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If you would like to join with the following people who have nominated that they will help where they can at occasional events, outings and functions, your involvement will be most welcome.

June Carey	Patricia Castles
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To register as a friend of the committee, please contact Brendan Dever

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If you have any comments or suggestions for our U3A, please feel free to email the president at presidentu3abeaudesert@gmail.com



Member of U3A Network Queensland

Who else is thankful that the election is behind us? I'm mostly an ABC/SBS viewer but the few programmes we enjoy on commercial TV were all but unwatchable between mind-numbing election ads on endless repetition. Maybe the outcome was less to do with ideology and more a nationwide protest at that awful 'there's a hole in your bucket' advert. It will be very interesting to see the final makeup of the 47th Parliament.

In the 'new experience' category - Election Day 2022 was my first as a worker in an election with a posting to the Jimboomba State School polling station. It was a long day from set up at 7am through to the close of counting at 10:30pm, and fascinating to see how it all works behind the scenes. By mid-afternoon the part of my brain which sorts alphabetically felt a bit fried. A few members came to my issuing point but may not have recognised me in the AEC purple vest and face mask disguise.

Recently Tina Jones and I attended a one day first-aid and CPR training session as a guest of the Scenic Rim Regional Council with training delivered by the Red Cross at The Outlook in Boonah. Thank you to Lisa Caraura, SRRC Community Development Officer for arranging the course. This month we will be reviewing first-aid training update

requirements for course tutors and facilitators.

As mentioned last month, a subcommittee is reviewing ways to improve management of membership and finance information. U3A Network Queensland provided contact details for a number of U3As in the state which have adopted a programme called Member Wizard and they all gave very positive feedback on their experiences with the programme to secretary Yvonne. The 'cloud-based' software has been developed by a small technology firm based at Lower Beechmont which recommended a two-month trial after meeting with us in Beaudesert. That trial is now well under way thanks to a huge effort by Stuart (finance) and Derani (membership) Gearey, whose home at Cedar Grove became 'data entry central', with vital support from Yvonne Berry (communications) and Tina Jones (courses). We'll include a review of the trial in next month's OWLS.

In early June I will be representing U3A Beaudesert at the two-day U3A Network Queensland Conference at North Lakes - an opportunity to learn more about this role and to share ideas on initiatives and activities for members in other U3A's. See next month's OWL's

Till next edition

Brendan



A warm U3A Beaudesert welcome to our new members, Christine Purtle, Peter and Arlene Greening. We look forward to seeing you at the activities you have chosen for yourself where, we are sure, you will make many new friends.

Best wishes for a very **happy birthday** to our members who celebrate their birthdays in June:



Anne Andrews	Ray Arthy	Lyn Bruce
Phil Connor	Russ Davidson	Paul Deeran
Ray Folley	Derani Gearey	Margaret George
Sandy Grieve	Lois Jackson	Barbara Love
Doug Maultby	Pat Norman	Marcia Pain
Sandi Schumacher	Janene Porter	Marian Schwarz
Linda Simister	Jan Skelton	Vicky Spaccatore
Carmel Speedy	Graham Stephens	Peter Venz

If your birthday is in June and you are not listed, please let us know so we can update our records and include you.

Current courses - term two 2022 19 April-24 June 2022

Course coordinator | Tina Jones
Phone 0418 780 861 | Email coursesu3abeaundesert@gmail.com

Aqua aerobics

Now in recess till term four 2022

Contact John 0417 073 190

Art group - all mediums

Wednesdays 9 am-12 St Thomas's Anglican Church hall.

Contact Denice 5546 9879 or 0402 012 267



Card playing - Beaudesert

Every Monday 12.30 pm-4.00 pm RSL function room. Enjoy 500 or Bolivia.

Contact Di 0468 849 448 to confirm attendance.

Card playing - Bolivia - Jimboomba

Meets every Thursday 12 noon-4.00 pm at the Anglican Church Hall, Jimboomba

Contact Di 0468 849 448

Computer/other technologies

This group is now an advisory group only, for issues with computers - no computer repairs or house calls.

