



KUPIDABIN NEWS

May 2022

Dear Friends

My apologies to you all –This is the first Newsletter I have written for 2022 - hard to believe!

2021 was a bad year for everyone and we were all looking forward to a better – brighter 2022

Personally, Des and I have both had serious health issues.- Des is slowing down –but still trying to do what he is not supposed to be doing? I was hospitalized with a fractured vertebrae in the New Year then went back again with another broken hip in March. Still having a frustrating slow recovery.

On a brighter note, we had a beautiful Fairy Festival on Sunday 1st May (and it did not rain!!) Many Thanks to Our Committee Members, Volunteers and the Big Fairies and Little Fairies which made such a 'Special' Day This is now a Kupidabin Annual Event a Revival of the Festivals held at the Lyell Deer Farm 2005 – 2016 also a comeback for 'Woody our Mischievous Wood Elf " after a 6 year holiday. Thank you to our stall holders with their beautifully decorated stalls.-We will have the 'CASH' flowing for you next year. If you missed this Beautiful Family Event put the date in your diary now for **SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2023**

I will have more updates next month **June /July Newsletter**. We have a Kupidabin ZOOM Committee Meeting on Sunday and we will be discussing holding a Kupidabin **Open Day for NAIDOC on SATURDAY 9TH. JULY** The purpose of this Open Day would be to introduce people to our work here and our background/history, share photos of past events, connect with community. Volunteers required. Any Spiritual Readers or Healers who can volunteer their time? Would be appreciated. It would be good if we could organize some Indigenous Speakers on this day. If you have any contacts or suggestions – Please let me know.

Kupidabin Wilderness 8th. Gathering of The Four Winds will be held this year following our cancellation in 2021 due to Border Closures. We have changed the dates to have them fall on the School Holidays 23rd / 24th/ 26th September 2022 so as not to clash with the W.L.L.S School breakup on the Friday night. Friday 23rd. September will be our Cultural Opening Performance- A Great Family Night out –not to be missed.

Weekend Saturday /Sunday will have diverse Cultural Teachings and Ceremonial Circles.

We are looking to begin advertising as soon as we formulate the Program and have Marketing material printed.

If you would like to participate as a Facilitator on the weekend or a Cultural Performer for our Friday night Performance please get in touch we want this year to be better than ever!!.

Previous years we have commenced Saturday and Sunday mornings with Yoga and / or a Circle to Greet the Morning Sunrise.

We are also considering as in 2019 having the Facilitators flow over their workshops to Monday Tuesday 26th / 27th September for people who cannot attend on the weekend.

Full details will be available next month.

Commencing June / July Newsletter we will be adding a new segment 'Items of Interest' from the pen of Jan Hume about our 'Ancient Land' for starters.

SAD NEWS Past Members of K.C.A.I. and those of you who attended our early Gatherings commencing in 2007 will remember Uncle Nurdon Serico. He passed away on 3rd. May. Uncle Nurdon was a Traditional Elder of the Gubbie Gubbie Tribe. He always looked forward to our Bi-Annual Gatherings –Where he gave his 'Opening Speech' with 'Welcome to Country.'. In later years he was too frail to attend but was always happy for a phone call to keep in touch.

As an item of Interest: Uncle Nurdon was married to my Son Stephen's EX/Mother in law's Sister who passed away several years ago.

MORE SAD NEWS - Colin Hui-Tong Life Member and Inaugural President of K.C.A.I. Kupidabin Cultural Association Inc. (A position he held for 6 years) has moved his family from Margate to Melbourne to be with his only other relative –his Sister and her husband who are both in poor health. We will miss him- Colin has been involved with our journey beginning with 'Friends of Lyell Deer Farm' in the very early days. He had great interest in the Native American Culture and over the years has donated many beautiful items for our fundraising- When he came to say good-bye his car was full of personal items.

His Regalia, / Drums HE MADE WITH DEER RAWHIDE. N.A. Tee Shirts (New) Colin used to sell them. A beautiful Didgeridoo –never been played - Colin bought it 20 years ago - put it in his wardrobe and found it again when packing up. (Photo of Colin in his Buckskin Shirt made by K.C.A.I. Life Member Sheridan Johnston – Buckskin supplied by Lyell Deer Farm – Photo taken at a Fundraising Golf Day organized by Maori Elder Nana Emma – a keen Golfer-. A Great Day.



DIARY DATES

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2022 FAMILY DRUMMING CIRCLE 3pm – 5pm. All Welcome –

Spare drums to share \$10.00pp - \$5.00 Children Tea/ Coffee / available

Bookings essential. Contact Maureen by text 0402 092 741 or email: info@kupidabin.org.

TUESDAY 7th.JUNE / THURSDAY 7TH JULY Monthly Peace Fire 6.45 for 7pm. ALL WELCOME.

Friday 23rd September Opening Performance of The Gathering of the Four Winds

Saturday and Sunday 24th and 25th September Gathering of The Four Winds Program

Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th Facilitators Private workshops and Readings.(to be confirmed)

Welcome to our new readers. Previous newsletters are on our Web Site and if you wish to know MORE about Kupidabin –Go to our website www.kupidabin.org Click on 'About us- a drop box will say HISTORY of LYELL DEER FARM AND Birth of Kupidabin Cultural Association Inc. I HAVE ONLY WRITTEN UNTIL 2018 BUT WILL UPDATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Kupidabin Wilderness Facilities available to hire for Workshops and Retreats etc. Weekends , School Holidays and Public Holidays. **Book now for 2023 (June 2022 fully booked except Sunday 5th June)**

Many Thanks and Blessings to all.

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