



KUPIDABIN NEWS OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Friends

Welcome to all our Old and New Friends and Members of Kupidabin Wilderness.

We are coming up very quickly to the end of another year, School Holidays, and Christmas Events. Looking back, January 2025 looked like being a 'Bumper Year', but with all the rainfall in the 'early months' and so Many Bereavements in the Maori and First Nation Families during the year resulted in many Cancellations.

Our Prayers and Condolences go out to all those Families who have lost loved ones.

Monday the 10th of November it will be 2 years since my husband Des passed away- to those of you who did not know him – He was Co Founder of Kupidabin Wilderness-from 2005 started developing the Grounds and Building 'What we have today' I still have not come to terms with it and his 'Presence' is still felt very strongly here at Kupidabin by those who knew him.

On the brighter side, ' Thank you ' To all of you who sent 'Birthday Wishes' by text or phone calls and via FB to me on 6TH October – I wanted Sherrie to keep it 'HUSH HUSH' but she had other ideas. My stepbrother Simon arrived from New Zealand who I had not spoken to for approx 20years, so we had a good catch-up time. ANOTHER SURPRISE WAS A Beautiful A4-size Birthday Card from our recently elected Federal Member for Dickson -"our Electorate", ALI FRANCE. When I saw the "Australian Coat of Arms" I thought I would have to wait another 10 years for that – but it was a lovely Message !!

Other visitors for the Gathering in September were Aunty Elaine Peckham from Alice Springs and NATIVE American Richard Little Feather from Tasmania, also Michael Walk the Winds APPRENTICES - The Navajo boys who presented the 'Sweat Lodges.'

The highlight for the weekend was the presence of Aunty Kathryn Fischer, a Traditional Garumngar Elder of our Land, who attended to the Ceremonial Smoking Ceremony and spoke about her people. First Nation Uncle Allan Martin from Toowoomba gave a very colourful Presentation on Friday night also on Sunday afternoon at the International Day of Peace Ceremony. Aunty Kathryn and Uncle Allan will be regular participants at Kupidabin Events and Ceremonies in 2026.



Look at what Sherrie Found on her Computer, an 'old' photo of "The Kupidabin Grandmothers" taken in 2013 on the veranda of my home at No 5 Lyell Court. I remember cooking up a "Big Pot of Spaghetti Bolognese" to feed them all.

Kupidabin Grandmothers Members of the Australian Counsel of 13 Grandmothers on the veranda of No 5 Lyell Court Mt Samson after the Opening of Kupidabin Indigenous Art GALLERY 2013

Left to right, Back Row: Grandmother Wendy Williamson, Brisbane Grandmother Christine Sinclair, Adelaide - Debbie Rivers, my daughter, President KCAI, Standing behind Danny Doyle with his mischievous eyes,

Grandmother Kay Gifford, Adelaide Artist, who donated the 'Wolf Portrait'. Grandmother Inga Rutsch - Adelaide, who donated our first 40 mattresses - Des (eyes shut again). Front Row. Grandmother Annie

Thiema (deceased) - Nana Kiri - Founder Adelaide, Grandmother Elaine Peckham, Alice Springs, Rev Jenny Thompson, Qld. Last Me: Maureen Pickstone Qld.



Congratulations to Nick Nihkilsheshadri (Sesh) for his Prestigious Award presented to him at the Mermaid Waters Hotel on the Gold Coast on 17/10/2025. The Award was called 'Change Maker' –The Event was called "Inspire Awards"

Nick has organised a CONFERENCE at Kupidabin the weekend of 12th/13th /14th December 2025. He has a Great lineup of Presenters – Check his website to Purchase Tickets www.selfseeker.org. Call Nick 0403 754 003 SELFSEEKER PHENOMENA CONFERENCE 2025- EXPLORING SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA and MYSTICAL WORLDS.

6th December, you are invited to a Christmas Lunch at Kupidabin, 11am, to discuss plans for Projects and Events for 2026. This will only be a Preview. Please bring a Plate to share Lunch at 12pm

I want to get everyone motivated for the Big Changes I can feel coming in 2026

I need to delegate – but I need Members to delegate too??

January 2026, date to be set on the 6th December. The Trustees will call a General Meeting to accept Nominations for KCAI Management Committee and Sub Committees. Hopefully we will have WIFI by then!!

Nominations must come from Financial Members and/or Potential Members who have the time, desire and interest in the duties of running an Incorporated Organization. Already established Managerial Experience would be helpful.

We also need to increase the number of 'Active' Volunteer Members who are the lifeline of any 'Not for Profit' Organisation.

KCAI Management Committee 2026 Nominations are required for : - President – Vice President- Secretary- Treasurer (preferably local to attend to Banking)

Sub Committees: Event Programs - Membership Drives – News Letter Editor/ Editorial Writer for Local Papers,- Grant Writers - Graphic Artists –Fundraising Events -Land Maintenance- Tradesmen

These sub-committees would have their own Chairman who would report their ideas and activities to the Management Committee for Approval.

A Comprehensive explanation of the Duties of the Trustees and the Duties of KCAI will be explained at the January Meeting. A copy of the Rules of Incorporation will be sent to you so you will be able to refer to the Government Regulations when required. Expressions of interest are open now; you don't have to wait for the General Meeting.

Distance is not a problem if you would like to be involved and help us by promoting our activities in your area.

Our previous Kupidabin Cultural Association Inc, 2008 – 2016 we had 90 members from the Northern Territory to Tasmania. Let's make it happen again!! **Call me if you have any questions 0402 092 741**

Many Blessings to all

Maureen Pickstone Trustee KWCT / Acting President KCAI.