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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



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Welcome to the July OWLS!

The winter woollies have come out as we head into the second half of 2023. Time to settle back with a warm cuppa, The Ashes, and this month's OWLS.

We're always on the lookout for new activities. There is a piece on page 3 for expressions of interest, in Cryptic Crosswords, Backgammon, Chess and Board Games. Or you may have a skill in another activity as a potential course facilitator.

U3AOnline is also a valuable resource which was initially developed in partnership with Adult Learning Australia. The website [Courses | U3A Online](#) lists a wide range of courses which can be studied individually or with a group. Course groupings include World Affairs and History, Nature, Writing and Creativity, Lifestyle, Science. A few course examples: Australian History 1: Prior to Federation, Antarctica, Unleashing you Creative Spirit, Photography, The Night Sky, and many more. Please contact Tina Jones if you are interested in a course - if there are sufficient numbers a site licence can be purchased at \$20 which allows all members to access that course online, or in a group setting.

There are still seats available on the BUGs Bus on Friday 7th July to the Queensland Garden Expo at Nambour, departing 6:30am from the Information Centre (see page 5). Family and friends are very welcome.

The first meeting of the 2024 State Conference Committee was held on 30th June. U3A Network Queensland President Rhonda Weston AM joined via Zoom in her role of Network Queensland's designated 'Mentor' for the conference. The aim of this meeting was to look at planning priorities to make best use of the 47 weeks to the start of the conference. We'll be highlighting Scenic Rim providers for produce, entertainment, tours and attractions for the conference which runs from 28th to 30th May 2024.

The conference theme is 'Lifelong Learning – A Scenic View'. If you are available and keen to assist with planning and preparations for the conference between now and May 2024, please let me know (contact details at left) - or to register as a volunteer to assist during the conference, please contact Tina Jones, coursesu3abeaudesert@gmail.com.



A warm U3A Beaudesert welcome to our new members:

Hope Klan, Ian Lockhart, Jennifer Ross and Faye Wohlson

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 **July**:



Peter Ardrey, Kirtsey Arthy, Alfred Brackin, Flaminio Chagas, Christine Daley, Lynette Dickman, Johnny Estbergs, Michele Goucher, Maria Hamilton, Ken Johnstone, Tina Jones, Catherine Kelly, Margorie Kwiatkowski, Helen Love, Annette Musch, Robyn O' Donnell, Christine Purtle, Helen Robinson, Dieuwke Robinson, Jennifer Ross and Miriam Ryan.

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

Current courses - term three 2023 10 July - 15 September 2023

Course coordinator | Tina Jones
Phone 0418 780 861 | Email 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 Denise 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 9.00 am-12.30 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 Beaucare 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.

Contact Liz 0488 155 506 for start times/venue

Sewing

Sewing in recess Contact Tina Jones 0418 780 861

Sing for fun (Singing Owls)

Meets Wednesday mornings 10 am-11.30 am, Room 21,
GTM Studio, PO Square, 115 Brisbane Street
Contact Janet 0408 784 567

Social lunch

The next social lunch will be on Friday 28th July — the venue
TBA.

Contact Di 0468 849 448, 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 from 10.00 am. Room 21, GTM Studio,
PO Square, 115 Brisbane Street
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 (BUFFies)

Meets Thursday afternoons 12.30 pm-2.30 pm. Room 21,
GTM Studio, PO Square, 115 Brisbane Street
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



Calling Local Card Sharps

Beaudesert U3A offers two interesting and challenging card games at two different locations in Beaudesert and Jimboomba.

Both card groups are ready to welcome newcomers, but don't worry if you are just starting out as there are plenty of experienced players to guide you through the nuances of Bolivia and 500.

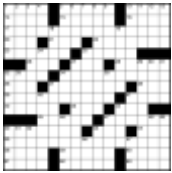
"Bolivia is generally considered to be more advanced than Canasta and is played in a partnership of four; the game of 500 having originated in the U.S. in the early 1900's, is believed to be Australia and New Zealand's national card game of choice."

The Beaudesert U3A Bolivia card group meet every Thursday 12noon - 4pm at St James's Anglican Church hall, Jimboomba, and 500 and Bolivia card players meet every Monday 12 noon-4pm at The Club, Beaudesert.

If you are looking for some enjoyable social contact and an activity that is mentally stimulating, then look no further than the Beaudesert U3A card groups.

For any further information, contact Di 0468 849 448

from Di Rewko



WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED?

Several people have expressed interest in the following ideas and we would like to know who else is interested .

Cryptic Crossword Backgammon Chess Board Games

Of course it also means we need a course facilitator, so if you are interested could you contact course coordinator, Tina Jones
Phone 0418 780 861 or Email coursesu3abeaudesert@gmail.com



food for thought...

