

*In response to 'reviews' written on the Mangrove Facebook page the following acknowledgement and apology was posted to the page on 27.02.14*

Hari Om,

On behalf of Mangrove Yoga Ashram we would like to acknowledge the events of the past and offer an apology to the children and adults whose lives were affected by the abuse and misconduct of those in charge of the ashram at the time.

It was a time that caused great pain for all involved. No doubt the failure of the ashram to publicly acknowledge these events has added to the pain and prevented many from finding a path to healing. We agree that at this anniversary time it is not only appropriate but also important to bring light to the shadows of the past and to this end a timeline of Mangrove's history is currently being written for Facebook and our website.

The [invitation](#) for past residents to return for Mangrove's 40<sup>th</sup> for free was given in the hope that some roads towards healing could begin at this time. We are consciously looking for the most sensitive ways to address the past.

The findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse are being used for guidance, as are interviews with past residents to understand the picture better. Any calls or contact about this are welcomed. If you would like to talk to someone from the current management of the ashram or seek support please contact [skillsandlifestyle@satyananda.net](mailto:skillsandlifestyle@satyananda.net) or phone 4377 1171 and ask for Skills & Lifestyle.