



# KUPIDABIN NEWS NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

Dear Friends

Welcome to all our Old and New friends

My apologies again for the long delay between newsletters it has been a very difficult year for my family with my husband being so ill. Des passed away at home on Friday 10th November at 11.10 am He had a unique Funeral – Thank you to all who attended and many thanks for all the Flowers and Tributes-Messages and Emails and for all who helped giving Des such a beautiful Farewell.

Des was well-known in the Community and much loved by many with his happy caring nature. I met Des in 1979 when he was a Director of the Arana Leagues Club and Treasurer of the Arana Football Club where he spent many hours helping with the development of the first Club House in Dawson Parade Arana Hills and with his expertise as a Glazier supplied and installed all the windows in the first building. We were married in 1981 and together developed the Lyell Deer Farm at Mt. Samson - subdivided the land in 2004 - 2005 together with “Friends of Lyell Deer Farm” we formed a Committee and later in 2008 registered and Incorporated a ‘not for profit’ organization – Kupidabin Cultural Assoc. Inc. (KCAI) In 2021 we Co-Founded a ‘not for profit’ Charitable Trust and registered with the ACNC - Australian Charities Commission. Previously in 2000-2007 while we were running the Lyell Deer Farm Des was very active as a Volunteer Fundraiser organizing Meat Tray Raffles at the Golden Valley Hotel for the Endeavour Foundation and taking part in the Endeavour Car Rallies. In 2011 Des organized for K.C.A.I. to take over the Wednesday night meat raffles to fundraise to build the K.C.A.I.Cultural Centre. The Raffles were very successful with a team of members rostered on each week.

We are all very happy to announce as in my previous Newsletter K.C.A.I. Kupidabin Cultural Association Inc which was wound down in 2016 has now been officially revived with our original name by the QLD Office of Fair Trading. We are looking to increase our Membership to run the Association as in previous years starting with an Annual Fee of \$25.00 for Full Members entitled to vote. which will be reviewed by the Executive Committee annually at their AGM. If you have the time and desire to be part of a fast-growing ‘not for profit’ Organization to form a strong Committee to make sure my Vision to develop Kupidabin Wilderness as a Place of Peace, Love and Unity for all People for Generations to come eventuates Please send your EOI ( Expressions of Interest) to our New Secretary Gina Hudson Email [ginahud65@gmail.com](mailto:ginahud65@gmail.com). You can also be a Member and support KCAI from afar – there are many ways of communication! The Kupidabin Wilderness Trustees will maintain the Grounds and hire the Facilities giving the Incorporated Association KCAI a Lease to run their organization. For more information please call or text Maureen 0402 092 741 if you wish to know more about Kupidabin Wilderness at 7 Lyell Court Mt Samson Qld.

Our Facilities are available for hire weekends and school holidays.

Bookings for 2024 are being taken now. Email [info@kupidabin.org](mailto:info@kupidabin.org) Web: [www.kupidabin.org](http://www.kupidabin.org)