Contact George 5541 0706, email dreeemboat@iinet.net.au

Croquet club

Play Tuesdays 8.00 am-11.00 am at Everdell Park Gleneagle

Contact George or Rita 5541 0706

English as a second language

Every Wednesday 12 noon-1.30 pm RSL Sub Branch rooms,

1st floor, corner William and Brisbane Streets, Beaudesert

Contact Tina 0418 780 861

French

Every Monday 11.00 am-2.00 pm RSL Sub Branch rooms,

1st floor, corner William and Brisbane Streets, Beaudesert.

Contact Jayne 5463 4841

Gardening group - BUGS

Meet third Friday of each even month 10.00 am-12 noon

Beaudesert RSL club function room; away visits odd months

Contact Brendan 0418 192 999 or Carmel 0408 711 401

General discussion group

Meets Tuesdays 9.30 am-11.30 am Beaucare Community

room, 44 Tina Street. General discussions on any subject

group members propose.

Contact Andy 5541 2072

German

Every Wednesday 10.00 am-11.30 am RSL

Sub Branch rooms, 1st floor, corner William

and Brisbane Streets, Beaudesert

Contact Tina 0418 780 861

Indoor bowls

Friday mornings from 9.00 am at St. Thomas's Anglican

Church Hall, Albert Street, Beaudesert

Contact Terry 0428 627 673

Jigsaw library

Select a jigsaw (or a wasgij) to use from the library. To select and collect, contact Sandra 5541 0978



Line dancing/dancing

Tuesday from 12.45 pm \$3 per session The Centre, Brisbane Street Beaudesert

Contact Marg 0422 415 145

Mahjong - Jimboomba

Meets every Tuesday 11 am-2 pm St James's

Anglican church hall, Jimboomba

Contact Lyn Lewis 0417 078 712



Mahjong - Beaudesert

Thursday afternoons 1 pm-3.30 pm Arts & Information Centre.

Contact Michele 0459 335 403

Mosaics Meet Mondays 1.30 pm-3.30pm at Arts & Information Centre, Beaudesert a hands-on course in a fascinating art form. \$3/session payable on the day.

Contact Tina 0418 780 861

Nordic walking/walking

Meet Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings. Contact Liz for start times. Nordic walkers will require a pair of poles, comfortable sports walking shoes, bottle of water. Walkers - poles not needed.

Contact Liz 0488 155 506

Scrapbooking

Second Monday of each month, 9.30 am-11.30 am, 142 Lambert Road, Nindooindah. \$10/session for materials payable on the day.

Contact Anita 0408 452 584

Social lunch

The next social lunch will be held at The Club, Beaudesert -

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED. RSVP to Di phone/text 0468

849 448, email candyroxy1946@gmail.com .

Social tennis

Wednesdays 8 am-12 noon venue Beaudesert tennis courts Boonah Road

Contact Paulette 0409 898 147

Table tennis

Thursdays 9 am-12 noon held at the St Thomas's Anglican Church hall.

Contact Glenda 5541 4290, 0418 771 758 or Ken 0408 703 388

Travel and Adventure Group

Meet second Monday each month on the deck, Beaudesert Library 10.00 am onwards.

Contact Ray raymondarthy@gmail.com, ph 0447 554 480

Trivia puzzling

Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 pm St Thomas's Anglican Church hall, Albert Street, Beaudesert

Contact Jenny 0439 138 212

Ukulele

Meets Thursday afternoons St Thomas's Anglican Church hall, Albert Street, Beaudesert, 1 pm-2.30 pm.

Contact Finella 0439 414 491



As most members already know, we have a facebook page (U3A Beaudesert) If you have any notifications of events, photos or videos, messages, etc that you would like included on our page, please contact Pat:

- Phone - 0408 067 466
- Email - u3abeaundesert.facebook@gmail.com

Introducing

Membership secretary - Derani Gearey

Your favourite time of the day?

Lying in bed in the morning doing my phone puzzles. I am not an early riser

If you ran away and joined the circus, which act would you most like to be

An acrobat

Your favourite TV programme

Pretty fond of the occasional "Kath and Kim"

Who was/were your role model/models when you were growing up?

A lovely young lass probably 10 years my senior who worked in the local bank. I thought she was a top girl

Pet peeves?

Just at the moment I am over all the rain we have had. Generally would be the exceptional hot and dry weather we get in the summertime.

