friends of Ninney Rise . We need more active members now that we are gearing up to use the property more and places are available on the management committee. Hope to see you on the 14th October for the Reef Day.

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