



KUPIDABIN NEWS

May - June 2021

Dear Friends

My apologies for the delay in keeping up with Kupidabin Wilderness Foundation News.

We are now at the end of another financial year and our family health issues have not improved my husband Des is now home after 10 days in hospital and recovering slowly but still wants to pick up a hammer and climb up a ladder!!

SAD NEWS: Those of you who knew Frank '+Eagle Eye' Van Herren and are not aware he passed away peacefully in his sleep on the 30th.March 2021. Frank was a great friend of Lyell Deer Farm and K.C.A.I. Pouring many Sweat Lodges over the years on Kupidabin Land.

The END of another ERA - Steve McKenzie has been Caretaker of Kupidabin since 2015 during that time has also poured many Sweat Lodges -The Australian Way - and held many Group Circles in his Yurt. On Tuesday 22nd June – Steve took down his sweat lodge with the help of Aaron O'Neill. A moving ceremony was held with the burning of the lodge witnessed by Sherrie Chris and myself. Steve now has moved on to his own land and we wish him well. Steve will always be welcome at Kupidabin Wilderness.



Kupidabin Committee are organising an OPEN DAY at Kupidabin on SATURDAY 10TH. JULY in keeping with NAIDOC WEEK – Theme this year 'Heal Country' Come and Visit and see what we have to offer. 10.30am-3.30pm:

- **Apothecary Therapy Healing with Tere and Jay sharing Universal Healing Energy - Astro Light Healing - Holistic Alignments - Vibration Healing.**
- **Jan McCluskey will be providing individual Aura Readings and Holistic Colour Therapy Sessions.**
- **Claudia Ocean, of the Lakota Nation on Turtle Island, will teach different Water Healing Songs in language, share Creation Stories and introduce you to Native American flute and Medicine Drum.**
- **View Kupidabin's Indigenous Art Gallery: There will be Cultural Items Books and C'D's for sale.**
- **Sausage Sizzle and Light Refreshments. A modest charge for healing sessions. - Bring the Family and come and join us.**

Peace Fire Ceremony is held on the 7th Day of every month at 6-45pm for 7pm. To light the Fire. Everyone welcome. A donation of \$5.00pp for supper or bring a plate to share.

Family Drumming Circles Sunday afternoons 4pm-6pm. Next one 18th. July Donation \$10.00 hosted by Claudia and Sherrie. Spare Drums available if you do not have one.

Check www.kupidabin.org for ongoing monthly Drumming Circle Dates or Text 0402 092 741

Sherrie and Chris are holding their last medicine drum workshop this weekend due to Sherrie's health issues her husband Chris from Lyell Hoops Qld will still be supplying drum hoops

This is the End of another Era also. Native American Drum workshops began at Lyell Deer Farm in 2004 then progressed to Kupidabin in later years.

George Videla is also reviving "Star Watch" sessions on a regular basis at Kupidabin check our website for his program and contact details www.kupidabin.org 'Georges Centre'

George was 2 IC for many years with the "Star Watch" Program at Lyell Deer Farm viewing on Kupidabin Land. George has many stories to tell about those evenings!!

Kupidabin 8th. Bi-Annual Gathering of the Four Winds 17th. / 18th. /19th September Program is now available and Bookings being taken now. Register on www.kupidabin.org or direct by email info@kupidabin.org. We have several new cultural presenters including Jason Engelbrecht leading a Kurradji Dreaming Group Experience – Shelley McConaghy with her Mantra workshop and much more. Those of you who attended our 2019 Gathering will remember Kawika our Hawaiian Traditional Cultural Teacher he will be back with us again. All very exciting!! Be an Early Bird and do not miss out. Limited Camping Spaces.

Friday night A Spectacular First Nations Cultural Performances of Indigenous Song and Dance. A great experience for all the family to start the School Holidays.

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED. For Friday night Parking etc, Also various tasks over the Weekend **CALL OR TEXT Maureen 0402 092 741** for more info.

A Volunteers Orientation Day will be held at Kupidabin on **Sunday 29th. August 2-4pm.**

Fundraising: - Many thanks to Colin Hui Tong – Inaugural President and Life Member of K.C.A.I. For his huge donation of historical Native American Books and CDS if you are interested come and have a preview at our Open Day Saturday 10TH. July. before our auction at our Gathering in September. Also N.A. Framed Prints and beaut T Shirts XL Sizes only.

K.W. Foundation is a Member of 'RE COLLECT' Join us to help keep the environment clean and at the same time donate to Kupidabin Wilderness Foundation by saving your bottles and cans – easy pick up available- request a 'dump bin' if you are having a large Event or Function. Click on the Link to learn more
<https://app.re-collect.com.au/kupidabin>

A SPECIAL Welcome to our New Readers. Sorry you have had to wait so long. For your information, previous News can be read on our website www.kupidabin.org

All other enquiries or bookings for Workshops or Retreats on Weekends or School holidays only. Contact Maureen 0402 092 741 Email info@kupidabin.org Web www.kupidabin.org

Our facilities now have Reverse Cycle Air Conditioning.

Blessings to all and Take Care Maureen.