Which animal would you best describe yourself as?

A workhorse

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Actually a policewoman

Favourite food

Hot chips. Never have them at home so mostly do when dining out



Music Dance and Song in the Scenic Rim

Diane Rewko

Have you gone to any of the live performances which are being presented this year at The Centre Beaudesert, Boonah Cultural Centre and Vonda Youngman Community Centre by the Scenic Rim Regional Council? (SRRC)



Recently I was inspired by the exciting and memorable Jaleos Flamenco performance held at The Centre Beaudesert, presented by members and special guests of Flamenco Fire, Australia's only national flamenco company. The near 100-strong audience was introduced to signature flamenco complete with colourful costumes, dramatic dance and haunting songs accompanied by superb guitar playing.

Thank you to the SRRC for this wonderful opportunity, but it is also the chance for the community to be able to give support to artists who have struggled with disruption and uncertainty in their professional lives, due to covid.

Upcoming performances include:

- ACOUSTIC GUITAR SPECTACULAR at Boonah Cultural Centre in June
- MAMBO ITALIANO at Vonda Youngman Community Centre in August
- TenorUS IN CONCERT at The Centre Beaudesert in November.

Take advantage of current affordable group booking prices

For updates go to www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au or www.liveatthecentre.com.au

Check out local media such as the *Beaudesert Bulletin* and the *Beaudesert Times* section Scenic Rim Community News.

Time to go a-wandering?

Cheryl Folley

Australians are starting to look overseas again as they make travel plans, but it could still seem like a step into the unknown after covid lockdowns.

If you are already thinking of travelling or dreaming of that overseas trip, or perhaps just interested in travel generally, we are offering all members, their partners and friends, an opportunity to get up to speed on the latest developments, especially about overseas travel and tips on Covid precautions plus what's happening in other countries.

And if your plans involve Australia and you are a bit of a novice about caravanning and touring, you could be glad of some advice straight from the horse's mouth.



U3A has organised Travel Q&A, an afternoon event open to all members, their partners and friends, in response to enquiries about travel in a post-covid environment.

Speakers will be local travel agent and overseas specialist Amber Cassidy, focussing on the "new world" of travel as covid restrictions lift around the world, followed by the co-facilitator of our own travel and adventure group (Ray Arthy) who will outline domestic travel dos and don'ts, especially for caravanners. TAG member Denise Martin will present a segment on "Travel: once you start, it's hard to stop."

See you at the Beaudesert Golf Club

1.30 pm to 3.30 pm on Wednesday June 22

Entry - \$4 p/p to cover costs

Tea/coffee and biscuits provided

RSVP for catering to

Diane Rewko ph 0434 724 991, or
email u3abeaudesert@gmail.com

Wanted - more members for the trivia group

Liz Avery



The U3A trivia group would love to have some more members. It is a fun group that meets at St Thomas's church hall on Wednesdays at 1.30 pm. Questions are varied as everyone takes a turn asking and there is no pressure at all as we don't play for prizes.

The session comprises three rounds of 25 questions with afternoon tea between the second and third round.

Everyone is welcome to come to see whether this is for them.

Contact Jenny on 0439 138 212 or just turn up.

German

A small, yet enthusiastic group of members, met recently for their first class in learning the German language with tutor Mark.

However, Mark's personal circumstances changed which meant he could no longer facilitate this group - enter Denise Martin who has kindly offered to take over the role of tutor.

They meet on Wednesdays, 10.00 am-11.30 am in the RSL Sub Branch rooms, 1st floor, corner William and Brisbane Streets, Beaudesert.

If you would like to join this group, please contact Tina 0418 780 861

Mosaics

Tina Jones

Mosaics group member Wendy has been making the most of her creativity and completed a variety of mosaic pieces.

(Below left) Wendy holding a wall hanging made from a selection of coloured glass.

(Below right) The smaller pieces are presents for some lucky members of her family.



(Above) Bright and lively this is certainly bound to grab your attention.

