

PROGRAM

Create West End @ the Kurilpa Kiosk

A week of community events & activities celebrating the diversity of our community



WEST END FESTIVAL
22-29 OCTOBER 2016

West End Community House (WECH)

WECH actively contributes to building strong, connected communities in the Kurilpa Peninsula. Established in 1983 under the auspice of the West End Uniting Church, West End Community House (WECH) is now temporarily back operating most of our programs out of the West End Uniting Church Hall due to renovations on the Norfolk Street House.

WECH runs an Open House drop-in space with computers, phone, printing, cuppas and friendly faces, and also hosts a variety of other activities. These include, computer literacy sessions, regular community breakfasts, organic gardening group, art group, song-writing group and the Create West End community art and music at the Kurilpa Kiosk. WECH also manages the Kurilpa Kiosk, a public space in the centre of West End. We are keen to see this space flourish and to support greater community engagement with the Kurilpa Kiosk and the Peoples Park within which it is located. We see the West End Festival as a wonderful opportunity to showcase the diversity and vibrancy of our community while activating and celebrating public space.

WECH Opening hours

Drop-in Community Space:

Monday to Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm

Phone Service:

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm & 2:00pm – 3:30pm

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October 22 - 29

Each day **Welcome West End**

(10am-4pm)

Kurilpa Kiosk will be open for free cuppas and chats. Generously supported by West End Community House and community friends.



Heart of West End Community Art Project

Join us in creating this sculptural piece representing the light, lungs and heart – spirit of West End. All welcome.

Chalkboard

Write down something you would like to do – talk about it in the space.

Community Sharing and Resource Map

Write down something you have to share or a service you and/or your organisation has to offer – to be compiled in to a grassroots local directory.

Write your own West End Story

Read some samples of stories/reflections on life in West End and write your own to share with others or take away.

DIY Walking Tours of West End

Pick up materials at the Kiosk. Tours are courtesy of the West End Making History Group.

Saturday October 22

10:00am **Welcome to Country:**

Kiosk space opening

With Uncle Sam Watson and friends.

Yarning Time

With Sovereign Women United, Marlene Wilson, Uncle Sam Watson, and friends.



All day **Wings of Hope & Solidarity**

(10am-4pm)

Add your personal message of hope, prayer, and wishes for the future to these giant wearable wings-shaped from Pahang canes. The wings of hope will be on display to be added to and then worn on the final day of the festival. We invite you into our bustling workstation of the public's 'feather props'. Here you will rest your legs whilst your hands, eyes and head get busy creating your own addition to a project idolising the spirit of the festival. Create 'feathers' out of beads, string and colourful prayer paper with your own message to rally the human spirit. Free hands-on workshop. Drop in anytime between 10:00am-4:00pm to work with Chris Robinson (Rojava Solidarity Brisbane).



10:00am Beading and Jewellery making

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Community Art & Craft Space

11:00am Yarning Time

With Sovereign Women United, Uncle Sam Watson, ANTaR, Marlene Wilson, and friends.

Tai Chi Gong - Moving Meditation - Mindful Moves

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12:00pm Stolen Children Forum

With Aunty Karen Fusi, hosted by Sovereign Women.

Bling Yourself and Your Bike for the Kurilpa Derby

Clothes donated by Swop.

1:00pm Yarning Time

With Sovereign Women, ANTaR, and friends.

**Bling Yourself...
and Your Bike for Kurilpa Derby**

Clothes donated by Swop... plus more



**Create Your Reality with Meditation
with Lou**

2:00pm Thomas St Park Opening @ Thomos Street

Community Lounge Room at Peoples Park

Until 5:00pm.

5:00pm Making Whoopee!

This event is a showcase of local songwriters and musicians. Everyone has a unique story to tell and their own personality to celebrate. The Whoopee Do Crew's motto is 'writing songs, creating community'. The Crew includes: A Place to Belong, Hannakisst, Rockin' Rod Tyson, Jem Sparkles, Gresham Brown, Robert Wharton, and more. Until 9:00pm. (Open Mic)



Sunday October 23

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West End Community House (WECH) Art Exhibition

Enjoy the work of the talented West End Community House Art Group (some works for sale). This dynamic creative group is organised and run by WECH in partnership with Micah Projects. With an aim to engage local artists from within the community, the WECH Art Group provides a forum and a safe space for people experiencing social isolation to express and develop their creativity.



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Bling your Bike or Yourself for Kurilpa Derby

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1:00pm Kurilpa Derby

Gather under Dornoch Terrace Bridge at 1:00pm.

2:00pm Community Lounge Room

Until 6pm.

2:00pm Mandala decorating

All ages. Until 5pm.

5:00pm Festival at the Main Stage

Until 10pm.

