

## KUPIDABIN NEWS March - April 2020

## **Dear Friends**

There has been a hive of activity at Kupidabin Wilderness over the holiday season January/ February with volunteers coming forward. Many thanks to Aaron and his 2 apprentices –daughter Nicole 10 and Dominique 6 who helped to tidy up the Fairy Garden while Aaron was giving our Gazebo a face lift with new paint. Thank you to Darren Jones who spent a day volunteering to tidy up our Fire-Circle – Looks Great and the Lilly-Pilly's have rejuvenated after all this lovely rain. Darren also introduced a friend he was hosting who he meet in Peru and at this time was visiting from the UK. Catherine (Kat) brought the Fairies back to our Fairy Garden. Thank you both so much for your interest and your Volunteer work. Thanks also to Jeff Grennan who planted 43 Golden Cane Palm trees on the Boundary of Kupidabin Wilderness and Lyell Deer Sanctuary prior to the rain. This has been a great start for the plants and will create more privacy for Kupidabin Wilderness.

Kumu Kawika Foster Those of you who attended our Gathering of the Four Winds in September 2019 will remember Kawika who impressed everybody with his bright happy personality, Hawaiian Cultural Wisdom and beautiful Hula Dancing. During his extended stay at Kupidabin we made great plans for workshops and fundraising activities for 2020 also developing and reclaiming our land south of our Longhouse for an Ancestral Hawaiian Village. KAWIKA returned to his family and 2 young daughters in Newcastle prior to Christmas when the Bush Fires were prevalent and has decided to stay and continue his studies there. We hope to see him return to attend a Festival we have in the planning stage for later in the year. More information will be advised when a date has been confirmed. My goal this year 2020 is to commence reclaiming more of this ancestral land with the help of Volunteers. – an exciting project for what purpose. Time will tell.!!!

GREAT NEWS!! Kupidabin Foundation Management are very excited to announce that on Friday 28th February the commencement of the construction of our Veranda over the front of our Longhouse was made. This has been a long awaited project and will give us 150 sq. meters of undercover space which will be of great benefit to participants of workshops and retreats and all visitors.

The grass on Kupidabin Wilderness after the rain is growing as quick as it is cut if you enjoy brush cutting and have a few hours to volunteer your time would be very much appreciated. Bring your own tools – Petrol and Lunch supplied.

PEACE Fires have commenced again this year at 7PM on the 7TH. Day of Every Month Everyone Welcome. Bring your Medicine Drum if you have one. (optional) Please ring if the weather conditions are in doubt – Great to see the Rain again But do not drive in the Rain – Light a candle in your home at 7pm to join in our prayers for Peace around the World. Kupidabin Bush Bingo Project

Our Bush Bingo on Thursday mornings has been postponed until advised.

We are currently sending out invitations to Seniors Groups, Social Groups and Retirement Homes for their Residents Outings etc. A "Fun Morning at an Easy Pace" Bookings are Essential. Please Share through your networks. For more information give me a call. 0402 092 741

An Amazing Donation of Products received from the Hennig Family for our Foundation Fundraising was extremely overwhelming. They arrived a couple of weeks ago with Boxes and Boxes and more and more Boxes of items from Vik's wife Ollie's online business which she had to close down for health reasons. (Vik and Jai were at our Four Winds Gathering in September and love Kupidabin) Ollie wants us to sell these items to contribute to Kupidabin Wilderness.

Thank you so much Ollie this will give us a 'great boost' when I get my head around how to market these beautiful gifts.!!! This is where I need help? If anyone is interested come and have a look? I will just name a few and in the next couple of weeks will send out details and images of more of the items.

For Starters- Garments from EXOTIC INDIA- COTTON MUSLIM LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS with OM and MANTRA DESIGNS assorted colours sm/med/lg. Sizes for Men \$30.00 (60 Available)

KAFTAN Beautiful Hip Length - Assorted Colours – one size fits all 20"– 50" bust \$30.00 (21)

TOPS 100% Cotton Assorted Multi -Colours Sizes Sm. and Med only (Small size 12) \$30.00 – (40)

KAFTAN EXOTIC INDIA 100% Cotton. Assorted Colours FITS ALL SIZES - \$20.00 (20) Also 5 Celtic Tapestries –3 Green / 2 Purple could be used as a Table Cloth or Bed Spread or just hang up on the wall. You would have to make an offer on these.!!!!

A Huge range of Incense starting at \$1.00 or 8 for \$5.00 for small pkts. / Incense Cones/ Holders / Stands / Oil Burners +++ Relaxing Antidote Teas made from Blends of Organic Herbs all Caffeine Free. (highly recommended for what ails you) The list goes on and we have an item for your Pet Cat or Dog "The Pet Energy Tag" - Negative Ion Technology mixed with Tourmaline helps your Pets have more Energy- Strength – Immunity. A simple but POWERFUL way to Boost your Pets Health. Only \$12.50.

We also have a large range of Spiritual and Cultural Books we are selling donated to Lyell Deer Farm many years ago. Aboriginal / Native American / Archaeology / Anthropology/ Japanese Culture/Chinese Astrology / Spiritual Healing/ Books by Henry Lawson/ Helen Steiner Rice / Mary Summer Rain / White Eagle just to name a few. Interested ? Give me a Call 0402 092 741

Reminder: Saturday 21st March is the Autumn Equinox when we will have a small Ceremony at Midday to Smudge our Medicine Wheel created by Native American Medicine Woman Verlinda Montoya in 2007. Tessa Bobir has a Women's Retreat over the weekend and we do not want to intrude on her time. If you wish to join with Des and I you are welcome and hopefully Tessa's Women will join us too. Please bring your Drum if you have one.

Many Blessings to all Maureen