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QUARTERLY  
UPDATE  
FROM

# Greenhills Centre



New Stromlo Leisure Centre—more info on page 3

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.

### September

- Gilson College
- Trinity Christian School
- United Pentecostal Church of Australia
- Loreto College
- Kingsway Christian College
- St Columbas PS

### October

- New Wine Church Camp
- Camp Quality
- Citipointe Christian School
- Alice Miller School
- Canberra Quilters

### November

- Grow NSW
- St Martin's Lutheran College
- Canberra Spinners and Weavers
- St Peter's College
- Be: Blessed Health & Fitness

## Fire Safety Training at Greenhills

On Monday 8th October, the Greenhills staff participated in a fire safety training day. Gary (maintenance) showed our staff how to use the fire fighting trailer and fire extinguishers. Greenhills now has a fire fighting trailer with a large generator-run tank on it. The trailer can be used to extinguish small fires if required. As Greenhills is located in a bushfire prone area, it is essential that our staff know what to do in case of an emergency. While the main purpose of the training was a serious one, the staff had a great time spraying water everywhere and blasting out fires with a fire extinguisher. The training provided the staff with the skills and knowledge required to prepare, act and survive when a fire emergency occurs.



FIRE!



Cynderella starting the generator

Fire hose demonstration



Gary showing the staff how to use the fire hose

Philip testing out the fire extinguisher



## Guest Evaluation Feedback

We love to receive feedback from our guests about their stay at Greenhills Centre! Here is a sample of some of the encouraging feedback that we have received recently.

“Each activity we did challenged the students and many conquered their own fears. Team building activities allowed students who were normally dismissed by other students to shine!”  
- Norfolk Island Central School

“Proximity to Canberra and beautiful surrounds makes Greenhills an excellent choice for Canberra school camps.”  
- Eureka Public School

“The outstanding staff and facilities are a contributing factor to the success of our camp. I highly recommend Greenhills!”  
- Comet Bay Primary School

“This was a wonderful stay, we as a group appreciated the effort all staff have put in to make our stay a memorable and warm one. Warmly recommend to anyone!”  
- United Pentecostal Church

“A wonderful venue with amazing staff to ensure the smooth running of our retreat.”  
- St Gregory's Staff Retreat

### New Staff and Traineeships

Greenhills has recently welcomed a few new staff members to the team. Hayden and Gary have joined our maintenance team, Cynderella has joined the office team, and Hannah is helping out with cleaning and hosting.

A couple of our hosts, Emily and Elinor, have also recently started business admin traineeships in the office through CIT.



## John Bell Returns

Executive Director John and his wife Kerry travelled overseas for five months to attend their son's wedding in Cape May in New Jersey but took the long way round including tours of Japan, Russia, the Baltic states, Scandinavia and Iceland. In America they went to the North West including Yellowstone National Park, Alcatraz, the redwoods, the Seattle Space Needle, Chicago, and Amish country in Pennsylvania before getting to Cape May for the wedding. They visited Hawaii on the way home.

John says that there was the occasional thought of Greenhills. There were some unusual room key systems, catering options and bus parking but ideas for improving our activities was the most interesting – half court soccer or multimedia presentations on the ceiling. The photos show a labyrinth cubby house and playground equipment.

John is looking forward to contributing to the continued development of the facilities and activities at Greenhills and we welcome him back.



John and Kerry checking out the playground



John testing out the giant slingshot



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# Stromlo's New Leisure Centre

If you are looking for something new to do in the Canberra region while staying at Greenhills, in a couple of years time there will be a new leisure centre built in Stromlo just up the road. Construction on the new leisure centre began in September. The leisure centre will include a 50-metre lap and competition pool, a program pool for activities like swimming lessons and aqua aerobics, a reception, kiosk, administration offices and change rooms. The leisure centre will also include a gym, leisure pool, toddler pool, splash park, crèche and seating throughout the centre. Construction on the facility is expected to be complete in early 2020. This facility will be a fantastic addition to the local region near Greenhills.



The proposed 50-metre pool at the new leisure centre

New addition to Stromlo's vibrant sport and recreation precinct



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## Tree Planting

As you may have read in our Autumn newsletter, six months ago a few trees around the site were cut down as they posed a fire hazard. Recently, the maintenance team have been replacing those trees with more appropriate trees called red spire pear trees. These trees will make a colourful addition to the landscape at Greenhills.



Gary taking the tree for a walk down the road



Gary planting a red spire pear tree



## Upcoming Diary Dates:

- **December**
  - 25th—Christmas Day
  - 26th—Boxing Day
  - 22nd-2nd Jan—Greenhills Shutdown Period

