

# THE ELLEN TAYLOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

## JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first issue of the Ellen Taylor Community Center Newsletter.

This issue announces the establishment of the "Ellen Taylor Community Centre" at 26 Horan Street, West End in honour of Ross Taylor's late wife and to honour Ross's great gift to the Kurilpa community of the building located at 26 Horan Street in West End, Brisbane.

Ross's intent in donating this building to the community is to establish a centre that will serve the Kurilpa community comprised of but not limited to South Brisbane, West End, Highgate Hill, Dutton Park and Hill End in an effective and compassionate manner. His vision is to provide much needed space at reasonable rates for services and products in this region focused on environmental outcomes, learning and compassionate community counselling,

The Ellen Taylor Community Centre will also take steps to foster, accommodate and auspice other community groups, individuals and clubs who share similar values and are in need of function and meeting spaces. The Ellen Taylor Community Centre is operating under an interim committee to establish the facility as a community association operating as a not for profit organization.

We look forward to the community embracing the Ellen Taylor Community Centre as we move towards a more compassionate, sustainable and equitable future for all who live in this region and are glad to say that many of the worthwhile events, services, businesses and happenings that have been associated with this building over the last four years have continued the relationship with Ross Taylor and his interim management team.

We hope that you enjoy the many events and services that the Ellen Taylor Community Centre will bring to the community and welcome you all to a new beginning.

We are happy to announce that the following businesses continue to operate from the Ellen Taylor Community Centre:

- o o Good Concepts.
- o o Kettle Café.
- o o ARGO Architects + Master Planners.
- o o Life Long Learning Queensland.
- o o Good Vibes for You.
- o o Black Dove.
- o o The Institute of Social Ecology Political Reference Library and meeting room.

We are also looking for volunteers, artists, performers et cetera to contribute to The Ellen Taylor Community Centre Fundraiser. Contact us to find out how you can help.

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or [email us](#)

Please note that our West  
End PO Box is no longer.  
All mail is to be sent to the  
above street address.

*New website coming soon!*

## WHAT'S ON IN JUNE @ THE ELLEN TAYLOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

**MUSIC MAKING FOR MENTAL HEALTH Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**FOCO NUEVO Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 8.00 p.m.**  
**INDIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 4.30-10.30pm**  
**SAVE THE MARY RIVER BENEFIT Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

### PLUS WEEKLY CLASSES:

**Bollywood & Hip Hop Mondays 6.30 + 7.30pm**  
**Life Drawing Sessions Wednesdays 7.00pm-9.00PM,**  
**Black Dove Body Bar Classes in Pilates (Basic and intermediate levels), Contemporary Dance, Hip Hop dance, Dance Conditioning.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

The Ellen Taylor Community Centre continues to provide space for community groups, businesses, anyone and everyone to hold special events, classes, workshops, festivals, fundraisers, meetings, private parties, concerts - anything!

We would like to thank our regulars for their ongoing support - Foco Nuevo, the Kurilpa Poets, the Canto Coro Choir, Liz's Life Drawing and Rachael's bollywood group will all continue to share our space and give their valuable presence to our community. Thank you!!

The end of June will be a huge month for music and festivities, kicking off Saturday the 20th with the **Music Making for Mental Health** gig raising funds and awareness for men's mental health issues. **Foco Nuevo** will keep the ball rolling with quality blues, folk and

latin-american music on Friday the 26th before Harmony Arts bring us the first annual **Indian Music Festival**, with food, dance and international music acts.

June finishes with the incredible tales of **Steve Posselt** in a presentation to raise funds for the Save the Mary River Brisbane group. Come along to hear about Australia's waterways and marine wilderness and contribute to a good cause.

The Kurilpa Poets will be using an alternative venue this month as they have been generous enough to give up their usual time slot to accommodate the Canto Coro Choir as the choir shifts into its next phase of rehearsals for their upcoming July performances. Thanks to the poets and their new convenors Amanda and Vij- we look forward to welcoming you back next month.

## MUSIC MAKING FOR MENTAL HEALTH Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>

Organised in conjunction with Micah Projects Ltd- quarterly concert featuring poet/singer/raconteur Joe Lynch and well-known folk singer Anne Birmingham, plus resident group Calex.

\$10/\$5 conc. Tea, coffee, and yummys.

