

Ninney Rise - our future

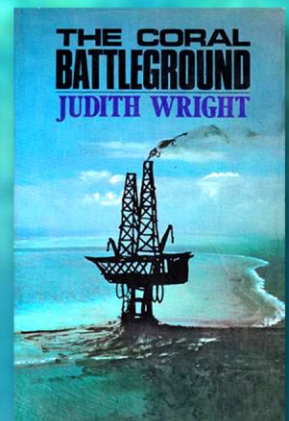
Ninney Rise is a beautiful beachfront home on two hectares at Bingil Bay.



Donated to National Parks in 1990, it's heritage-listed and currently vacant.

Ninney Rise is special

Ninney Rise is the base from which John Busst organized 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 the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.



Who owns Ninney Rise?

After John Busst died in 1971, Kate Tode bought Ninney Rise. Kate gifted it to National Parks when she died in 1990, hoping it would become a base for scientists to stay to explore the reef and rainforest and continue Busst's work. It remains the property of Queensland government, but is still freehold, not gazetted as National Park.

A future world-class trail



Tourism 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.

'Mission Beach as the birthplace of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park' is a key theme of Mission Beach Tourism's 'Turning the Tide' project.

Problem and solution

Queensland government recently identified Ninney Rise as state land for disposal because of maintenance costs. It was built by Busst "to last 1000 years" but all buildings need maintenance and even mowing the 2 hectare grounds adds up. It's vacant so it's bringing in no return to National Parks. So Friends of Ninney Rise was formed.

How can we help protect and realise the potential of Ninney Rise?



What future uses will protect the heritage, tell the story of reef and rainforest conservation, enable community and visitor access, and not cost the government?

- facilities for visiting reef and rainforest scientists and artists in residence
- reef & rainforest conservation museum and education centre
- function rooms and gardens
- bed & breakfast
- tourism training facilities
- all of the above?

A Conservation Management Plan helps identify and realise future uses for heritage-listed properties and costs about \$20,000.



Making it happen

Subject to Queensland government approval, we are organising grant applications and raffles to raise funds for a Conservation Management Plan so it won't cost government. We're working together to realise and fulfil the great potential of Ninney Rise for tourism, conservation and our local community.

Friends of Ninney Rise

Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland, Mission Beach Tourism, Cassowary Coast Alliance, Community for Coastal and Cassowary Conservation (C4), and Terrain NRM are working 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 retaining 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.

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Links

<https://heritage-register.ehp.qld.gov.au/placeDetail.html?siteId=19622>

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