

Spring
2015

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UPDATE
FROM

Greenhills Centre



Spring blossoms near Zeta Hill Memorial garden

Spring—Summer Bookings

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 we are privileged to host.

November

- Janetzki/Webber Wedding Reception
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Canberra Spinners & Weavers
- Baptist Care (Perth WA)

December

- The Riverina Anglican College
- Hillcrest Christian College Basketball Team
- Dep't Immigration & Border Protection

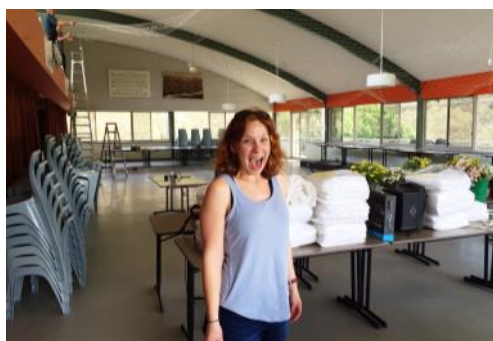
January—2016

- St Vincent de Paul
- The Girl's Brigade Australia
- FUESIA Conference
- Woden Valley Youth Choir

Love is in the Spring Air

On Saturday the 14th of November Greenhills hosted the wedding reception for one of our very own staff members, Thea. Thea married Josh at their church, My Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Then Thea and Josh came out to Greenhills with 100 of their closest friends and family for their reception.

The reception was held in the main dining hall. You would never have guessed that the wonderful room they had their reception in was the same one that usually seats over 100 children in a canteen style on school camps.



Thea supervising set up the Dining Hall



The Dining Hall transformed
for the Reception

The bridal party as well as Greenhills staff members had worked for many hours on the Thursday and Friday to transform the dining hall. It had fairy lights up on the ceiling, tables beautifully arranged with white tablecloths, white chair covers and simple but very elegant centrepieces. The view from the dining hall looking out over the mountains during sunset was spectacular, and the fairy lights twinkling away during the evening made for a very elegant atmosphere. The bridal table had its own stage with very large light up letters in front spelling the word 'LOVE'.

Christmas

All of us here at Greenhills would like to thank you for your support this year. We saw quite a few changes and new endeavours at Greenhills throughout 2015, and we are looking forward to continuing the journey with you next year.

Meanwhile, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to you for a happy and blessed Christmas and a safe and exciting New Year to you and your families and friends.

Christmas

Thea & Josh's Wedding

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The Bridal table with Greenhills and the Brindabellas as a beautiful backdrop

Many of the happy couple's family and friends chose to stay at Greenhills enjoying the lovely surrounds.

Thea and Josh certainly did look very in love and we couldn't be happier for them! Congratulations to you both. We look forward to seeing how their lives unfold and also the potential for more wonderful events held at Greenhills.



Josh and Thea

Activities Update

In the coming years Greenhills will be joining other Uniting Venues around the country with a full scale Outdoor Recreation Department. The first steps in this journey are now coming to fruition with structures already built for initiative activities, such as "Vines" and "Spirit Level" (pictured below), and a 3-D "Spiders Web". Our Vertical Cluster is also on track, with plans to have it ready by mid-January.

Along with these high-intensity activities, we now offer a variety of low-intensity activities ranging from games for pure fun such as "Slime Time", Night Hikes through our wonderful bushland, "Clash of Clans" and other team building activities, "The Amazing Race" and, of course, our ever popular Campfire nights.



Balancing on the "Spirit Level"

We are starting to bring in local schools in to do day camps, where we offer to run activities programs. We are also offering activities for groups coming from interstate for their school Excursions as alternative night activities, and weekend groups or community groups such as Camp Quality, and Youth Groups.

Please contact us for more information including cost.

PHOTO GALLERY

Enjoy a selection of snapshots from the Beyond Festival



From Top:

- Sunset over the Marquees
- Main Stage
- Where to next?
- Tent City on Block

Beyond Greenhills



This year Greenhills has been focused on going above and beyond in all areas. We have focused on our service, our venue, and our mission. That mission is to be a place where people can come together as a community. The epitome of this focused effort was without a doubt the *Beyond Festival*.



The theme of the festival was JUSTICE in all its forms

The festival is the first of its kind in Australia, as it is entirely focused on social justice. There was a long list of bands, public speakers, and politicians that played a part in the proceedings of the festival.



Discussing Social Justice issues was a panel of refugee and other social justice advocates and local politicians including Nicole Lawder MLA

One of the most impressive performances was that of Blue King Brown, we felt whilst they were playing that every window on site was probably shaking! *Beyond* was held for the three days over the October long weekend.

Greenhills was truly privileged to host the festival and its impressive line-up of artists. Our staff team worked around the clock to take care of the largest number of people that have stayed at Greenhills in its 50 year



The Marquees on the Oval

history; and in doing so earned the appreciation and respect of the Beyond Festival board, its volunteers, and the crowds. We are very excited that the festival will be back for at least the next two years with plans for many more beyond that.

Thank You

Greenhills wishes to say "farewell and thank you" to Board Members, Brian Carle and Barry Howe, who are stepping aside from the Board. We wish them both all the best for their future endeavours and thanks for their invaluable contribution to Greenhills over many years.



Greenhills Supporting Charity Groups

As a part of our mission, Greenhills has also been focused on supporting various community and charity groups. We have been privileged to host, amongst others, the national Cambodian Adoptive Families retreat, the ACT Adoptive Families camp, Canteen, Camp Quality, and Stella Bella Little Stars all within these last few months.



Camp Quality enjoying a wash down and slippery slide courtesy of the local Furies after a game of Slime Time

We love having the opportunity to shine the light of Jesus into these camps. Comments like, 'there is something different about coming to Greenhills, the staff are so genuine and real,' are common from these groups. We are eagerly looking forward to working with them again next year.

Our New Trainee

We are pleased to introduce to you our newest staff member, Amy Behrendorff, who has started a traineeship at Greenhills. Amy is doing a Certificate III in Hospitality through Canberra Institute of Technology.



Our new trainee

She is working full-time at Greenhills as a Guest Host, Administration Assistant and Activities Assistant. In her spare time Amy is also doing studies for a Bachelor of Theology through the

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"Somehow, not only for Christmas but all the long year through, The joy that you give to others Is the joy that comes back to you. And the more you spend in blessing The poor and lonely and sad, The more of your heart's possessing Returns to you glad."

- John Greenleaf Whittier, Fireside Poet



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Diary Dates:

• December

23rd—Closing for Christmas / New Year

• January

4th—Open for 2016

