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Welcome to the May OWLS!

#### Breaking news!

As this edition of OWLS goes to print a delegation of Beaudesert U3A members is in Rockhampton attending the 2024 U3A Network Queensland State Conference, with the announcement on Thursday 11 May of the host for the 2024 U3A State Conference, and the winner is:

#### Beaudesert!

The 2023 Rockhampton Conference marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the U3A

movement in France in 1973 and has been highlighted with the attendance of Professor Francois Vellas, President of AIUTA (Association of International Universities of the Third Age). Professor Vellas and Network President Rhonda Weston met with the Beaudesert delegates at the conference.

In November 2022 Beaudesert U3A was invited by Rhonda Weston, president of U3A Network Qld to consider hosting the 2024 state conference, and that was confirmed in February this year. The Centre will be the main venue for the conference which opens with an evening meet and greet on Tuesday 28 May, with the conference proper on Wednesday 29

and Thursday 30 May 2024. The conference dinner will be on the Wednesday evening. The conference theme is: *Lifelong Learning, A Scenic View.*



Rockhampton 2023 - Janet, Pat, Rhonda, Professor Vellas, Brendan, Mme Chantal Vellas, Kirtsey, Ray

Local tours and activities will be arranged for delegates on the Tuesday and Friday of the conference week. For delegates who wish to extend their stay in our area, the sesquicentennial B150 Gala Dinner is on Saturday 25 May just before the conference, with Eat Local Month commencing on the weekend after.

Details of the conference will be updated in future editions of OWLS, including keynote and other speakers. We'll also be looking for a team of volunteers to assist with looking after delegates from all over Queensland. Please keep the week free.

Till next time

Brendan

#### Friends of the committee

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  
Denice Knight Rita Evans  
Rosemary Ryan Carol Castles

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](mailto:presidentu3abeaudesert@gmail.com)



Member of U3A Network Queensland

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

Vanessa Briaes	June Carey	Margaret Collins	
Janice Cornwall	Julie D'Andilly	Helga Davidson	
John Elliott	Andy Fechner	Laurel Fechner	
Marion Harris	Shirley Kendall	Valma McDonald	
Lynette McKechnie	Coraline Miller	Brian Parker	
Margaret Paton	Rosemary Ryan	Val Salama	Kerry Stone

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

## Current courses - term two 2023 17 April-23 June 2023

Course coordinator | Tina Jones  
Phone 0418 780 861 | Email [coursesu3abeaundesert@gmail.com](mailto:coursesu3abeaundesert@gmail.com)

There is a \$3/session charge for most of the activities,  
payable on the day

### Aqua aerobics

In recess till term four. Refer to exercise group below  
Contact Tina 0418 780 861

### 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 St James's  
Anglican Church Hall, Jimboomba  
Contact Di 0468 849 448

### Croquet club (Hoopers)

Play Tuesdays 7.30 am-11.00 am at Everdell Park Gleneagle  
Contact George or Rita 5541 0706

### Exercise

Low impact meet Thursdays 8 am-9 am Arts & Information  
Centre, Enterprise Drive  
Contact Bronwyn 0414 401 105

### French

Mondays 11 am-2.30 pm Café 63  
Contact Jayne 5463 4841

### Gardening group - BUGS

Meet third Friday of each even month 10.00 am-12 noon  
Beaudesert RSL club function room  
Contact Brendan 0418 192 999 or Carmel 0408 711 401

### General discussion group

Meets Tuesdays 9.30 am-11.30 am Beacare Community  
room, 44 Tina Street. General discussions on any subject  
group members propose.  
Contact Andy 5541 2072

### Indoor bowls

Fridays 9.00-11.00 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 Yokie 0407 171 813

### Mahjong - Jimboomba

Meets every Tuesday 11 am-2 pm St James's Anglican  
church hall, Jimboomba  
Contact Lynn 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

Walking around Beaudesert meet between the pool and the  
library in Beaudesert at 6.30am. If you want to join us  
contact Liz 0488 155 506 for start times/venue

### Sewing

Short course, term two only. Meet Tuesday mornings, 9.30  
am-12 noon, Arts & Info Centre craft room - please enter via  
Enterprise Drive door.  
Contact Gay 0422 440 981

### Sing for fun (Singing Owls)

Meets Wednesday mornings 10 am-11.30 am, GTM music  
studio room 21, 115 Brisbane Street  
Contact Janet 0408 784 567

### Social lunch

The next social lunch will be on Friday 26 May, at the Logan  
Village Hotel.  
Contact Di 0468 849 448, [candyroxy1946@gmail.com](mailto:candyroxy1946@gmail.com)



### Social tennis

Wednesdays 7.30 am-12 noon venue Beaudesert tennis  
courts Boonah Road  
Contact Lorraine 0407 574 576

### Table tennis

Thursdays 8.30 am-12 noon held at the St Thomas's Anglican  
Church hall.  
Contact Glenda 0418 771 758 or Ken 0408 703 388

### Travel and Adventure Group

Meet second Monday GTM music studio 21 PO Square,  
Brisbane Street from 10.00 am  
Contact Ray [raymondarthy@gmail.com](mailto: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 (BUFFies)

Meets Thursday afternoons Shop 21, GTM Studio, PO  
Square, 115 Brisbane Street 12.30 pm-2.30 pm.  
Contact John 0428 844 041

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](mailto:u3abeaundesert.facebook@gmail.com)



**Vale Laurie**  
Yvonne Berry

It was with much sadness that we learnt recently of

the passing of one of our members, Lawrence Sims (known to most of us as Laurie). Laurie had been a U3A member for many years and participated in the computer group and the social lunches group.

