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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.

Amber Nichol's and Band—Mothers' Day Lunch

## Feature 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.

### June

- Dickson Baptist
- All Hallows Girls School
- Emmaus (Canberra Monaro)
- Gilson College
- Fusion

### July

- Football Wagga Wagga
- Scripture Union
- Mildura College
- Kairos Outside
- Sunshine Christian School

### August

- United Pentecostal Church
- ANU Rural Clinic School
- Crusaders (Summit)
- Crossroads Christian Church Youth



## Mothers' Day Lunch a Success

On Mothers' Day in May Greenhills hosted a special Lunch for 90 lucky guests and their Mums. We were delighted to have the day go so well. During a scrumptious buffet lunch, guests were entertained and enthralled by beautiful songstress, Amber Nichols. Amber is a local Canberra artist, she was top 8 in 2015's "The Voice" and she is also a new Mum. Guests enjoyed Amber's covers renditions as well as her gorgeous original songs, some written about her own experience as a Mum.

Guests also enjoyed wonderful food prepared by our chef, Sean, and his team.



The Dining Hall decked out

Throughout the lunch there were raffle prizes given out (with one very lucky table landing a few prizes!).



Delicious fare at the buffet

One guest was kind enough to write us this note after the event, summing up the day beautifully, "What a truly wonderful event/lunch/entertainment and service you provided for the Mother's Day lunch. We enjoyed the day immensely and the lunch was a gourmet feast that any 5 star restaurant would be proud to serve. The staff were fantastic ... it was obvious how much love, care and effort went into the day." Following the success of this year's event we hope to hold another Mothers' Day function in 2017.



Our sympathies go out to the friends and family of the late Averill Edwards, former Chair of Greenhills, who sadly passed away at the end of April following a long illness.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with our Executive Director, Peter Badowski and all his family, following the loss of his mum who passed away in mid-July.

## Punctuating “Mother’s/Mother’s/ Mothers Day”?



With our recent special Lunch for Mothers, we got to questioning where to put the Apostrophe. So, we've done a little research and discovered a not-so-straightforward answer, in fact, there are 3 arguments as to where the apostrophe should go:

1. The apostrophe should go after Mothers' (plural) as it's a day for all Mums.
2. The apostrophe should go *before* Mother's (singular) as it's the day to celebrate your (or my) Mum.
3. There should be no apostrophe, just Mothers, as a day that celebrates lots of Mums but that doesn't belong to anyone.

So, which would you choose? Of course, whatever you choose for Mothers also applies to Fathers!



## Greenhills attends the Christian Venues Association Conference

During the last two weeks of July, Will and Sue Ellis along with our Treasurer and interim Executive Director, John Bell, have been visiting sister camp sites in Queensland and attending the biennial Christian Venues Association (CVA) conference, Connect 16.

Greenhills is a member of CVA and the conference provides a time where managers from camp sites all over Australia can get together to share ideas and attend workshops by various industry professionals.



John Bell, Will & Sue Ellis at Alexandra Park QLD

At time of writing, Sue, Will and John are still in Queensland enjoying the sunshine at this year's conference. We asked Sue by phone for a few highlights of the event so far.

She said, “we did a pre-conference tour of 9 campsites in 3 days and were completely blessed by the amazing hospitality of the staff, their eagerness to share ideas, show us their facilities and meet with their staff.” *Continued...*

**STOP PRESS!** During the first week of August we are planning to launch our new Website. Sarah from Endure Web Studios has worked up a great site for us, and we can't wait to see it launch. We'll put a notice on our Facebook page as soon as it's live. If you need a great new website visit <https://endure.com.au>





*CVA Conference continued...*

Now at the conference Sue says the are enjoying an excellent guest speaker as well as meeting many people from different campsites.

We are looking forward to Sue, Will and John returning to us full of great ideas for the future!

## Farewell to Peter Badowski

### Executive Director Peter Badowski finishes 5 years of service to Greenhills

This week we said farewell to Peter Badowski who came to Greenhills as Executive Director in May 2011. Peter is “semi-retiring”, he says, and we asked what he plans to do with his time now. He says he hopes to move into some part-time community development or non-profit work—and not retire



Peter at his desk at Greenhills

completely just yet! He is also greatly looking forward to devoting more of his spare time to gardening, fishing and resuming his furniture restoration hobby.

He will also keep busy—as he already is— between now and October helping his wife, Nicole Lawder, MLA, on her 2016 election campaign.

Peter was raised and educated in Canberra. After 10 years in the Public Service and employment in a number of private enterprise management positions, Peter joined BAE Systems at the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex (CDSCC) Tidbinbilla, where he worked for 12 years. In 2000, Peter moved from CDSCC to manage two contracts at Geoscience Australia, The Australia Centre for Remote Sensing and Topographic Mapping contracts. In 2006, still with BAE Systems, he took up a position as Project Manager, within the Defence environment.

Peter notes that one of his early challenges upon joining the staff at Greenhills was adjusting to a non-profit environment after working in Defence. Some of his achievements during his 5 years at Greenhills include getting the budget back to surplus, increasing our ‘bed nights numbers’ and working hard to bring our organisation up to current compliance standards; all a part of the job, he says!

Peter reflects that he has had a great 5 years at Greenhills, not without it’s ups and down, but the people have been great and it’s been a lovely environment to work in.

All of us at Greenhills wish Peter the best for the future!

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Chief Minister's

# Canberra Gold Award

## 50 Years in the ACT

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*in recognition of 50 years  
in our community.*



*Andrew Barr*  
Andrew Barr MLA  
ACT Chief Minister



11 March 2015

## Greenhills Honoured with Chief Minister's Award



Board Members John Grant & Harold Small with Jeremy Hanson MLA and Executive Director Peter Badowski



ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr with Greenhills Chair Harold Small



Greenhills Chair Harold Small with Nicole Lawder, MLA

Earlier this year (and just missing out on our previous edition of the Update) Greenhills was honoured to be presented with the Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award. The Chief Award recognises the unique contribution made by individuals and groups who have chosen to make a long-term commitment to the ACT.

Through this award, the ACT Government celebrates this dedication by honouring individuals and groups who have resided or operated in the ACT for fifty years or more.

Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Awards are distributed each year as part of Canberra's birthday celebrations.

Greenhills Managers, Sue and Will Ellis attended the ceremony along with Executive Director Peter Badowski and Greenhills Board members Harold Small, John Bell and John Grant.



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### Diary Dates:

#### • September

26th—Canberra Family & Community Day Public Holiday, office will be closed

30th—3rd Oct—Beyond Festival

#### • October

3rd—Canberra Labour Day Public Holiday, office will be open

