



KUPIDABIN NEWS FEBRUARY - MARCH 2023

Dear Friends, Members and Past Members of Kupidabin

This is my first Newsletter for 2023 and I begin with Sad News

Colin Hui-Tong passed away on Friday 27th. January 2023 peacefully sitting on a chair on a House Boat on the river on the Border of N.S.W. and Victoria.

Colin moved to Victoria 9 months ago from his home at Woody Point in Queensland with his wife and daughter to be near his sister and brother-in-law who were not in good health. Before leaving Colin arrived at my door with all his Native American Memorabilia. artefacts, drums, books and his Regalia made by Grandmother Wendy from deer hide supplied by Lyell Deer Farm and donated for our Fundraising. He was a Benefactor with numerous donations of Native American Items over the years for our fundraising. Colin had been involved with My Journey since 2005 being part of our small group with First Nation Elder Uncle Tex Chapman when he blessed our land and gave permission for us to hold Multicultural Ceremonies on the land.

Colin was our Inaugural President of K.C.A.I. KUPIDABIN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION INC. and held the position for 6 years. Was a Life Member of K.C.A.I. Held the Space for our Drumming Circles for many years commencing at the Deer Farm in 2005. Those of you who knew Colin know he was a beautiful man – always happy.

On Sunday 19th February we are holding a Memorial Ceremony for Colin Hui-Tong at **11 am at Kupidabin 7 Lyell Court Mt. Samson**

His wife Carol, via the Funeral Parlour, is sending up his ashes to scatter on the land at Kupidabin. We will be transplanting a fig tree for him that was growing from a seedling in the Medicine Wheel to our Remembrance Garden above the Parking area. Then scatter his ashes in the 4 directions of the Medicine Wheel which we are reviving. Colin participated in the creation of the Medicine Wheel in 2007.

We will be offering a light lunch following and even though many of you did not know Colin you are welcome to attend to honour this 'Great Man' who made a memorable impact on all who knew him.

Sherrie and I would appreciate if you are going to join us to R.S.V.P. for catering purposes. Email info@kupidabin.org or text 0402 092 741.

Please bring your Drums



Jan McCluskey a Member of our K.W.C.T. Advisory Committee has put forward that we consider setting up an Annual Award in memory of Colin for a candidate who has a Passion to learn more about the Native American Culture ie Attend a Drum Making Workshop - something in line with Colin's ideals and Community Awareness.

Have a think about it – ideas to put to Colin's Family would be very helpful.

Following are Diary Dates for you for proposed workshops and Events at Kupidabin for February / March.

At Kupidabin Wilderness we are busy organizing beautiful Programs and Workshops for 2023. Kupidabin is a Healing Place and a Place of Peace and Harmony. Keep your eye on our F.B. Page facebook.com/Kupidabin to read more about the following programs to give you an opportunity to get away from the 'stress' of everyday life.

Wednesday 22nd February Drumming Circles will begin again Monthly 7pm – 8.30pm \$10pp \$ 25.00 Family. Deer Farm Style dedicated to Colin Hui Tong in memory of the old days from 2005.

Saturday 4th March - Workshop with Veronica - Journey into Happiness 10am – 4.30pm

Sunday 5th March - Magic and Nature – Fun Filled Colour Workshop- Learn and Experience the Charka Energy Centres 9am – 3pm \$65.00 Bookings essential. Max 12

Tuesday 7th. March - Peace Fire All Welcome – Children from 7 years 6-45pm to light the Fire at 7pm - \$5.00 Donation for supper. No charge for ceremony.

Friday 10th March- Star Gazer Contact with Jane - arrive 5pm – 10pm \$80.00 pp. Supper included Bookings essential

Saturday 18th March - Medicine Drum Workshop 9am – 3pm Bookings Essential Max. 6

Tuesday 21st. March – Magic and Nature – Dark Moon Meditation. 6pm – 8pm - \$10.00 Donation.

Saturday 25thMarch - N.A. Flute Workshop- Learn to Play – Beginner and Intermediate Level. 10.30am – 2.30pm Bookings Essential.

Saturday 25th. March- Sound Healing with Tere 5pm- ? More info on F.B.

Regretfully the W.I.L.L.S. Program run by Annie Lane for high school students with Autism after 3 years at Kupidabin had to close end of school Term December 2022 due to the slash in funding to the Families by NDIS. Annie and her support workers are now going into the homes of the students on The Sunshine Coast giving one on one support.

The Autism Syndrome Students are still our main Charity and any donations to help build up our Trust Fund to enable us to set up a Scholarship Fund for any Student who needs financial help to further their career would be much appreciated. A Receipt would be issued.

Kupidabin Wilderness Facilities at 7 Lyell Court are now available for hire during weekdays as well as weekends for workshops and community activities. Contact Maureen Email: info@kupidabin.org or PH/Text 0402092741