



KUPIDABIN NEWS

JULY - AUGUST

2022

Dear Friends

June and July have slipped away and here we are in August already!

Our Kupidabin Open Day on the 9th. July for NAIDOC DAY was a beautiful day not many people took the opportunity to come and visit us but I enjoyed sitting in the sun talking to those who came and it proved a very productive day. Many thanks to Claudia, Jan and George for their vibrant participation. We also sold quite a number of Cultural books for our fundraising.

Kupidabin 8th Bi-Annual Gathering of The Four Winds will be held at 7 Lyell Court Mt. Samson Qld 23rd 24th 25th September. A Spectacular First Nations Cultural Showcase Friday 23rd September (school holidays) 7.30- 9.30pm A Great Family outdoor event – Traditional Welcome to Country and Smoke Ceremony - Hawaiian Opening Protocol - Blowing the Conch Shell. - Maori Cultural Arts Performances and much more. Those of you who attended our 2019 Gathering will remember Kawika. He is back again this year Kuma Pa'a Kawika Foster with his Hawaiian Mana Ola and Ho'oponopono Teachings over the weekend. Sunday 25th we have a great Closing Ceremony with a new Presenter Bear Nutting bringing us all together for a Traditional In the Ground Maori Hangi with lots of vegetables cooked in Banana Leaves. An opportunity also to learn the traditional teachings of the Hangi Please check our website www.kupidabin.org

We have reduced our Participation Costs this year due to the economic situation and rising costs of petrol etc. All details are on the web plus Day Passes available Saturday and Sunday. Kawika and other Presenters will be holding Group sessions both days Mon 26th + Tuesday 27th for those who cannot attend on the weekend. We would appreciate donations of Items of Cultural Significance for our Auction on Saturday evening 24th. September The monies raised will go to our Trust Fund to build our Scholarship Fund to support Teens on the Autism Spectrum.

Kupidabin Wilderness Facilities are available to hire for Workshops and Retreats etc. Weekends, School Holidays and Public Holidays. **Book now for 2023. Calendar Update- 2022 September fully booked. October/ 15th/16th available November and December fully booked unless we have any cancellations for 2022.**

Many Thanks and Blessings to all.

Maureen Pickstone Trustee Kupidabin Wilderness Charitable Trust

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Editorial on Medicine Wheel from KWCT Member Jan Hume.

MEDICINE WHEEL

On a Terrace at Kupidabin Wilderness

As our seasons come and go, so does the needs of a community and here at Kupidabin Wilderness the time has come to upgrade our Medicine Wheel in the essence of 'movement and change'.



Our Medicine Wheel was created by Native American Medicine Woman and spiritual leader Verlinda Montoya, who's Native American name translates as Bear Medicine Standing Sacred. The Medicine Wheel has the power and ability during ceremony to connect us to powerful Spirits, spiritual harmony and relates to our current healing path. Since our first gathering in 2007, others have been appointed caretakers of the Medicine Wheel to provide ceremony, guidance and teachings. The sacred circle encompasses all that is natural in the universe and our relationship to Mother Earth.

Kupidabin Wilderness Charitable Trust is PERPETUAL meaning 'never ending or changing' and we look forward to our 'Native Trees' representing the four directions being planted. **The new name will be 'The Four Winds Medicine Wheel'** Claudia and Aaron Members of KWCT planted 4 Natives on Sunday 31st July. Heath Banksia Blueberry Ash, Red Bottle Brush, Yellow Wattle these will bring colour and the native Birds to the Revived Medicine Wheel

During our upcoming Gathering, Richard Little Feather, a long standing Native American Elder of Kupidabin will be facilitating the anchoring the universal energies on the lower terrace holding teachings in the Medicine Wheel on the weekend and also staying over for additional workshops on the Monday and Tuesday 26th and 27th September Richard is travelling from Tasmania 19th September - 2 reasons to be able to attend our International Day of Peace Ceremony on Wednesday 21st September where we will release the 'Doves of Peace' again and light our Peace Fire (weather permitting) more info will be on our website In the next couple of weeks and to help Des finish building a Pow Wow Drum he had started making - 24" Red Cedar Hoop (made) to be skinned with a Red Deer Elk Skin still preserved from our Lyell Deer Farm Days. Richard is making the folding stand for the drum to sit in and bringing it with him. This drum will be auctioned on Saturday 24th September at the Gathering of the Four Winds. The Reserve price will be advised on completion of the drum. Outside Bids will be taken.