6:00pm Beggars Banquet

Until 10pm.





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9:00am Anglicare Homeless Team

Health checks and chats with Anglicare Nurses. Until 11:00am.

11:00am Your West End Story

Write or draw your West End Story with the help of a community scribe. Until 12pm.

Willing to listen: Listening Post with Carly-Jay

Carly-Jay Metcalfe is a secular Pastoral Carer, space holder and compassionate listener. Until 12pm.

12:00pm Lunchtime session with PAPA Q

Poet Alchemist Peace Activist Quintessential: Songs to secure the peace from Nigel Quinlan and friends. We supply the music, BYO Food!

3:00pm Board Games & other shenanigans

All ages. Until 5:00pm.

5:30pm Bollywood Connections beginners dance classes



Classes start at 5:30pm/6:30pm at Kurilpa Hall. All welcome regardless of experience or skill level. These beginner level adult Bollywood Dance classes are a fun and friendly introduction to Indian dance in a supportive environment. All welcome. Bring water, and wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Entry by optional donation. Find them on Facebook: [bollywoodconnections](#)

6:00pm Spaces to Be: West End – People & Places Community Forum

What spaces do we have, what ones do we need, and how do we get and keep them? Facilitated by West End Community House. Until 7:30pm.

7:30pm Anti-Racist Comedy with Shayne Hunter & Friends

Until 8:30pm.



Tuesday October 25

9:00am **Anglicare Homeless Team**

Health checks and chats with Anglicare Nurses. Until 11:00am.

Tai Chi Gong - Moving Meditation - Mindful Moves

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12:00pm **Lunch time Chat & Chew with Dame Beryl**



BYO Food! About your hostess: Dame Beryl. Something charming? Something witty? Something wicked? Aunty Beryl started serving cake and coffee at Trinity Java Coffee Lounge, and was invited to perform in drag hows at Trinity Place discotheque downstairs. The rest can be read in the history annals.

2:30pm **Knitting patterned squares with Kevin**

You will need crocheting hooks and knitting wool. Until 3:30pm.

3:30pm **Drawing portraits: people or pets**

Free workshop with Robin. All ages. Bring a photo of your pet or a person you might like to draw. Until 5:30pm.

5:30pm **Bollywood Flashmob training@ Thomas Street Park**

Ever wanted to be part of a flashmob? Learn a beginner level Bollywood dance routine in three easy classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Thomas Street Park and perform at ???????. Adult level classes, children welcome if supervised. Bring water, comfortable clothes/ for dancing. Until 6:30pm. Find them on Facebook: bollywoodconnections

6:00pm **West End to Woopwoop!**

Anything's possible by bike - everything you wanted to know about cycle touring, plus more! A bike, tail wind and open road is all you need for a perfect holiday. Learn about cycle touring from Helen and Eion who have cycled nationally and internationally, alone and in groups. We will talk about what to bring, what not to, resources and what we wish we had known. There will be time to ask questions and share your stories or plans of cycle touring.



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Wednesday October 26

9:00am Anglicare Homeless Team

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10:00am Create West End

Drop in for community art, songwriting and singing with health checks from the Anglicare Nurses, chats & cuppas.



Music with the Whoopee Do Crew

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Beading and Costume making

Bring along your favourite piece of clothing and bling it up - with Colin Young.

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background in teaching Tai Chi, Chi Gong, Gung Fu, yoga and meditation/relaxation, getting the mix together to be accessible and fun! All you need is your body, breath and mind. So, come along and join the fun!

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12:00pm Lunchtime Chat Session:

Conversations with Judy Hess: Brisbane Greeter extraordinaire with a larger than life personality, infectious laugh and an endless wealth of local knowledge. If you want to have fun and be included, come have a chat with Judy! We supply the conversation. BYO Food!



2:00pm Beading & Costume making

Bring along a piece of clothing, bling it up & make a mask – to wear to the Day of Dead – with Colin Young. Until 4:00pm.

4:00pm Community Friends

Free food distribution.

5:30pm Bollywood Flashmob training @ Thomas Street Park

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6:00pm Bringing Farmers and West Enders closer together:



West End Bulk Buyers

Meet your local food co-op and talk Food Justice at the Kiosk then tour down to Thomas St to see the packing, sorting and collecting in action. West End Bulk Buyers Is a Brisbane-based community group. They care about locally-sourced, healthy, ethically grown and affordable food, as well as maintaining

community spirit. They like to know that the food we buy is good for the planet, for the farmers and for us. We source locally grown produce weekly and take turns to pack and run the co-op.

7:00pm Who can live here? West End Affordable Housing Forum

Chai and chat: 6:30pm. Community Forum: 7:00pm - 8:30pm. What is the current housing situation in West End? Can affordable housing survive in the locality and if so, how? Facilitated by West End Community House.