Love your colour choices Jan



Social lunch June

Di Johnson

The May social lunch was a washout! The June social lunch will be held at The Club Beaudesert - date to be advised



Line dancing at The Centre, which is part of the Be Healthy and Active programme with SRRC support



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BUGs

Brendan Dever

While a show at The Centre diverted a few BUGs from the

April meeting, the rest of us enjoyed Cheryl Bizzell's first plant judging segment - this month was roses and gerberas.

After members voted for their selections, Cheryl gave an expert evaluation of each entry while passing on valuable tips for successful presenting at shows.



The winners were Louise Todd and Marilyn Liebke (joint 1st gerbera) Beverley Musk (rose). Luckily for the gerbera joint winners the prize was a cherry ripe twin pack!

Another highlight at the meeting was a

question and answer session by the team at the Beaudesert Hardware Mitre10 Garden Centre. Horticulturist



Paul Allen and assistant Nicole Carling applied their expertise and knowledge to a variety of BUGs' questions.

Mitre10 also kindly donated two indoor plants for our raffle which were won by Di Arnold and Wendy Venz.

And a special thank you to Noelene Goeldner who donated desert roses and hippeastrums for the gold coin table.

Unfortunately, the garden visits that were planned for 20 May had to be postponed because of the very wet weather conditions and will now be on 3

June. If you would like to attend, details are as follows:

The first garden to be visited is Wendy Venz's, 11 Beauview Crescent, Beaudesert from 9.30 am. Please bring a chair, cup, and a plate for a shared morning tea.

Then from 10.30 am Cheryl Bizzell's garden, 25 Caroline Court, Beaudesert will be open for you to view.

Meeting Friday 17 June will be at The Club, Beaudesert when Cheryl will judge the best potted plant and there will be a presentation of Searle's garden products.

Garden visits Friday 15 July Marilyn Liebke's garden in Cedar Grove and then Derani and Stuart Gearey's garden also in Cedar Grove.

A date to pencil in is Friday 23 September when a bus trip to Springtime on the Mountain is planned which will include visits to five open gardens. Full information will be given at the June meeting.

Happy gardening

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Shop 16 / 115 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert Q

Dingbats - solution on page 6

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Dr said I could have one beer a day so I only ordered one



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Why some athletes can't get regular jobs

Chicago Cubs outfielder Andre Dawson on being a role model: "I wan' all dem kids to do what I do, to look up to me. I wan' all the kids to copulate me."

New Orleans Saint RB George Rogers when asked about the upcoming season: "I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first."

And upon hearing Joe Jacobi of the 'Skin's say: "I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl," Matt Millen of the Raiders said: "To win, I'd run over Joe's Mom, too."

Torrin Polk, University of Houston receiver, on his coach, John Jenkins: "He treat us like mens. He let us wear earrings."

Football commentator and former player Joe Theismann: "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

Senior basketball player at the University of Pittsburgh: "I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes..." (Now that is beautiful)

Bill Peterson, a Florida State football coach: "You guys line up alphabetically by height." And, "You guys pair up in groups of three, and then line up in a circle."

Boxing promoter Dan Duva on Mike Tyson going to prison: "Why would anyone expect him to come out smarter? He went to prison for three years, not Princeton."

Stu Grimson, Chicago Blackhawks left wing, explaining why he keeps a color photo of himself above his locker: "That's so when I forget how to spell my name, I can still find my clothes."

Lou Duva, veteran boxing trainer, on the Spartan training regimen of heavyweight Andrew Golota: "He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning, regardless of what time it is."

Chuck Nevitt, North Carolina State basketball player, explaining to Coach Jim Valvano why he appeared nervous at practice: "My sister's expecting a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt." (I wonder if his IQ ever hit room temperature in January)

In the words of NC State great Charles Shackelford: "I can go to my left or right, I am amphibious".

Frank Layden, Utah Jazz president, on a former player: "I asked him, 'Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Coach, I don't know and I don't care'."

Ah yes, but they ride to the bank in a Mercedes....

Solution to dingbats

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| 1 | No U turn | 7 | Booze cruise |
| 2 | Bang on the money | 8 | Caught between a rock and a hard place |
| 3 | C U around | 9 | Catherine wheel |
| 4 | Life hack | 10 | Party pooper |
| 5 | Cuban heels | 11 | Jail bird |
| 6 | Hop skip jump | 12 | Girl next door |

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