



## KUPIDABIN NEWS SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023

Dear Friends

Welcome to all our Old and New friends

New Friends you are receiving this Newsletter because you recently have attended an Event or Workshop at Kupidabin if you do not wish to receive it please let me know.

My apologies for the long delay between newsletters it has been a very difficult year for Kupidabin and for Des and I

But all of that is going to change now! Exciting News for everyone!

At a Special Meeting the Trustees held in August with our Advisory Committee- We suggested The Committee make Application to the Qld Office of Fair Trading to become Incorporated and revive our original Committee Name' Kupidabin Cultural Association Inc. (KCAI)' 2008 -2016

Our Application was approved on the 13<sup>th</sup> September – We have a Certificate of Incorporation certifying Kupidabin Trust Advisory Committee is now legally Kupidabin Cultural Association Inc. This has taken a very big load off my shoulders – KCAI WILL HAVE THEIR OWN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and Members to run their own meetings, fundraise and apply for Grants etc. under the umbrella of KWCT – Kupidabin Wilderness Charitable Trust.

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. **The Inaugural Committee meeting for KCAI will be held at Kupidabin Cultural Centre 7 Lyell Court Mt Samson Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1.30 pm.** 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 and Harmony 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) and they will be reviewed at their meeting. You can also be a Member and support KCAI from afar – there are many ways of communication.!! At this meeting, I will discuss my extended Vision for the Trust KWCT which will be communicated as we progress– all going well.!!

Some of you have heard about the documentary Film Vanessa had been working on to 'Tell My Story' interviewing people and videoing our Gathering during the weekend September 2022. For new Readers, This film was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup>. September 2023 and will be shown around the world and I hope will create more awareness of Kupidabin and my Vision.

**INSPIREFLIX** a charity-based film production had heard about the Gatherings that we hold and loved to capture my story to share with the world. The documentary was to be called 'Maureen's

Story 'The land that healed her' but along the way, the Title was changed to 'The Gathering' Thank you, Vanessa. The documentary can be viewed at <https://inspireflix.com/story/the-gathering>

Our Ceremony for The International Day of Peace was held again on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 What a Beautiful Ceremony held at the Peace Haven at Kupidabin Wilderness. The releasing of the white Doves of Peace- The beautiful angelic voices of Kupidabin's Primary School Choir – The Maori Prayer Songs by the Kono Sisters Chrissey and Rejule and Whaea Tere presenting the Te Aukaha Students was all very inspiring. Our M.C . Jorge Videla read his Oath of Peace to the Children and Parents attending. We only had one 'hiccup' we could not find a long enough lead for our microphone to the Peace Haven so everyone could hear me 'Make the Acknowledgement to Country' (The lead was later found under the table on our veranda at No 5 !!!)

Here is my opening Speech now for your information!! And for the attendees who could not hear me!!

Let us acknowledge the spirit of this land and the clan group who inhabited the area the Garumngar people. Some records show there were only 25 people in the Garumngar clan left in the 1860s Their area extended from Moggill to Caboolture and from the upper Brisbane River to Samford and Dayboro. This land was blessed by Uncle Tex Chapman Wakka Wakka in 2005 when he gave permission to Maureen and Des to hold ceremonies on the land for all cultures.

When the Garumngar became extinct in the late 1800's

This area of land was deemed as a neutral Meeting Place for the 2 Nations The Jinabara and The Turrabul Nations.

In 2007 at a meeting with Aboriginal and Maori Elders being held at our property The Lyell Deer Farm to plan the Program for our First Gathering. a First Nation Lore woman who lived locally came in and told us we had to call our land 'Kupidabin' meaning 'Place of Possums' as in the 1800's before the white men came all of the Samford Valley was called. Kupidabin. Kupidabin Wilderness is a Place of Peace and Harmony where we work together with respect, openness and integrity.

I would like to. Acknowledge the Ancestors of this land – The Garumngar people and Elders Past, Present and emerging.

**MBRC NEWS** - How many of you know Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC)) IS officially NOW Australia's Newest "CITY OF MORETON BAY". Our local Councillor Darren Grimwade in his September –October Gazette has a message from the Mayor Peter Flannery-"Becoming a City is the rightful recognition that as Australia's third most populated council area we are entitled to receive the same level of funding from State and Federal Governments that areas like The Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast enjoy. The new Brand and Logo is already active online- FaceBook and website [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au). This was a surprise to me I read most of the local papers but have not seen any previous notice of this or on the News!! We will have to wait and see if this is 'Good News'. What do you think??

Maureen Pickstone

Trustee Kupidabin Wilderness 'not for profit' Charitable Trust (.KWCT)

Please call me or text on 0402 092 741 if you wish to know more about Kupidabin at 7 Lyell Court Mt Samson QLD. Our Facilities are available for hire weekends and school holidays. Bookings for 2024 being taken now. Email [info@kupidabin.org](mailto:info@kupidabin.org)