Contact Alex: 0428 673 349 alexrobinson7@hotmail.com

*The Ellen Taylor Community Centre houses a medium sized hall for hire and an adjacent commercial kitchen, with additional facilities including adaptable cabaret and theatre stage formats, 2 silver screens, projector, PA system, 80 interlocking floor mats, chairs and tables. We are also home to the Insitute for Social Ecology library which can be hired for meetings of up to 20 people. Currently BYO with license in the works.*

*Contact (07) 3846 5077 to book*

## FOCO NUEVO - Friday June 26th



**ACOUSTIC UNION STRING BAND** is a collaboration of four like-minded musicians - Chad and Michelle Swaby, Mark Ruff Cut Anderson and Alison MacKenzie - from the Darling Downs region sharing a passion for good handmade music. Melodic tunes, with a 'down on the farm' feel. Largely influenced by the likes of Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash and Steve Earle blended with a mix of old time Blues, Country and Bluegrass melodies.

A journey back to Music's Golden Age. Come along for the Ride!

**JULIE MINTO:** Songwriter/ guitar / harmonica player and vocal powerhouse, Julie picked up the guitar and started writing songs at age 14.

Julie has performed solo throughout Australia including Warrego Winery, Tamar Valley Folk Festival, Dorrigo Folk & Bluegrass Festival and Redlands Spring Festival. She also is the lead singer of celtic-infused folk rock band "Thornlands" that has performed at the Cygnet Folk Festival, Wintermoon Festival, Folk Redlands and Woodford.

Julie likes to sing the blues but otherwise her songs are full of life and laughter.



**Jumping Fences:** Jumping Fences, the song-writing partnership of Lachlan Hurse and Sue Monk, will be playing their mix of original and Latin American songs. Accompanied by Ross Gwyther (saxophone and clarinet), Dan Simpson (drums) and James Harper (percussion) their songs extend the folk tradition, and give new insights into the breadth of contemporary life.

We are pleased to have Nayita and Karla Orellana serving tasty Latin American meals, as well as cakes, tea and coffee.

BYO

Entry is \$10 and \$7 (concession)

## FIRST ANNUAL INDIAN FESTIVAL IN WEST END HELPS WOMEN IN VARANASI

What a great opportunity to spend relaxing afternoon surrounded by mesmerising sounds of Sitar and Tabla, enjoy Indian Dancing and indulge in Indian Cuisine and mingle with friendly people.

On 27th of June Harmony Arts Supportlinks Inc and Sa Re Ga Ma School of Indian Music present First Annual Indian Festival in the Ellen Taylor Community Centre at 26 Horan Street, West End. The event will bring experience in richness of West End cultural diversity and tradition. Festival supports wide range of styles of Indian Music such as: contemporary fusion, film music, folk, Bollywood Style, spiritual, semiclassical and classical music. The idea was born through the dream of Mr Rahim Zullah, the Coordinator of Sa Re Ga Ma School of Indian Classical Music, to establish an annual Indian Festival in Brisbane. It is widely supported by Indian music performers from Brisbane and surroundings.

Festival is going to start at 04:00 pm and continue until later in the night. Tea and beverages are available during the Festival. It is going to be officially welcomed by Dr Singh the Indian Honorary Consul and long time supporter of Sa Re Ga Ma School of Indian Music. Tickets for the Festival are available from Radio Brisbane and the Ellen Taylor Community Centre. Numbers of seats are limited, please book in advance.

The Profit from the event is going towards "Mother" humanitarian project from Varanasi, for support of education for girls and women from disadvantaged families.

*This is the letter of explanation about "MOTHER" humanitarian organisation from Varanasi that festival is supporting. Letter is written from the heart. Please disregard grammatical details. The letter for request of assistance is written by coordinator of the project from Varanasi, he is fluent in several languages and one of them is English.*

"MOTHER" organisation is Founded by Sushila Shukla on 25th December 2008, to support the Female Children's and Women who need Moral / Financial and Legal support.

**WOMEN IN INDIA** -The Indian Society is a MAN Dominated Society Where Girls and Women have no right to take any decision without asking MALE members of their Family or Society the position of Women in India is very POOR. Even though, we are entering in 21st century but the opinion about the Women is not changing. Indian culture proclaims,

"WOMEN IS THE POWER AND PRODUCER OF WORLD WE MUST RESPECT THEM"

**ADOPTION OF FEMALE CHILD** -In Indian Society if there are 5 children's in a family two boys and three girls or three boys and two girls, if family cannot afford to send them all to school they always give preference to boys over girls even when boys are less talented. It is very common to see older sister teaching younger brothers or other younger children, but we never found an older brother to teach their Younger sisters, it's prove that the Women's have compassionate HEART. MOTHER has Adoption system for Female child from Poor Family, in this system one person can "Adopt" support the education of one or more Girls.