Thursday October 27

9:00am Anglicare Homeless Team

Health checks and chats with Anglicare Nurses. Until 11:00am.

10:00am Art and music with Gypsy

Vintage singer songwriter Jem Sparkles.

Mental Health Chats

Trent Quinlan.

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11:00am Human library: with Carly-Jay

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12:00pm Lunchtime session with Jem Sparkles

Gypsy is a vintage singer songwriter. We supply the music, BYO Food!

1:00pm Human Library: Let's talk mental health with Olivia Fisher

Olivia specialises in mental health promotion and is currently completing a PhD focusing on the prevention of





depression and anxiety disorders. Olivia has managed a number of large scale mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention projects in Queensland and has a background in acute and community mental health care.

2:00pm Human library: Trent Quinlan – Alternatives to the Mental Health System

Until 5:00pm.

3:00pm Shadow puppet making activity

Until 5:00pm. All ages welcome.

5:30pm Hearing Voices: Beware, voice hearers ahead!



The Hearing Voices Movement began in 1987, and considers the voice-hearing phenomenon as a “meaningful and understandable, though unusual, human variation” (Wikipedia, 2016). Join us to find out a little about the movement, and take the opportunity to hear our friendly panel

of voice-hearers respond to questions from the audience. Until 6:30. Hosted by *Brook Red*. Contact: Alex 38464209.

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6:30pm West End Community Inclusion Forum

What kind of West End do we want to see? In a rapidly changing community how do we maintain and grow the rich diversity and character that West Ender’s love and value? What does this change mean for people on the margins and how can we continue to foster an inclusive, supportive and vibrant community? Facilitated by West End Community House. Until 8:00pm.

Friday October 28

10:00am Your West End Story

Write or draw your West End Story with the help of a community scribe.

11:00am Human Library: Chalkboard session

Put your name down to share your story and your interests.

12:00pm Lunchtime session with PAPA Q

Poet Alchemist Peace Activist Quintessential: Songs to secure the peace from Nigel Quinlan & friends. We supply music, BYO Food!

Weaving workshop with Anika Lister

Use local plant material to produce your own simple basket or other design. Until 2:00pm. Suggested donation: \$15:00-\$20.00.





3:00pm Day of the Dead Art Activity

Art activities for all ages.

5:00pm Electric Shock

An evening of local music, art and performance with MC Tom Smith, featuring the songs of Tom Smith, plus Gerald Keane & the Gerald Keaneys, Tim Byrnes, Shayne Hunter (anti-racist comedy), and Hope Street Music. In January 2013, Tom half-jokingly put up a post on Facebook asking if anyone wanted to



have his songs - they were of no use to him. He certainly never expected the result: *'You Do It, I Can't Be Bothered!'* is an album of 25 songs he had written but never played live or recorded. He was deeply heartened and inspired once again to present his songs live. *'The Songs of Tom Smith'* is a band with a floating membership. Tom is not necessarily even in it; the only constant is, as the name suggests, *'The Songs of Tom Smith'*. Until 10:00pm.

6:30pm Food Not Bombs

Free community meal.

Saturday October 29

10:00am Yarning Time

With Sovereign Women United and ANTaR, and friends.



Community Art and Craft space

Bollywood Connections – Free dance workshop

This beginner level workshop with Liv Fisher will give you an introduction to Indian dance in a fun and supportive environment. You'll learn a short routine to a popular Bollywood song. Bring water, comfortable shoes and clothes for dancing. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill, experience or fitness. For more information, contact Liv on 0411 207 063. Find them on Facebook: [bollywoodconnections](#)

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1:00pm Transformers Choir (Originals and classics)

2:00pm The Water Rats Picnic with the Kurilpa Poets

The Water Rats were founded in 2016 by esteemed local poet Paul Milo. Their usual lair is the Olde Croquet Club in sacred Musgrave Park, where they can be found congregating on the last Sunday of the month.



As well as featuring some of the most talented poetic performers of the day, their informal Open Mic sessions have provided a supportive environment for many poetic newcomers. First time readers are always warmly welcomed at the Water Rats get-

together. For more information, go to: kurilpapoetry.wordpress.com

3:00pm Fortress of the Living

Live music sessions with:
Random Sample,
Planet Clare, Granvil, plus more.
(Open Mic).
Until 6:00pm.



Fiesta Latina Day of the Dead Party on Russell Street

Sunday October 30

2:30pm West End Making History Group

Meet at the West End Ferry Terminal (Hoogley Street) and stroll the flood plains of Hill End – Orleigh Park to Davies Park. Until 4:30pm. Cost: By donation.