

Autumn  
2015

QUARTERLY  
UPDATE  
FROM

# Greenhills Centre



A quarterly update from Greenhills Centre covering some of the events and achievements in the past few months. For the information of Friends of Greenhills, Staff and Board Members.

Celebrating 50 Years 1965—2015

## Bookings during Autumn

It's always exciting and sometimes surprising to note the diversity of groups that book their camps, retreats and day conferences here at Greenhills. Here is a small sample of some of our valued guests over the Autumn months:

### March

- Home Care Service of NSW (Wiradjuri Branch)
- Hughes Baptist Church Travel Club
- UCSSC Lake Ginninderra
- International Grammar

### April

- Soul in the Bush
- Scrapbookers
- Korowal School
- ANU—Fenner Hall

### May

- Solid Rock Ministries
- Junior & Women's Cycling Tour
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Embroiderer's Guild ACT
- Camp Quality

## Greenhills 50th Anniversary Celebrated

The Greenhills 50th anniversary will linger in the memories of those who 150 guests who attended for quite some time. Special guests included Greenhills founder Mr. Max Hill, local parliamentary member Ms Gai Brodtmann, MLA Ms Nicole Lawder and Ken and Kerry Pullen from Christian Venue Association. The day commenced



Founder Mr Max Hill cutting the cake

with a service, conducted by the Reverend Alistair Christie supported by a group of singers, commemorating and celebrating fifty years of Greenhills. The Reverend Gregor Henderson reflected on his long and at times amusing association with Greenhills.

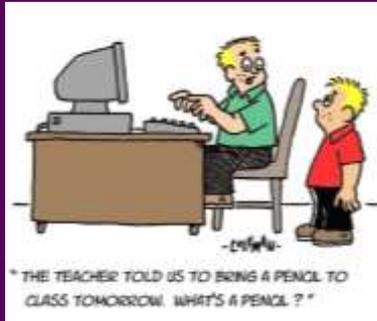
The Reverend Myung Hwa Park spoke of her association with Greenhills and led the gathering in prayer.

A sit down lunch followed the service. MC Harold Small led guests through a walk down memory lane. This gave guests the opportunity to reflect on their long association and experiences at Greenhills.

Barry Howe, Board Chairperson gave an overview of that the future holds. This was followed by the cutting of the birthday cake (pictured above) by Max Hill. Guests were then given the opportunity to wander the site or join a guided walk. The day gave people the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and reflect on the past. This was sided by a exhibition featuring photographs of the last fifty as well as other memorabilia.

*(See next page for a full picture gallery...)*

## PHOTO GALLERY—Greenhills 50th Anniversary on 28th March



### Upgrade of our office Technology

We've been in a steep learning curve the last few months as our office staff adjust to a new computer system. With countless hours of assistance from Phil Laird, our wonderful IT guy, we have started the long process of moving to a new, up-to-date booking system. This new system will not only bring us in alignment with an industry standard system, but will see us well into our future needs. We appreciate your patience as we cross over from one system to another. Thank you!



UCA Moderator Rev Myung Hwa Park with Greenhills founder Max Hill

(Below) VIPs Board Chari Barry Howe, MHR Gai Brodtmann, Founder Max Hill, MLA Nicole Lawder and Rev Gregor Henderson



Rev Alistair Christie presiding



Presbytery Chairperson Ms Vanessa Cimmins



(Left)  
Rev Gregor Henderson

A special thanks to Mr Brian Rope for providing these special photographic memories of the day.  
[www.brianropephotography.com.au](http://www.brianropephotography.com.au)

"Memory Lane" speakers (L to R): Treasurer John Bell, Secretary Harold Small, Max Hill, Barry Howe, Jan Drury (Max Hill's Niece), Herb Heath (Volunteer), Margaret Erickson (former Greenhills Auxiliary) & Past Chair Ken Jarvis.





