

Summer
2016

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Greenhills Centre

Summer Bookings

It's always interesting to note the diversity of groups that book their camps, retreats and day conferences here at Greenhills. Below is a small sample of some of the groups we are privileged to host.

January

- Girl's Brigade Fonomorae
- RYLA
- FUESIA Conference
- Woden Valley Youth Choir
- Camp Quality

February

- Questacon
- Lourdes Hospital Brain Injury Unit
- Canberra Girls' Grammar School
- Radford College Music Department

March

- Summer's End Yoga Festival
- Pymble Ladies College
- William Carey Christian School
- Canberra Austral-Asian Christian Church

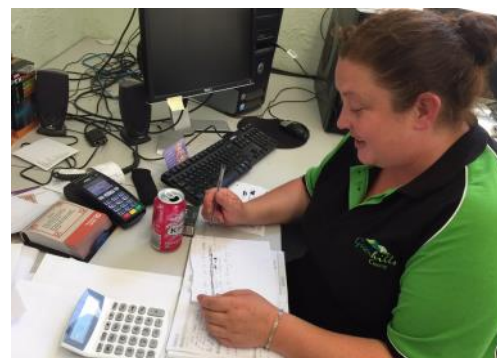


Toasting Marshmallows on the Campfire

New Faces at Greenhills

If you've been out to Greenhills recently you may have noticed a number of new faces about the place. We now have our own "in house" catering staff and housekeeping, as well as new hosts. Erin (pictured to the right) came to us just in time before Christmas and worked like a trooper to help 'spring clean' the site in preparation for the new year, she also moonlights as kitchen hand. Sean, our new catering manager—but not new to Greenhills, has taken over from Bec of Pure Blonde Catering when her contract finished at the end of the year. Sean, along with Bert—whose Italian dishes are to die for—Kelsie, Nathan and Bailey as kitchen hands have been introducing some wonderful new dishes to our menu. Nathan also helps Erin with cleaning when required, Our new guest host, Ellyn, joined our team of hosts in January.

With some of our groups getting bigger every year and more groups choosing Greenhills for their events and retreats, plus the new activities programs requiring staff facilitation, we need to have all



Erin, working out the housekeeping schedule

hands 'on deck' at times, with even our office staff pitching in to help wherever needed on site.

With all the new staff on board, it was timely to start the year with a workshop by Uniting Church Safe Churches facilitator, Emma Parr, to ensure we are compliant with duty of care for protecting vulnerable people.

It's been a challenging transition but rewarding to see all the staff working together as a team, and pitching in where needed, putting in the long hours to make our guests' events as enjoyable and memorable as possible.

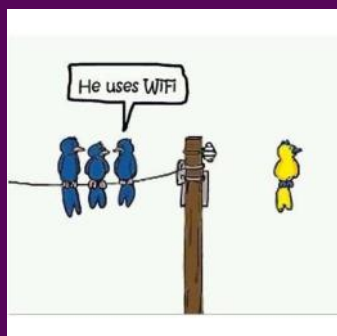


With Easter soon upon us, amongst the Easter Bunnies and Chocolate Eggs, we thought we'd remind ourselves of the power of the Easter message through this lovely poem:

**Tomb, thou shalt not
hold Him longer;
Death is strong,
but Life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark,
the light;
Stronger than the
wrong,
the right...**

- Phillips Brooks,
"An Easter Carol"

The Funny Corner



Your Invitation to Greenhills' Mothers' Day Lunch

Looking for a great Mother's Day out event? How about a buffet lunch with live entertainment at beautiful Greenhills!

Featuring Canberra's own Amber Nichols and band, enjoy the fabulous views of the Brindabellas, soak in the gorgeous tones of this lovely songstress—a new mum herself—and feast on great food provided by our fabulous new chef.

- **Date: Sunday 8th May 2016**
- **Time: 11:30am for 12pm seating**
- **Cost: \$45 per adult
\$25 per child (under 10 yrs)**

The lunch will include 2-course buffet and non-alcoholic drinks. Reservations must be made in advance to the office.

Phone: 02 6288 1074

Email: bookings@greenhillscentre.com

For a taste of Amber's music, the link below is to her song, "Fear and Wonder" released on Mother's Day last year and is all about becoming a mum:

<https://youtu.be/g9GhpUx9YrU>



Amber Nichols (Inset: with Greenhills own
Karen Hush, Amber's keyboardist)

Eddie Challenger Tribute



Always In
Our
Hearts



It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Edwin "Eddie" Challenger, former Manager of Greenhills, who passed away suddenly at home on 23rd January 2016.

Eddie, along with his wife Paula, were managers at Greenhills from 2002 to 2010. We especially remember them for their outstanding commitment and dedication following the disastrous fires of 2003 contributing in no small measure to the restoration and further development of this special place.

His passing was sudden and unexpected leaving the family quite devastated. We continue to remember in our prayers Paula, Jackie, Matthew, Renee, Rebecca and their families through this difficult time.

Eddie's funeral was held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Moruya at 11am on Thursday 4th February, followed a private burial.



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Girls' Brigade

Fono 2016

Greenhills started of the year with a fantastic group who arrived on 4th January and stayed for the week. This was the Girls' Brigade National Fono 2016.

We were interested to learn—and you might be too—that "fono" is short for Fonomarae, as their website explains, "Fonomare is the name given originally to



Water Games on the Oval.

Pacific Fellowship gatherings of Pioneers and younger leaders. It is a combination of FONO—a Samoan word meaning "getting together" and MARAE—a Maori word for "meeting place". Today, the term Fonomarae is used for gatherings of Pioneers and younger Leaders internationally and nationally."

We were doubly excited to host the Girls' Brigade as they were the first group to make good use of our new activities equipment. This included our new Vertical Cluster, a great device to discovering fear and how amazing it feels to overcome it—in fact, this fit in very well with their theme for Fono 2016, which was "Fearless"!

Little Black Buggy

We were all excited the day our new addition to the team arrived—a little all-wheel buggy, capable of taking us anywhere on the site. This has been a challenge for our staff in the past, especially in bad weather when the ground is soggy or frosty. Having a vehicle capable of carrying just about anything anywhere is a real asset. Thanks to Rising Sun Buggies for putting together this little beauty for us.



Peter Badowski enjoying the ease of the new buggy



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Diary Dates:

• March

14th—Canberra Day, Office Closed

28th—Easter Monday, Office Closed

• April

25th—Anzac Day, Office Closed



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Greenhills at New Heights



For the two weeks prior to Christmas we had the team from Adventure Developments here installing our new Vertical Cluster structure.

The structure has been in use since the beginning of January, with the Girls' Brigade first to conquer it. Hopefully you will get a chance to challenge yourself here at Greenhills!

The equipment is available to all sorts of groups. How about considering a birthday event for your child or teenager here at Greenhills with hosted activities? Contact us for more information.



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If you missed out on Beyond Festival 2015, you will be excited to know that tickets are already on sale for Beyond 2016. We can't wait to host this amazing event again this year over the October long week.

In February the organisers of the event came for a site visit, and we are really looking forward to the new things they are preparing for the festival this year.

For information and tickets head to the website <https://beyondfestival.com.au>

and also the Facebook page for updates <https://www.facebook.com/BeyondFestAus>



Love letters to Greenhills

We are always so pleased when our guests enjoy their stay. We love all the cards, gifts and letters saying how much Greenhills was enjoyed. Here is a beautiful example of a little note left in a room for us to find. Thank you Camilla!

