



# KUPIDABIN NEWS

## March - April 2021

Dear Friends

This is my first Newsletter for 2021 due to unforeseen serious health issues ongoing since December 2020

I would like to thank my Volunteer Committee for their support and commitment to the advancement of my Vision for Kupidabin Wilderness.

The W.I.L.L.S Program founded by Annie Lane for high school students with Autism is flourishing

Commencing on the 4th. School Term of 2020 and now on the 1st April will be completing Term 1 of 2021.

The School now registered as The Samford Valley Independent School hires the Kupidabin facilities

From 8am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday excluding school holidays and Public holidays

Check their website [www.wholeself.net.au](http://www.wholeself.net.au)

Fundraising Events are being revived this year by Kupidabin Volunteers Committee to erect a Security Gate (urgent)

And also a retaining wall on the south side of the Culture Centre to keep the mud from washing over from the car park

Important Diary Dates for you

25th. April Commencement of Family Drumming Circles 4-6pm on Sundays prior to the Full Moon.

If you have birthed a NEW DRUM bring it along to be Blessed.

**THE DRUMMING CIRCLE: A GLORIOUS EXPRESSION OF SPIRIT**

The beating of the Native American drum (chachanga) symbolizes the heart beat of the earth. Hoops are made of wood and our drum skins are of deer, kangaroo, goat, horse, or cow.

Native American drumming can also include songs which are hundreds of years old and reflect the seasons, our responsibilities and our respect for nature and ancestral lore.



The drumming circle offers equality because there is no head or tail. It includes people of all ages. The main objective is to share rhythm and get in tune with each other and the land we gather upon.

The drum is a sacred tool connecting heaven and earth, and for maintaining the rhythm of the world order. When we drum and sing together under the sky, we can lift one another's spirits.

Our unified vibrations can have a positive impact on the energy all around the circle, above and below the circle, and within us. No previous experience is necessary.



Claudia Ocean, of the Lakota Nation of Turtle Island (North America) will be leading the drumming circles at Kupidabin Wilderness on the Sunday before each full moon.

Sherrie and Chris, who teach drum making at Kupidabin, will also be holding the circle with Claudia. There may be additional percussion instruments. We may learn prayer songs in First Nations languages.

There will definitely be some laughter and some flute music.

Time: 4 to 6pm

Cost: \$10 per person      Students \$5      Family of 4 \$25

What to bring: A hand drum/beater, water to drink, an open heart!

We normally have a few extra drums to be played by those who do not yet own a drum.

Next Drumming Circles

23rd May, 20th June Keep checking [www.kupidabin.org](http://www.kupidabin.org) for ongoing dates and [www.facebook.com/Kupidabin](https://www.facebook.com/Kupidabin) for updates

Saturday 1st. May Revival of May Fairy Festivals 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Fun and Games for Big Folk and Little Folk. Book now.

Check Kupidabin F.B . or Website [www.kupidabin.org](http://www.kupidabin.org) for more details.

Peace Fire Wednesday 7th. April 6.45pm to light the Fire at 7pm.

All Events will be held in Kupidabin Cultural Centre if the weather is wet.

Diary Date for 8th. Bi-Annual Gathering of the Four Winds

A Spectacular OPENING CEREMONY with Colourful Cultural Performances

Weekend workshops and Ceremonial Group Circles.

17th /18th/19th/ September 2021. Program still being organised. Finalized very soon.

Contact Maureen Email : [info@kupidabin.org](mailto:info@kupidabin.org) for more information

If you wish to be a Facilitator and would like to run a workshop or circle in keeping with the Event – or Volunteer for various duties Friday night and/or weekend.

All for now

Blessings to all Maureen