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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.

## 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.

### March

- St. Michael's Primary School
- Emmaus Christian School
- Faith and Light
- Hope Church Canberra
- Woden Valley Choir
- Chairo Christian School
- Salvation Army

### April

- Kilvington Grammar School
- Couples for Christ
- Luminescence Children's Choir
- Overseas Christian Fellowship
- Wanders Bushwalking Club

### May

- Fusion City Church
- Trinity Christian School
- Embroiderers Guild ACT
- Stromlo Church

Max Hill surrounded by friends and family

## Max Hill Turns 100

Greenhills started in 1965 from the vision of Max Hill. In the beginning it was bring your own everything including the stove and the kitchen sink, but from those small beginnings Greenhills has grown to what it is today – ensuites and air-conditioning in every room, conference facilities, outdoor activities, and a fabulous kitchen and dining room.

On Wednesday 27 March 2019, Max celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at Greenhills. It was our honour to host the 120 guests who came to wish him well including his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The Canberra Times published an article that morning listing some of his achievements and contributions to the Canberra community. Many speeches were also made and Max also received well wishes from the Queen, the Chief Minister of the ACT, the Moderator of the NSW and ACT Synod of the Uniting Church, the Secretary of the Adult Fellowship of the Uniting Church, the President of the Royal Golf Club (even though Max is no longer a member!), the President of the ACT Historical Society, the Headmaster of Telopea Park School, the President of Rotary Club of Canberra East, the Director of NSW Hockey and the Director of ACT Hockey.

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Max & daughter Sue



Friends & family took time to reflect on Max's achievements

## H Block Update

Greenhills is excited to announce that the development application for H Block has finally been approved after many months of waiting. We are now looking forward to the next stage, building application approval.

## Max Hill Turns 100

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After the formalities Max cut the cake, guests mingled, ate lunch, and caught up with friends on a picture perfect day looking out over the Bullen Brindabella's Range. It was a very pleasant afternoon which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Congratulations to Max. And we thank him for his energy, inspiration and enthusiasm which has made Greenhills what it is today.



Max cutting the cake

## Thank You, Greenhills!

We love getting feedback from our guests about their stay at Greenhills, and often receive thank you notes and cards which are so encouraging for all our staff. We would like to share some of the encouraging feedback which we have recently received.

*I would like to thank you and your team at Greenhills for the wonderful five days we enjoyed over Easter. Everything was as we would like. The accommodation was comfortable. The dining room was well appointed and the view from the windows was simply stunning each morning. The Moore Auditorium was fully used after dinner each night with many games and trivia quizzes until bed time. Our meals from breakfast to dinner were scrumptious, and the hot breakfasts were a treat for most of us. There was a great variety of main meals, snacks and fruit which was more than we could have hoped for. Your staff were always*



Beautiful thank you notes from the students at Kilvington Grammar School

## Lighting Up

Whilst not as exciting as other events at Greenhills, the work in the background continues each and every week to improve the services and facilities for our guests.

The week before Easter was spent upgrading 457 lights to LEDs. ActewAGL (our local electricity company) took the whole week to replace most of the many and varied lights across Greenhills.



Brand new LED flood lights

One of the electricians, Angus, said that the new lights will use at least 1/3 of the electricity of the previous lights, can be turned on and off repeatedly with much lower failure rates, and they will last for years.



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## Activities at Greenhills

Groups staying at Greenhills often choose to participate in activities to enhance their programs. Greenhills staff run sessions for vertical ropes challenge, water sports, abseiling, crate climbing and a variety of team building activities.



Students engaged in a crate climbing briefing



Emily instructing crate climbing

Some groups bring their own fun such as the day when a group set up a “horizontal bungee” in the Moore Auditorium. This was a new use for the Auditorium as kids tried to get a bean bag as far down a Velcro strip as they could while attached to a bungee cord.



The instructor helping kids on the horizontal bungee



Inflatable obstacle course

For another group we hired an inflatable obstacle course. Whilst the kids had a good time, some equipment failures meant that some of it could not be used. Nevertheless, we are always willing to try new things! If you have an idea for an activity we are always happy to discuss how we can facilitate it and work it into a personalised activities program.

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### Diary Dates:

- **May**  
27th—Reconciliation Day (ACT Public Holiday)
- **June**  
10th—Canberra Day (ACT Public Holiday)