It was as a member of the computer group that I became involved in a

project close to Laurie's heart a couple of years ago. He had many, many photos of his family and his extended family with little stories attached to each photo, all of which he had painstakingly typed (on a typewriter) into a long document. He was very keen to have it all saved in a digital version and that is where I stepped in. Through this involvement, I came to see him as Laurie the deerstalker, Laurie the

photographer, Laurie the storyteller, Laurie the historian - Laurie small in stature, large in life.

U3A Beaudesert extends its sympathies to Laurie's family and friends.



### BUGs

Brendan Dever



BUGs has booked a bus for the Qld Garden Expo at Nambour on Friday 7 July, departing the Information Centre at 6:30am. Cost is \$50 per person which includes \$20 entry to the Expo.

To book your seat email Brendan at [u3abugs@ozemail.com.au](mailto:u3abugs@ozemail.com.au) or phone/text to 0418 192 999.

### Mosaics - welcome back Donna

Tina Jones



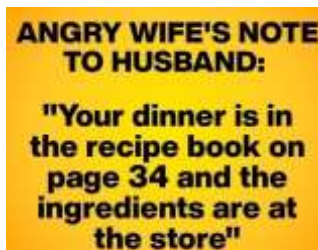
One of our mosaics group members, Donna, started this art piece late last year and then took a long holiday. Now she's back with her stunning completed piece of art.

### Sewing

Tina Jones



Teresa is a new member of U3A Beaudesert and has started with sewing classes. In her past these dolls were a small part of the many she has made. They are for sale at the Arts & Information Centre. Go along and have a look ... you may be tempted to take one home.



My wife and I are sitting on the couch watching tv and I hear a text, realizing I left my phone in the kitchen, I get up, go to the kitchen to check it... and its a text from my wife: Please bring the chips on your way back  
Contributed by Johnny Estbergs



## Social lunch - April



The April social lunch which was held at the Beaudesert Hotel, was attended by 26 members and their friends. There was lots of chatter and laughter (as can be seen in the photographs above) and everyone appeared to be enjoying their choice of meal.

The May social lunch will be held on Friday 26 May at the Logan Village Hotel

Contact Di to reserve your place - phone/text 0468 849 448

email [candyroxy1946@gmail.com](mailto:candyroxy1946@gmail.com)

## Flexing the brain at U3A Beaudesert trivia puzzling

Diane Rewko

Our trivia puzzling group love to learn, thriving on the mental challenge that trivia provides. With the focus being on fun and socialising as well, it is no wonder that trivia ticks all the boxes.

This group meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons at St Thomas's Anglican Church hall, with heads down at 1.30 pm.

Group members share the load of

question setting and because of the many different member interests, there can be a wide variety of questions ranging from maths to science, to sport and film and music; the list not being exhaustive.

It is all about playing against yourself, the reward being learning facts about a range of topics and seeing how much can be remembered from one week to

another.

The group mostly utilises a "hollow square" seating layout, with four to five members along each side, allowing for wriggle room.

The questions are asked in two sets of 25 with the final set of 25, following afternoon tea, giving everyone the chance to have a chat.



### Do you know ...?

- Who was the inventor of Google?
- What is the largest bone in the human body?
- Area 51 is located in which US state?



(Left) Pat

(Above) Marilyn and Terri

(Right) Ron, Kay, Terri, Marilyn

### And the answers are -

- Larry Page and Sergey Brin
- Femur
- Nevada

To help make your day even better, here's a little trick for you to try:

- 1 Open a new file in your PC
- 2 Name it "Housework"
- 3 Send it to the RECYCLE BIN
- 4 Empty the RECYCLE BIN
- 5 Your PC will ask you, "Are you sure you want to delete Housework permanently?"

- 6 Calmly answer, "Yes," and press mouse button firmly.....

Feel better?

You're welcome!



to all the wonderful mums out there - Sunday 14 May

## Travel Adventure Group - TAGs

The travel and adventure groups is on the road again, although this time it is "in the air" as they take off on their next journey, this time to Rarotonga.

The trip leaves on 24 November 2023 and returns on 1 December 2023 and you are invited to join them. There are recommended group tours and activities arranged for three days, the other days are free for you to enjoy doing your own thing.