To adopt a child Adopter has to pay 25 Euro in the beginning and 10 Euro or every month. With this money the

Child will have Education in the Good School near their living area and some FRUIT every day..

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT** for POOR WOMEN-Women are always dominated by the man in Indian Society because most of Women can't support their Family Financially, MOTHER had organised Tailoring Classes and some other courses for the Women's to provide them Financial support, Once when Women will start supporting their Family Financially then they can interfere in every decision this will be better for all world because Women always think about Welfare of everyone.

**LEGAL SUPPORT FOR WOMEN** -Women are facing problems after Husband death. The 60% Women's kicked out from the House along with the Children (Some time Without Children) after the death of their Husband. MOTHER will assist in provision of legal support and advocate for their rights.

**MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR POOR WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN** -Mother has got a plan to have a Clinic twice in a week for poor Women's and their Children's of very low cast it will provide medicine by vvpaying Rs.10 only and if some one need some kind Test which is Expensive then Mother will arrange it in some big hospital for lower rate. Let's support Women they can create a new WORLD.

**HARMONY SUPPORT LINKS  
&  
SA RE GA MA SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
PRESENTS**

**1st ANNUAL  
INDIAN  
MUSIC  
FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009**

**4:30PM - 10:30PM,**

**AHIMSA COMMUNITY HOUSE**

**26 HORAN STREET, WEST END**

**GREAT VARIETY OF INDIAN MUSIC  
INCLUDING VOCAL, INSTRUMENTAL,  
DANCE & FUSION**

**PRICE \$20**

VEGETARIAN FOOD AVAILABLE AT NOMINAL COST



## June Kurilpa Poets- Moved for this month only!!

The Kurilpa Poets are delighted that they are staying as part of the vocal tapestry of the Ellen Taylor Centre blend of community performances. We are delighted.

June however brings the Kurilpa Poets to performing at the **Browning Street Studio** on the 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2-4.30pm, as another event is on our usual spot – Don't be deterred (the best are flexible) however we will be returning to the Ellen Taylor Centre in July. We are returning as a regular calendar spot so mark it down and don't miss out.

**Paul Dobbyn is the June Feature Poet** – With his selection of his books of poetry – *Storm Window*, *Siren of Shop 19* then *War Spoils*. *Paul looks forward to sharing with you his range.*

Come along to Browning Street and be part of this months event, and keep your eyes open for the July Feature Poet and Open Mic for Kurilpa Poets at Ahimsa House on the 26<sup>th</sup> July! 2-4.30pm

We are putting together a range of our Kurilpa Poets pieces which will be available at the Ellen Taylor Community Centre from the 1<sup>st</sup> July, so make sure you get a copy. If you haven't been to our events or want to know more about the Kurilpa Poets email us at [kurilpapoets@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kurilpapoets@yahoo.com.au) We welcome all writers – poets, song – if you want to share come along and join a great high energy and break the ice with fellow writers who are keen to develop and share and network!

20<sup>th</sup> June – Kurilpa Poets are being part of the Winter Solstice at Nothey

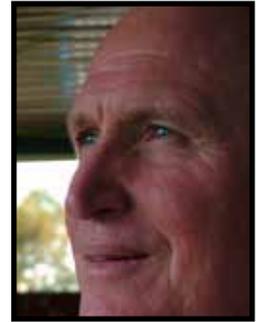
Street City Farm, corner Northey St/Victoria Windsor. Web site [www.nscf.org.au](http://www.nscf.org.au) – 4pm-midnight. Check the website and join the event – family friend, stages, dancing, bonfires, a wonderful celebration.

Last month had an excellent turn out of approx 30... and it was great to have some our regulars and those we hadn't seen for some time join us in farewelling one of our original founders from his position as Principal Convenor – Paul Milo. Paul won't be far away however he has been ordered by his doctors to slow down so Vij Chandra and Amanda Maystone-Towell are Co-Convenors and seeking the support of people keen to be part of the Kurilpa Poets Committee. The more on board, democratic decisions and projects to take the Kurilpa Poets in the next chapter of our book....

