



KUPIDABIN NEWS FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024

Dear Friends

Welcome to all our Kupidabin Friends and New Kupidabin Friends

A Special Welcome To New Members of KCAI – Rain Ratajczak – Christina Sherrin- Rejele Bates -Kim Brettle – Heather Tucker- Evor Freilich.

My apologies again for the long delay between Newsletters. This is my first one for 2024

December January and February are very quiet times at Kupidabin and the weather was very unfavourable to take advantage of this opportunity to catch up on land and maintenance work.

The Inaugural Meeting of KCAI Kupidabin Cultural Association Inc was held on Sunday 11th February
Committee: President / Chairman Faiyaz Devjee - Vice Chairman Jorge Videla - Treasurer (nominations required) Sherrie Mc Lean Trustee currently holding the position of Treasurer.- Secretary Gina Hudson. Maureen Pickstone Trustee sitting in an advisory position at this time and been nominated to continue with the Newsletter for KCAI and KWCT. We need a Person with First Aid experience to be present at our outdoor Events and more Members to form Sub Committees to look after and organize the ongoing activities of the Association. Can anyone recommend a CPA Accountant preferably local or Sunshine Coast?

We still have the Autism Program for High School Students run by Annie Lane on a Friday but our Facilities are available for hire Monday to Thursday and School Holidays for Children's activities some weekends still available for Workshops and Events.

KCAI Members are busy planning fundraising Events and the Annual Events for 2024 You will be happy to know the Committee have agreed to hold our Bi- Annual Gatherings of the Four Winds as an Annual Event. We commenced these Gatherings in 2007 Bi-Annually – now you have it – we just need your support– every Gathering we were asked “WHY DON'T YOU HAVE THEM Every year

2024 KUPIDABIN WILDERNESS GATHERING OF THE FOUR WINDS 20TH / 21ST / 22ND SEPTEMBER.

Watch our website www.kupidabin.org for Application forms **for Facilitators – Volunteers and Participants attending also we need Entertainers for our Friday night Opening Ceremony on the 20th September 2024** In 2022 we held this Ceremony in our Cultural Centre for the first time previously it was always held outdoors but the grounds were too wet. The Acoustics were great and you had a chair to sit on!! We will continue to have our Opening Ceremony indoors with The “Smoking Ceremony’ on the Veranda if everyone is happy with that decision.

If you go to the Home Page on Kupidabin website – Click on ‘[The Gathering](#) ‘ you will SEE A VIDEO of ‘ My Story’ and also ‘snippets’ of the 2022 Friday night Performance and VIEWS of some of the Weekend Participants' Participation. **BOOKINGS ARE OPEN NOW – Payment Plan available. Watch Kupidabin FaceBook page and Website in the next few weeks for Program and Booking instructions. Or Contact Maureen Email info@kupidabin.org or Text 0402 092 741**

Kupidabin Annual Events in 2024

Do not forget our **MAY FAIRY FESTIVAL 5TH MAY 2024** FUN and GAMES for ‘BIG FOLK ‘ and ‘LITTLE FOLK’ In KUPIDABIN Bush Fairy Garden ‘BOOMAJARRIL’ commenced as an Annual Event in 2005 following an ancient Celtic Tradition. More info on www.kupidabin.org

Medicine Drum Workshops are held every month with Sherrie+ Chris Dates on www.kupidabin.org

Family Drumming Circles and a Ceremonial Multicultural **Peace Fire** are Facilitated Monthly

The Trustees KWCT will be holding an **OPEN DAY on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June** from 10 am – 4pm and have joined with the advertising in the 2024 CREATIVE TRAILS Guidebook promoting the Samford and Surrounds Arts Trail and Open Studios being held Annually for the month of June. KCAI supported the Samford Heritage Art Trails in 2015. The Kupidabin Open Day by the Trustees will be to promote our Indigenous Art Gallery, encourage more Members and establish our relationship with the Community. Original Artwork and Prints- Spiritual and Educational Books and Craft Items for Sale. For KCAI it will be a Fund Raising Event with Spiritual Readers – Healers and Sound Music etc. More info will be on our website www.kupidabin.org

MATARKI Celebrating the Maori New Year first time at Kupidabin but will be an Annual Event run by KCAI on the 28th /29th June 2024 Program organised by our Kupidabin Maori Sisters.

Unfortunately, the visit to Kupidabin booked for the 8th – 10th March by Te Rakura Kingi Sayer Priestess of The Kopu Temple in New Zealand has been postponed to a later date to be advised.

One of The Weekend offerings was to be an immersion in the Teachings of the Waitaha Grandmothers and the ancient wisdom of Aotearoa (New Zealand) Land of First Light.

Advertising has been on Kupidabin website and if you are one of the disappointed women please make yourself known and contact me so we can offer another date to Te Rakura with the number of potential Bookings. A payment Plan will also be offered. Many Thanks.

Men Connect Retreats are becoming a regular event at Kupidabin

MenConnect is happening again on the 16th of March 2024 at Kupidabin Wilderness Retreat.

This one day gathering provides place to:

- Connect with other men;
- Enjoy great food;
- Relax in a pristine natural environment.

All men (over 18) are welcome. Past members, current members, and especially new men are most welcome to attend. No previous men's group or Gathering experience is necessary.

MenConnect is supported by experienced facilitators for a safe, confidential, non-judgmental experience where men can be themselves. Presentations and small group discussions allow for real connection.

It's always a great day.

Check out the website for more information about Men's Wellbeing Inc. and to buy tickets to the MenConnect event: <https://menswellbeing.org/product/mc24a/> If you're interested and want to know more you can call one of the members of the organizing committee on 0418 884 553.

Sponsorship Letter:--

KCAI Kupidabin Cultural Association Inc Secretary Gina is updating a Sponsorship letter we distributed in 2009

We need funding to build a Wheel Chair Amenities Block with Shower For Disabled Elders and Children also for the Older members of the Community not be disadvantaged missing out on the opportunity to stay for weekend workshops and Indigenous Teachings and be able to enjoy the beautiful Peaceful Environment we have at Kupidabin.

If you know the names of any Businesses we could send our Sponsorship Letter to now or prior to coming on Tax Time in June it would be very much appreciated. We are offering advertising incentives to the Companies and/or Businesses who support us.

A Major Sponsor can have their name and/or Logo on the funded building. Many Thanks to all for your continuing support by reading my newsletter and remember you can be a Member of Kupidabin Cultural Association Inc (KCAI) from afar.

Maureen Pickstone

Trustee. KWCT.

Kupidabin Wilderness Charitable Trust.

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