Accommodation is at the Club Raro Resort. Cost approximately \$5,500 per couple, as cost may vary according to final numbers

If you are wanting to be on this trip, please contact Laura Rogers at the Flight Centre, ph 1300 338 769, Beaudesert Fair, to express interest.



### 27 November Highland Paradise 'Drums of our Forefathers' island night

- Includes coach tour with guide
- Complimentary cocktail
- Warrior welcome
- Tour of cultural village
- Marae tapu lifting ceremony
- Umu feast
- Learn about culture and history on a guided tour and enjoy an island feast where local dancers and musicians will entertain you

### 29 November Cultural pass

- 2.5 hours round Rarotonga orientation tour with transfers and tropical lunch (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday)
- 1.5 hour Avarua historical walking tour with light fruit refreshments (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) - self drive
- 4.5 hour progressive dinner through island homes with transfers (Monday, Thursday)
- A 20 percent discount voucher on any black pearl purchase of \$100 at Farm Direct Pearls in Avarua

### 30 November Highland Paradise 'Footprints of our Ancestors' day tour

- Coach transfers
- 3 hour guided tour of Maungaroa Cultural Centre (Highland Paradise)
- Visit pre-history worshipping places, chiefly house sites, ancient sacrificial sites and reconstructed tribal buildings.
- Learn to cook and sample an umu (underground oven), learn to weave, drum and dance

Check your passport is up to date

## How good is your general knowledge?

- What is "cynophobia"?
- Who named the Pacific Ocean?
- Worship of Krishna is observed by which religious faith?
- Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize (in 1903)?
- What is the name of the man who launched eBay back in 1995?
- What awards has an EGOT winner won?
- Which country invented ice cream?
- Which is the only edible food that never goes bad?
- What is the rarest M&M colour?
- What was the first soft drink in space?
- Who was the first gymnast to score a perfect 10 score?
- Who has won more tennis grand slam titles, Venus Williams or Serena Williams?
- Which two countries have not missed one of the modern-day Olympics?



- Fear of dogs
- Ferdinand Magellan
- Hinduism
- Marie Curie
- Pierre Omidyar
- An Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and a Tony
- China
- Honey
- Brown
- Coca Cola
- Nadia Comaneci
- Serena Williams
- Greece and Australia

## Woodturning at its best from website gordonpembridge.com



Have you heard of "wood turner" Gordon Pembridge? Gordon Pembridge was born in Kenya and, after spending his childhood in Kenya, he moved to New Zealand with his parents when he was ten years old.

Gordon combined his love for natural history and woodworking into wood-turning and the result is a series of thin turned beautiful artistic pieces.

Above you will see his artistic and impressive wooden vessels that incorporate elements of natural history and portray colourful local wildlife. He hand carves and shapes the wood pieces meticulously with a lathe with incredibly detailed wildlife scenes and then applies appropriate colour compositions and paints the pieces with intricate scenes of nature and wildlife. His wood pieces are very popular and available for purchase all around the world.

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**Introducing .....  
new secretary, Val Salama**

*If you ran away and joined the circus, which act would you like to be?*  
Flying trapeze

*What is your favourite time of the day?*  
Early morning before everyone else is up and about

*If you could come back as an ice cream flavour, which flavour would you be?*  
Rum and raisin

*What did you want to be when you grew up?*  
Rich and famous

*Favourite food?*  
Chocolate

*Pet peeves?*  
Too many to mention!



**Who is that masked man?**

In case y'all were wondering what I do in my spare time, here is a photo taken recently in a plate freezer at Dinmore, temperature about -30degC. The photo shows about half the height of the stack - it's one of four units installed in 1993. These large systems are unique to Australia - developed from a Dept of Science/CSIRO prototype installed at Tancreds Beaudesert in 1985, where I first became involved with the type. The freezer plates have not changed much over time, but the automated carton handling systems have had huge advances - looking at options for an upgrade.



BD



**What is a friend?**

Contributed by Peter Venz

What is a friend?

Friends are people with whom you dare to be yourself. Your soul can be naked with them. They ask you to put on nothing, only to be what you are. They do not want you to be better or worse. When you are with them, you feel as a prisoner feels who has been declared innocent. You do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, as long as it is genuinely you. Friends understand those contradictions in your nature that lead others to

misjudge you. With them you breathe freely. You can avow your little vanities and envies and hates and vicious sparks, your meannesses and absurdities, and in opening them up to friends, they are lost, dissolved on the white ocean of their loyalty. They understand. You do not have to be careful. You can abuse them, neglect them, tolerate them. Best of all, you can keep still with them. It makes no matter. They like you. They are like fire that purges to the bone. They understand. You can weep with them,

sing with them, laugh with them, pray with them. Through it all - and underneath - they see, know, and love you.

A friend? What is a friend? Just one, I repeat, with whom you dare to be yourself.

*From: Dan Bennett, Bits & Pieces, April 28, 1994, p. 5.*