

Winter
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.

Bookings during Winter

We're always busy over winter, with schools groups wanting to add snow trips to their itinerary, plus a diversity of other groups braving the Canberra winter to stay with us—here a few of our valued guests.

July

- Canteen
- Kanga Cup
- FOCUS
- Crusaders
- Kairos

August

- Hope Church Canberra
- St Mary's Catholic School Charleville
- Illawarra Regional Arts Camp
- Brindabella Chorus

September

- Comet Bay Primary School
- Metal Clay
- Adoptive Families Association
- L'Arche Genesaret

Linen, Thread and Over 10 Years of Fun at Greenhills Centre

The Embroiderer's Guild ACT

We are delighted every year to host the ACT Embroiderers Guild weekend and it's been a big 10th year for them, starting with a Royal surprise then planning their yearly pilgrimage to Greenhills for a weekend of fun, laughter and beautiful projects. With the arrival of the Royal Princess in



Japanese Beadwork

Photo: <http://embroiderersact.org.au/>

Cambridge, the Guild was chosen to embroider the baby's blanket, the gift to the royal couple and Princess Charlotte on behalf of the people of Australia.

It was an exciting and surreal time for four of the Guild ladies who brought together the colours of Australian Wattle from yarns made in the Yass Valley and worked into the beautiful blanket of Australian wool from the Waverley Woollen Mills in Tasmania, in only a matter of a week after the baby was born.

For their 2015 weekend at Greenhills, their projects ranged from smocking and cross-stitch, to amazing material baskets and the delicate work of Hardanger using the latest technology and the e-book 'Hardanger for the Horrified'.

There were horses and dogs and dragons, petite floral work and larger Japanese landscapes, the array of projects were a reflection of the many different skills and personalities of the group.

Dying Trees on Cotter Road

Recently we notified MLA,



“A young *Eucalyptus blakelyi* tree showing the damage from a severe infestation of White Lace Psyllid in April 2013. Note larger trees on the site have died.”

Nicole Lawder, in regards to questions some of our Greenhills regulars had about the large number of seeming dead or dying trees along Cotter Rd leading up to our Site. We received a response from Shane Rattenbury MLA (Minister for Territory and Municipal Services) say “many of the native trees, particularly the *Eucalyptus blakelyii* (Blakely’s red gum) and *Eucalyptus melliodora* (Yellow box) trees have been...severely affected by lerp or psyllid this year.

PHOTO & CAPTION: <http://www.canopygroup.com.au/white-lace-lerp/>

As well as their individual projects, the Guild worked as a group on a wistful native landscape piece, inspired with flowering gum blossoms from Greenhills in preparation for their yearly exhibition in



Jacobean Work

Photo: <http://embroiderersact.org.au/>

September. To cap off the month they had a fantastic weekend at Greenhills in glorious autumn weather, and have written about their stay at Greenhills on their website:

<http://embroiderersact.org.au/greenhills-3/>
To see some of this beautiful work up



Bayeux Tapestry

Photo: <http://embroiderersact.org.au/>

close, get along to the Albert Hall from 10-14 September or visit their website at <http://embroiderersact.org.au/>

(Article by Merri Bacon, Greenhills host and freelance writer)

New Chairperson Appointed

The Greenhills Board has recently appointed Harold Small as Board Chairperson in place of Barry Howe who has now stepped down from this role.

Harold for has been involved with Greenhills since about 1988 initially as a member of the Management Committee,



Mr. Harold Small

then Honorary Executive Officer (9 years) and Board member. For the past three years Harold has been Board Secretary and is now looking forward to a “stint” as Chairperson.

He is a retired engineer, a Rotarian, a Lay Preacher and is a member of Wesley Uniting Church. He is married to Chris and they have two children and five grand-children.

Barry has faithfully served Greenhills as Chairperson for the past three years. He will stay on as a Board member. Jan Baker is appointed to take on Harold’s previous role as Secretary.



Six Weeks to Festival!

Greenhills is excited to be hosting the Beyond Festival on 2-5 October. The first week of July we enjoyed a visit and lunch with the organising committee of Beyond, and it's fair to say they are as excited as we



Far Right: Greenhills staff Peter Badowski and Sue Ellis with Beyond organizing committee on the Dining Room balcony.

are about this event. If you would like more information or to book tickets visit the official Website <https://beyondfestival.com.au> or find Beyond Festival on Facebook. It takes a massive volunteer team to put on an event like Beyond. If you are interested in volunteering contact the Beyond team via their website.

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

Activities coming soon

James Ellis (Guest Host) and Will Ellis (Facilities Manager) continue to brave the wilds during winter, obtaining their Cert III in Outdoor Recreation at The Tops Conference Centre.



By October this year we plan to have all our outdoor recreation activities available for groups to book .

If you are interested in finding out more about activities we may be able to offer for your group please contact us (full activities list and prices are yet to be confirmed).



Upgrade to Facilities

In August we installed new reverse-cycle air conditioners across the site, starting with the Murrumbidgee Centre accommodation, then, at time of print, the Cotter Centre blocks. These new air conditioners will ensure our guests are cosy in winter and cool in summer, and greatly reduce our heating costs throughout the chilly winter months.

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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!



Poetry Corner

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
In all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

-John Wesley

(Source:
<http://griefbeach.com/poems-and-quotes/>)



During the Beyond Festival from 2-5 October the site may be limited to Festival goers only. If you are wanting a site visit for your own event or need to see one of the Managers around this time please call the office first to schedule a suitable time.

-Thank you!



"I feel the need...the need for speed!"
All the staff line up ready for the race.



New Guest Hosts Aidan and Liam with Facilities Manager, Will.



New Guest Host, Thea, looking like a natural "rev head".

STAFF NEWS

Staff Day Out

In recent months we've been delighted to welcome on board some new Guest Hosts. These guys have hit the ground running here at Greenhills as we are in the midst of our busiest time of year. To get to know each other (and blow off a little steam!) we enjoyed a great day out at Powerkart Raceway in Griffith.

A little competitiveness reared its head, and senior staff were delighted when Will Ellis (Facilities Manager) came on top of the leader board, ahead of all the "newbies". The outing was topped off by a delicious lunch at Grill'd, Manuka.

A Brother Remembered

Our condolences go out to the family of our Guest Host, Merri, who lost her brother, Gerard, to cancer in July. Merri has been a Guest Host at Greenhills for over a year, and has taken some time off to be with her family. Her brother was a dearly loved son, husband, father and uncle. The funeral service was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Cook on 18 July. We continue to pray for Merri and all the family, for comfort, healing and peace at this time.

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Diary Dates:

- August
19—Greenhills Board Meeting
- October
10—Rotary Working Bee



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