

Winter
2017

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.



Snow on the Brindabella Ranges above Greenhills
(photo: the-riotact.com)

Our Guests

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

- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Redeemer Baptist School
- Hills Adventist College
- Port Hedland School of the Air

July

- Kairos Outside
- Chrysalis Steiner School
- Crusaders Summit Camps
- FOCUS

August

- Kookaburra Kids
- ANU Rural Clinical School
- St Francis Xavier College
- Mungindi Central School

Greenhills Enters a New Season

Our Winter season began with the ending of a wonderful three year appointment of Sue and Will Ellis as Managers of Greenhills. The Ellis family came to Greenhills back in July 2014 from Wodonga VIC.

They brought a lot of fun, energy and changes to Greenhills notably the introduction of Activities programs.

They finished their three year stint at Greenhills in June, moving their three horses, two dogs, two cats and youngest daughter, Bek, to start managing Mill Valley Ranch campsite in North Tynong, VIC (a 'sister' CVA campsite).

Sue and Will, although excited for this new season, were sad to leave behind the wonderful Greenhills staff who had become extended family in many ways. Their time at Greenhills was very precious to them and there is an open invitation to all to visit them in Victoria!

We are looking forward to welcoming new Managers in the Spring—so stay tuned for



Sue, Will and Bek with framed photo of the Greenhills Staff

our Spring edition with all the news about that appointment.

We wish Sue and Will many blessings



The 'Green Team' holding their commemorative shirts—a farewell gift from the Ellis's

and success in their new venture.

Some of our staff visited Mill Valley Ranch last month—see photos overleaf.

Mill Valley Ranch

What a different place to Greenhills! Mill Valley Ranch (a Baptist Christian Venues Association camp site) is situated in Gippsland east of Melbourne, backing on to the lovely Bunyip State Park. Mill Valley Ranch run mostly holiday horse-riding camps called Roundups. The site is nearly as old as Greenhills, they are celebrating their 50th year this year.

If you're in the Victoria area and looking for a great school camp or holiday program check out MVR here <http://www.mvr.org.au/> and contact Sue on 03 5942 8356 or email info@mvr.org.au

Downsizing?

We can help!

As you can imagine, Greenhills is continually repairing, replacing and refurbishing rooms and equipment across the site. If you are downsizing or moving house we'd love to take any of the following good quality but no longer needed items off your hands.

Things like:

- * **Garden tools:** hoes, shovels, rakes, spades or hand tools
- * **Fuel-powered tools:** hedge trimmers, whipper snippers or chain saws
- * **Plumbing tools:** wrenches, taps or washers
- * **Hand tools:** spanners, vice grips, or a tool cupboard would all be handy
- * **Furniture:** lounge chairs that can withstand the rough and tumble of camp life
- * **Blankets:** good quality wool or fleece blankets, or doonas.
- * **Appliances:** washing machines/dryers, microwaves in good working order

We'd also love to update the (tiny) TV's currently in our Christie Cabins. Our



Yee Haw! Cowboy Will with one of his charges



One of the bunk rooms 'ye olde syle'!

cabins are popular with weekend and holiday groups and where Coach drivers can get some R&R when bringing excursion groups. The current TV's are



Christie CabinTV

39 cm (15.5 inches) which is pretty small – even in the old days! Do you know someone who wants get rid of or donate a flat-screen TV? We need four TVs that are larger than 65cm (24 inches) to help us create one of those essential ingredients for a great camp – a happy guest!

If you can help on any these fronts, email bookings@greenhillscentre.com or call 02 6288 1074. Come out with your donations and have a cuppa and look around, or we can arrange a pick up.



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Greenhills Wi-Fi

Dedication Ceremony

Getting Wi-Fi for Greenhills has been a milestone in the 50+ years history. To celebrate this the Greenhills staff held a dedication ceremony to inaugurate this new facility for our guests and staff.

The dedication was facilitated by Rev. Ken Jarvis and attended by Harold Small (Chair) and Greenhills staff members.



Wi-Fi Dedication Ceremony

Beyond Festival 2017 Postponed

Over the last two years we've been privileged to host the Beyond Festival and were looking forward to doing so again in 2017.



Unfortunately, the organiser of the festival have decided to postpone this year's event. There are plans to bring Beyond back in 2018. The advice on their Facebook page says "We are already assessing options and beavering away to present Beyond Festival shiny and new in 2018."

We will keep you advised of any developments as we know more.

Activities Update

The forces of Nature have had it's way with our Cliff Abseiling point, Scout Rock (pictured



Scout Rock Abseiling

to left). A large boulder has detached from the area making it dangerous for abseiling until a professional assessment can be made.

Until further notice we have had to remove Cliff Abseiling from our activities options.

For information on our current activities and to discuss a custom package contact our office on 02 6288 1074.

Diary Dates:

- **September**
25th—ACT Public Holiday (Family & Community Day)
- **October**
2nd—Public Holiday (Labour Day ACT/NSW/SA)



Casual Cook Opportunity

We are looking for a casual cook to join our team. If you are interested or want further information contact Sean on 6288 1841 or email catering@greenhillscentre.com



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