



## KUPIDABIN NEWS SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2019

Dear Friends

The 7th. Bi-Annual Gathering of The Four Winds 2019 is now over. It was quite an experience for everyone to have our International Guests J Reuben Silverbird and Kumu Kawika Foster at Kupidabin this year for 10 days with many extra fundraising Events being held. A very successful Gathering with a few 'hiccups' but very positive feedback coming through from the Participants.

See the smiling faces on the Group photo taken on Sunday 22/10/19. Centre you will see J Reuben Silverbird holding my hand - next to him Maori Elder Uncle Vaitie Hemara and Kumu Kawika Foster our Hawaiian Cultural Teacher all holding hands.



Kupidabin Gathering Group Photo Sunday 22nd. September 2019.

Yerongpan Elder DeeJay with 'Welcome to Country' and his Family Traditional First Nation Dance Performers were amazing. Very Professional. Dinnawhan aka Aunty Pam joined her Family for a Group photo. My apologies to the Performers and our Visitors for the unpredicted late close to the evening

A Special Thank you to Teresa Pyne past member of K.C.A.I. who after the close of the Opening Ceremony Presented Reuben Silverbird with a Gift of a Pair of Clap Sticks she brought back from her trip to Uluru recently created by The ANANGU People in NT. A Genuine Aussie Memento.

My sincere thanks to all my Support Team- My Kupidabin Foundation Voluntary Committee- Amy - Claudia -Jan -Sherrie Media Annie and Narelle. Catering and hospitality Volunteers worked like troupers. Special Thanks to Amy Winrose who drove from Armidale and Volunteered her time to coordinate our catering with Volunteers Robbie - Shanna - Abby - Veronica and Marj. hope I have not forgotten anyone and I am very sorry I did not have an opportunity to spend time with you all before you left. Thank you to our untiring team on the grounds Steve and Chris very big job putting up all the tarps and marquees etc. etc. Julie and Lisa helping where needed. I

must not forget our Special Raffle Ticket Seller Michael (Amy's Partner – new to Kupidabin) also John the People Mover Driver until the PM RAN OUT OF POWER!!!! Also our Gratitude to Mankind Elders Paul Carney and his Team who volunteered to direct Parking on Friday Night. Many Thanks –You were Great.

A very Special Thank you to our Sponsors for the Gathering, Our Opening Ceremony Performers and Workshop Facilitators. All your donations for our fundraising Auction were very much appreciated raising \$1,722.00 for Kupidabin's BUILDING Fund. The large painting of an Eagle in Flight was donated by Colin Hui Tong Past President of K.C.A.I. – BID ON BY Jan McCluskey who donated it to Kupidabin Art Gallery Thank you Colin and Jan.

The Raffle of the Native American Medicine Drum donated by Des and Maureen and made by Tracy Brumby Cameron with great depth of feeling for the intended recipient raised \$385.00 The winning ticket drawn at the Auction was won with a joint ticket bought by Sherrie McLean (my daughter) and her Partner Chris Johnstone they in turn donated the drum to Jai Hennig a disabled man who attended the Gathering all weekend with his Father and very much wanted to win the drum. This was a very emotional moment. If anyone has a photo I would love to see it.? Jai's disability was caused by being hit by a car when he was 10 years old. He made a very big impression on everyone. While we are still on the subject of the Auction I have a Mystery to solve!! While checking the Art Gallery after the Gathering I was amazed to see a 'Beautiful Black Feathered Mandala with a magnificent Face of a Wolf imprint. How did it get there? Was it intended for the Auction or was it a donation to the Art Gallery and wants to be hung there.? Will the owner of this beautiful Mandala please call me 0402 092 741.

The Gathering also brought forward exciting discussions about new Events and workshops to be held at Kupidabin in 2020.

We are very happy to have Kumu Kawika Foster wanting to stay on and hold his teaching classes at Kupidabin.

A message from Kumu Kawika

Aloha Everyone,

I'm Kumu Kawika Foster. A Traditional Cultural Healer and Teacher from Hawaii.

It has been a pleasure meeting Maureen Pickstone and her family here at the Kupidabin Multi Cultural Centre. With everything that's been happening here there has been multiple opportunities for me to continue my sharing and I look forward to teaching Hula, Lomi Lomi and Ho'oponopono.

