



## KUPIDABIN NEWS NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2019

Dear Friends

Sad News. Our dear friend Annie Tihema passed away on 22nd. November in Melbourne, survived by her sister Debbie, brother Arnold and son Damon. Those of you who attended our 2009 Reinbo Gathering at Kupidabin will remember the 2 Maori sisters Annie and Debbie. Debbie had her very young baby Granddaughter with her. Our Prayers and Condolences go out from Kupidabin to all Annie's Family. May She Rest in Peace.

This year 2019 is fast coming to a close with Christmas nearly upon us again. It has been a very interesting year for Kupidabin with many new people discovering our "Special Venue"

In my last newsletter in my summary of our 7TH. Bi-Annual Gathering of the Four Winds I overlooked mentioning a 'Special Ceremony' we had with Aboriginal Elder Uncle Alan Parsons. He invited my daughter Sherrie, Steve McKenzie and myself to meet him at our Flag Pole site before he left. Here he related the story of his trip from Uluru to Tasmania where he had been given permission to take some of the sand from the earth from both places. He placed this sand in each of our hands and we buried it in the earth under the Australian and the First Nation Flags. How wonderful is that!! Thank You Uncle Alan.

The workshops presented by Brooke Medicine Eagle the first weekend in November were truly beautiful. She was on Tour in Australia from Arizona. It would be lovely to have her back again some time in the future. It was an honour to meet her. Thank you Dinnawhan for 'Welcome to Country'

Kumu Kawika Foster –An amazing Hawaiian Cultural Teacher came to Kupidabin as a Presenter for our Gathering in September and has decided to stay on and present his Cultural Classes and Gatherings to our Community as he has stated in my Sept/Oct. Newsletter.

Kumu Kawika has a vision of creating a Hawaiian Ancestral Garden Sanctuary on Land South of our Cultural Centre. After the 2011 floods I walked this land with Sheridan (KCAI Life Member) and discovered then how beautiful it was with huge outcrops of granite rocks exposed by the devastation of the flooding. I have been waiting 8 years for someone to come and show an interest in helping reclaim the land. This month November 2019 I walked the land again with Kumu Kawika and this time It has been the drought which has opened up the land to us again with all the undergrowth gone- only dry earth and rocks but how incredibly beautiful it looks!. We are looking for Volunteers who would like to come when they can and join Kawika's Cultural Work Exchange Program to help him create his Hawaiian Ancestral Garden Sanctuary. Contact No, 0491617055



*During the 2011 floods and November 2019 after drought*

**If you are looking for a 'Special Gift' for a Loved One or Family Member .** How about a Gift Voucher for a Private Session with Kumu Kawika Foster LomiLomi or Ho'oponopono.

The Voucher would be valid for 3 months and can be redeemed by appointment at a time to suit. Details of the sessions on our website [www.kupidabin.org](http://www.kupidabin.org)

**Unity WITHIN, UNITY IN COMMUNITY 3 HOUR Retreat with SHIVALLAH scheduled for Saturday 7th. December has been rescheduled till 2020 Date to be advised.**

**Peace Fire Ceremony Saturday 7th. December will be held on the 7th. Day of every month in the Cultural Centre with Candles until the Fire Bans have been lifted. 7pm sharp . Bring your drum if you have one. (not essential)**

**Our main focus for 2020 will be on Fundraising. We need \$30,000 to put the covered veranda on the Longhouse the extreme heat we are experiencing makes this a priority.**

**February 6th. We will commence 'Bush Bingo' on Thursday mornings, we are targeting the Coaches with the Seniors Day tripping outings. Details on our website- Please share through your Networks / Clubs / Workplace etc. and help us achieve our goal.**

**We are currently putting together a Mini Auction closing 28th. December of items that have been donated over the years for Kupidabin Fundraising. Watch our Face Book Page. Any further donations would be very much appreciated. You can bid on items from launch date of 5 December 2019 at <https://www.myminiauction.com/kupidabin>**

**If you have any other innovative ideas to raise the funds we require. PLEASE LET ME KNOW.**

**December/January are very quiet months at Kupidabin Wilderness everybody enjoying Christmas Festivities and Holidays. Good time for a visit!!**

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**The weekends Saturday 7th, and Sunday 8th. December**

**Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December**

**Kupidabin Cultural Centre will be Open for a Spiritual and Cultural Book Sale. 10am – 4pm.**

**Or by appointment . Mobile 0402 092 741. (Books and CD'S donated to Lyell Deer Farm in 2011)**

**CD'S - Craft Items-- last minute gift ideas. - Handcrafted Shell and Feather Items**

**Kupidabin Bush Honey. Please Share with your Friends – Look forward to seeing you.**

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**Special Events planned for 2020**

**Hawaiian Hula and Cultural Exchange Programs for High School Students following the successful Excursion recently with the Students from the Spot Academy at Parkinson on 19th. November.**

**Special Programs for Vacation Care Students during the School Holidays.**

**Watch our FB and Web site [www.kupidabin.org](http://www.kupidabin.org) We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas.**

**Many Blessings Maureen. We are Looking forward to 2020 and what it has to offer!!**