## Greenhills hosts Anzac Day Visitors

Over the Anzac Day long weekend we were privileged to host a number of families from around Australia who had family members in Defence involved in the many events, including the Dawn service and Anzac Day march. Our visiting school were also up at 3:30am on the 25th to attend the Dawn Service and reported that they had a great day remembering and commemorating with the 120,000 people who attended.



## “LIKE” US ON Facebook

For quick updates and news snippets visit our Facebook page “GreenhillsCentreACT”

If you “Like” us you will get update feeds automatically, and why not invite your friends to “Like” Greenhills as well and spread the word about this fabulous venue!



## Festival coming to Greenhills

Arts, music, justice, environment, community and more!

Greenhills is excited to be the chosen venue of Beyond Festival being held in Canberra 2-5 October this year. The Festival, born out of the former Black Stump Festival in Sydney, Beyond is “a brand new event focusing on justice and genuine community” with “the best musicians, artists, poets, educators, story tellers, painters and more all coming together for one long weekend in Canberra to inspire, engage and equip”. This festival aims not only to bring great entertainment but also to create many opportunities to engage in key issues of our time, within our own communities, the marginalised (poverty and justice), and also the environment.

We can't think of a better place to hold such an event and we're looking forward the hundreds of visitors who will be coming to this beautiful site.

If you would like more information or to book tickets visit the official Website below or find Beyond Festival on Facebook.

Image and quote courtesy of Beyond Festival <https://beyondfestival.com.au>

## Hanging high at 'The Tops'

James Ellis (Guest Host) and Will Ellis (Facilities Manager) have been working hard—while having a lot of fun—obtaining their Cert III in Outdoor Recreation at The Tops



Guest Host, James Ellis, mid-training

Conference Centre (a Christian Venues Association camp sites), NSW. All this effort (and fun) is in preparation to offer activities to groups on site by October this year.

If you are interested in activities for your group please contact us for more information.



Enjoy a selection of images of our lovely site.



From Top:

- Our resident friends
- Cotter Centre
- View of the Brindabellas across the Oval
- Coorumbene Cottage

## Bendigo Youth Choir

### Special visit honouring Women of the War

In early March Greenhills hosted the talented Bendigo Youth Choir under the Direction of Valerie Broad OAM and Gayle Godber with Edwin Spark their accompanist. Their visit coincided with the 30th

Anniversary of their choir and events at the War Memorial honouring Poets and the Centenary of the Gallipoli campaign.

They were invited to perform two special pieces written by conductors from the choir, 'Women of the War' by Gail Godber and 'The Letter' by Valmai Harris, both honouring the efforts and suffering of women both home and abroad during the first world war.

*"She would work alongside women,  
and fill the shoes of men,*

*And when she had no more to give,  
she would get back up again.*

*She laboured hard from dawn 'til  
dark, each day a hill to climb,*

*She was a woman of the war years,  
a hero of her time"*

- Gail Godber, "Women of the War"

The songs brought tears to the eyes of people at the war memorial and also to Greenhills' staff as they rehearsed in the Moore Auditorium ahead of the performance.

The Choir also performed at Parliament House with an impromptu performance with some of the street performers from Enlighten. Greenhills was delighted to host the choir and help make their visit a great success. We hope to see them back in Canberra again. You can learn all about the choir at [www.bendigoyouthchoir.org.au](http://www.bendigoyouthchoir.org.au) or follow them on Facebook.



BYC rehearsing at Greenhills in the Moore Auditorium

(photo courtesy of <https://www.facebook.com/bendigoyouthchoir>)

"How do we measure success? Is it in the accolades, the admiration or audiences shown in standing ovations, or it is in watching shy children grow into confident, articulate young people? However it is measured, the Bendigo Youth Choir has achieved both"

- Valerie Broad, Founder and Artistic Director

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### Diary Dates:

#### • May

- 16—Presbytery Meeting
- 20—Greenhills Boarding Meeting

#### • July

- 19-20 – CVA Outlook 2015
- 20-22 – CVA Forum 2015