This is a great opportunity in this beautiful space to continue sharing the Traditions, Practices, Knowledge and Wisdom of Hawaii here in Brisbane.

It is my great pleasure to be able to offer hula classes every Sunday starting November 10 for the month of November and December. I would also like to announce that I'll be hosting private sessions in Lomi Lomi and Ho'oponopono. There will also be weekly Gatherings of Ho'oponopono for MEN, WOMEN and LGBTQ communities.

Ho'oponopono is a process of 'making things right' and finding Forgiveness. In private sessions we move through the process and make sure that everything is free and clear.

In Lomilomi- Hawaiian body work, discover the healing to touch. Hula is a dance form and it's also a prayer so that every time you dance you're communicating with the universe. I will be offering these cultural practices and more here at the Kupidabin cultural centre with my great host and guide Maureen Pickstone, If you're interested please make contact with us. Send us a phone call or text message at 0491617055 I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in November and December.

Mahalo,

Kumu Kawika

International Day of Peace Saturday 21st we were honoured to have attend 3 Members of the Brisbane World Peace Organization who were quite impressed.- Following the beautiful Peace Fire we decided it was time to light our Fire again every month on the 7th. at 7pm (unless we have a fire ban) Next ceremony Thursday 7th. November. Candles will be lit in the Cultural Centre if weather conditions are unsuitable for a fire outdoors. Bring your Medicine drums for a little session.

Following the Gathering Jan and I had a meeting with Shivillah Dharma and Mirabai who stayed on for the October Peace Fire. Gathering Participants will remember Shivillah.

Following is his Retreat he would like to bring to Kupidabin.

### **UNITY WITHIN, UNITY IN COMMUNITY**

**3 hour Experiential Retreat With SHIVALLAH**

**December 7, 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm 2019**

**Followed by a shared meal - B.Y.O. plate of food,  
and then the Peace Fire Ceremony with Maureen at 7 pm.**

Come and feel deeply nourished through this Transformative, Peace-filled Retreat of Dharma Talk, Guided Meditation, and Sacred Sound. Being in Deep Peace and discovering the UNITY WITHIN: the state of Oneness and Wholeness, is holistically restorative and especially beneficial to all who are struggling with life circumstances.



It greatly reduces stress and old trauma patterns, awakens the creative spirit, and unveils a deep sense of belonging. Returning to our sanctuary of consciousness is the very catalyst for awakening and fulfilling our deepest longing... UNITY WITHIN... the perfection of Yoga. When individuals feel the unity within, then there is a foundation for spreading unity throughout the wider community.

Please know that no experience is needed for this class. Anyone who is seeking a more wakeful consciousness is warmly welcome.

Investment:

\$40 Early Bird (by November 16 )

\$50 (by November 30)

\$60 (on the day, at the door,)

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL:** To confirm your place please send your direct deposit to:

Mirabai Multimedia,

BSB: 064138, ACC: 10386908 Commonwealth Bank

Please insert YOUR NAME and print UWK in the transfer.

EMAIL [bookings@shivallah.org](mailto:bookings@shivallah.org) ... For confirmation.

\*Please know that cancellations made within 24 hours of the event are non-transferable or refundable.

Kupidabin Wilderness ~ located at 7 Lyell Ct, Mount Samson QLD 4520 0402 092 741

Feel free to call, text or email with any questions ~ 0488 615 481 / [admin@shivallah.org](mailto:admin@shivallah.org)

### **NEXT WEEKEND 3 WORKSHOPS Presented By Brooke Medicine Eagle**

**Friday 1st. November. Pathway of the Heart. 7pm-9.30pm**

**Saturday 2nd November. Welcome to Country by Aboriginal Elder Dinnawhan. Practice and Power of White Buffalo Woman's Gifts. 10 -4pm**

**Sunday 3rd. November. Women of Beauty- Women of Power. 10-4pm**

**Free Camp Style Accommodation at Kupidabin for Interstate visitors or those who have a distance to travel**

**. Mattress in Cultural Centre BYO Sleeping Bag/ Pillow or BYO Tent. To Book your Space Ph. Maureen 0402 092 741**

**More info on Kupidabin F.B. Page. Or contact Anique Radiant Heart 02 49324616**

**Bookings Essential. website [www.goddess.net.au](http://www.goddess.net.au) Ticket \$65.00 Concession \$50.00**

Blessings to all

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