Finally – Thank you to the Ellen Taylor Community Centre and our

fabulous Events Co-Ord – Madeleine

*Paul Milo*



for her support and communications. Thanks also to our wonderful members - lets see if we can build on last month and bring our past members back to our safe, wonderful monthly event. Ps. No bar will be supplied. BYO with duty of care welcome. Bottomless Tea and Coffee supplied to all members.

See you at the next event!

Amanda and Vij  
Amanda Maystone-Towell  
0423 772 407 and  
Vij Chandra 0411 033 181  
[kurilpapoets@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kurilpapoets@yahoo.com.au)

### Life Drawing group

7pm – 9pm Wednesday Nights

This class is all about being unique! We draw from live models every week.

The class is broken down in to two 1hour sessions, we start off nice and fast and at the end its all about creating your masterpiece.

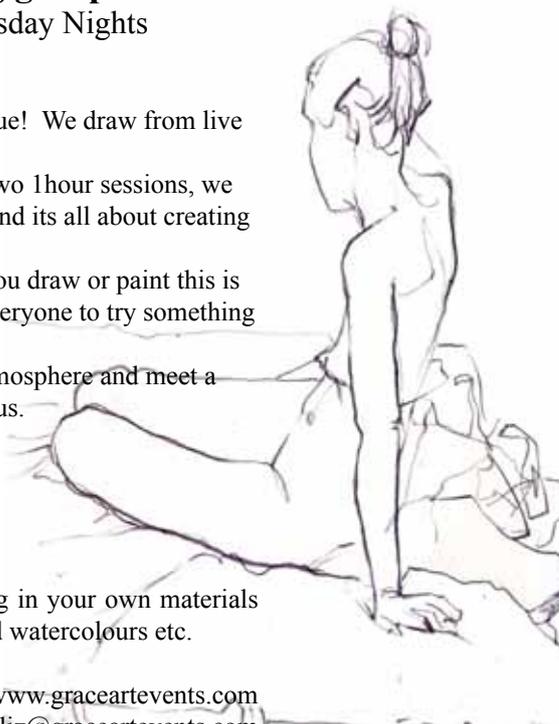
If you want to get messy while you draw or paint this is the place to do it. I encourage everyone to try something different.

If you're looking to join a fun atmosphere and meet a few fellow artists come and join us.

\$15 for casual classes  
\$40 For 3 classes  
\$100 for 8 Classes

For the classes you need to bring in your own materials paper, pens, pencils, charcoal and watercolours etc.

[www.graceartevents.com](http://www.graceartevents.com)  
[liz@graceartevents.com](mailto:liz@graceartevents.com)



### SAVE THE MARY RIVER FUNDRAISER

**On 30th June** Steve Posselt will be speaking about his epic journeys with his wheeled kayak. His book, *Cry Me a River*, is about the Darling and the Murray, a journey of over 3,000km.

Proceeds from the evening will go to the Save the Mary River Brisbane Group. Steve interrupted writing the book to complete a historic loop in his kayak – up the Brisbane River, drag over the Conondale Ranges, down the Mary River and a quick jaunt home down the coast from The Great Sandy Strait. Find out what it's like to have a whale surface 2m away when he paddled 3250 letters down to Peter Garrett at the opera house in October last year.

Sometimes amusing, always interesting, and at times confronting, Steve's presentation is something you will remember for a very long time.

Introducing Steve will be Professor David Hood, inspirational Al Gore presenter, indomitable champion of sustainability in the built environment, Chairman College of Environmental Engineers, Chairman Australian Green Infrastructure Council.

### Bollywood and Hip Hop classes on Monday nights!

3 classes run every week: Bollywood 5.30pm, Bollywood 6.30pm, Hip Hop 7.30pm Cost: \$7 for one class or \$10 for two classes  
 Classes are also available at Fortitude Valley or Spring Hill [www.bollyfunk.blogspot.com](http://www.bollyfunk.blogspot.com)  
 For more information e: [rachaeljacobs@bigpond.com](mailto:rachaeljacobs@bigpond.com) or Ph: Rachael 0414 305 600



