

TONY BOUZAIID



In late 1992 Tony & Mal Bouzaid purchased the historic homestead FitzRoy House in Port FitzRoy on Great Barrier Island and spent the next couple of years restoring the property. Glenfern Sanctuary resulted from Tony's desire to create a safe haven for native wildlife and the first step was propagating and planting native trees. After 10 years of hard work over 9,000 trees have been planted and there is an extensive track network. Ongoing rat and cat eradication provides a safe habitat for many native species including the black petrel and brown teal, which are breeding there. 2001 Glenfern Sanctuary received an Environmental Initiatives Award and in 2005 a Conservation Award. In April 2005 27 North Island robins were released into the Sanctuary. In the past Tony has also been active in the local community, as Community Board member and Chairperson as well as involvement in the North Barrier Residents and Ratepayers and Port FitzRoy Boating Club.