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>1</u> Pregalates 10AM Basic Pilates 5:30PM Dance conditioning 6:30PM Bollywood 6:30PM Hip Hop 7:30PM	<u>2</u> Modern Contemporary 5:30PM Intermediate Pilates 7:00PM	<u>3</u> Basic Pilates 5:30PM Hip Hop 6:30PM Life Drawing Sessions 7PM	<u>4</u> Meditation & Stretch 5:30PM Nia Dance 6:30PM	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Basic Pilates 9AM Dance Conditioning 10AM Pregalates 11AM
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<u>28</u> Kurilpa Poets 2PM	<u>29</u> Pregalates 10AM Basic Pilates 5:30PM Dance conditioning 6:30PM Bollywood 6:30PM Hip Hop 7:30PM	<u>30</u> Save the Mary River Benefit 7PM Modern Contemporary 5:30PM Intermediate Pilates 7:00PM				

See the Black Dove Body Bar timetable in full

## BUSINESSES AT THE ELLEN TAYLOR COMMUNITY CENTRE



With the Brisbane **Greenfest** on the weekend it might have seemed a little quiet in the halls of the Ellen Taylor Community Centre, but rest assured that all our friends in business at 26 Horan Street were just working hard in the lead up to Australia's largest green festival! We're proud to have had them strutting their stuff in the Brisbane Botanic Gardens this weekend just gone and we are sure that the huge crowd loved their products and services as much as we do! We hope everything went smoothly for all.

The Ellen Taylor Community Centre is still home to the following innovative and exciting businesses:

- o **Good Concepts.**

Specialising in gifts and products that meet Mark's high socially ethical and sustainable benchmarks.

- o **Kettle Café.**

Gemma's (Stove Café, Jane Street) new hole in the wall café featuring all the high quality coffees and fare that she has become famous for in West End.

- o **ARGO Architects and Master Planners**

Will's well established professional practice specialises in sustainable and socially ethical built outcomes.

- o **Lifelong Learning Council Queensland.**

Helen continues to educate the broader community and auspice community groups into effective operations.

- o **Good Vibes for You.**

Ajanta and Rachael's environmental product range of bottled water and water generating devices distributes from Level 1.

- o **Black Dove Body Bar**

Lindsey and Claire provide their new and special brand holistic health services including beauty services, massage, pilates and dance classes for the community from Level 1.



We are currently working to create a Community Counselling Service, with the aim to provide compassionate counseling for those in demonstrated need free of charge. Level 1.

We are also seeking interest from other like-minded retailers who wish to establish a small outlet on the ground floor beside Kettle Café and Good Concepts. Please contact Will on (07) 3010 2300 for further details or to arrange to inspect the available space. Casual inspections are welcomed – please speak to Mark at Good Concepts on the ground floor.

Hire of event and meeting spaces is still available through our office.

Please contact Madeleine or Richard on (07) 3846 5077 for further details and bookings.





## Hello from Black Dove Body Bar!

Congratulations to everyone who came to visit us through May. We are so proud of the work that each of you are doing to improve your health and wellness. Keep up the great work!

There have been a few changes to the timetable. We are very excited to introduce our Pregalates classes to all those who are trying to get the most out of their pregnancies. Join us this Saturday at 11am and get your first Pregalates class free! To see all session times or to note any other class changes please visit us online at: <http://theblackdovetimetable.blogspot.com>

Claire has been travelling for at least two weeks now. Go to: <http://theblackdovespecialoffers.blogspot.com> and use this bribe as an excuse to go visit Lindsey...!

The Black Dove book club book for May is Dante's, Inferno. Black Dove Body Bar and Stove Café will meet again on Friday, 12th June from 6pm – 9pm to discuss the Inferno and to introduce the book club book for June. For more info contact us at: [info@blackdove.com.au](mailto:info@blackdove.com.au)

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Love and Kisses, Lindsey and Claire

*(Hi there, it's Claire here. I need to ask a favor... I'm worried about Lindsey. I've been getting incoherent emails and texts from her over the past week. She's all on her lonesome at Black Dove Body Bar over the next 3 months while I am overseas on my Fashion Excursion. I think she's going stir crazy in that big ol' studio by herself!*

*So go in and keep her company! Mention this offer when book an appointment before June 30 and receive 20% off your service, if it is your first visit to Black Dove; receive 50% off your service! See you when I get back! Love)*

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Arrangements **by** Mark Dunbar

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 8pm

26 Horan St West End

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 8pm

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 3pm matinee

Bookings 54433080 0411 233 744

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 8pm

[cantocoro@hotmail.com](mailto:cantocoro@hotmail.com)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 8pm

Tickets \$25 & \$18 conc



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