Bacon and Eggs,
a day's work for a
chook but a lifetime
commitment for a
pig!

Really???

By the time a man is old enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

Old age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier!

Don't worry about temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

Scam safety tip Caller ID and spam protection setting on Android smartphones

Have you looked in your phone application settings recently? Some android phones have a "**Caller ID and Spam Protection**" option which automatically blocks phone numbers that have been flagged as a spam or scam number.

Have a look to see if your android smartphone has this option by going into your phone application. This is the application where you would make calls or see your call log.

Open the **settings** option in this application and look for "**caller ID and spam protection**". Please note, not every phone will have this setting and it may look different on your device.

We're planning for a regular '**What's On**' segment in future OWLS to let all members know of activities in groups which they may not be aware of, including BUG's and TAG's outings.

MEALS ON WHEELS

are looking for volunteers. Like all community organizations time and health takes its toll so they are looking for assistance. If you can help

Contact Sue on 0407 395 838

beadesertmow@gmail.com

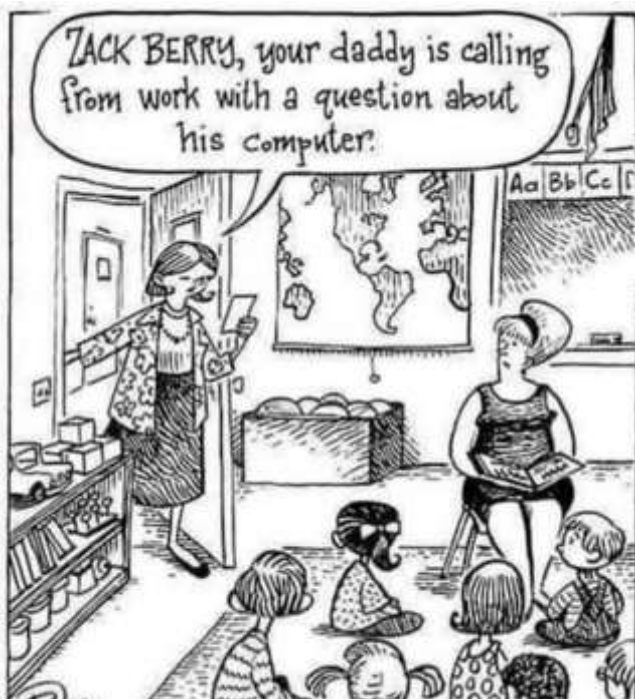


The following is a tribute to all Grandmas, Grandpas, Nannas & Pops who have been fearless and learned to use the computer.

sent in by our computer person, Peter Venz.

The computer swallowed Grandma
Yes, honestly, it's true!
She pressed "ctrl" and "enter",
And disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm,
She must have caught a virus,
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin,
And files of every kind
I've even used the Internet,
but nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Mr Google
My searches to refine,
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online'.
So, if inside your 'inbox'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'copy', 'scan' and 'paste' her,
And send her back to me.

And to continue on that theme...



BUGs Meeting - Fri 16th June 2023

Guest speaker: Kate Harbourn, Spring Mountain Honey, Greenbank

From their website:

Spring Mountain Honey is a family owned business producing tasty raw honey. A father and daughter team with lots of help from their family as well. Our beekeeping practices are bee friendly. We respect the bees and make sure their health comes first. Honey is only extracted when all honey is capped and there is plenty of honey in the hive for the bees. We do not use any chemicals in or around our hives, we do not heat or filter our honey. Our hives are located in South East Queensland such as Greenbank, Parkridge, Munruben, Jimboomba and Veresdale.

Kate gave us a very entertaining insight into the practical side of looking after their bees and the steps and challenges involved in collecting the honey in a sustainable way.



Kate in beekeeper suit, with smoker and a frame ready for honey extraction.



Three generations – Kate, Jule and Pat

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

BUGs - still time to book your spot

Brendan Dever



BUGs has booked a bus for the Queensland 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 or phone/text to 0418 192 999.

If anybody is interested in billeting for the upcoming May 28-30, 2024 Network State Conference in Beaudesert please email stay2024u3aqlld@gmail.com OR phone Stuart Geary, 0404 861 261

Diane Rewko

Travel Adventure Group - TAG - took a train trip

Eleven of our group travelled to Warwick last Friday to take the steam train trip from Warwick to Wallangarra. We met up with Greg and Lyn, who were members before they moved to Warwick, for dinner at the RSL on Friday night.

On Saturday morning we had trouble finding the station as the fog was so thick! 140 passengers set off on the train trip, the only hiccup for our group is that we weren't sitting together. We thought we had it covered but we just had to go with it.

It was a lovely, gentle journey which we all enjoyed. Morning tea at Stanthorpe, followed by a buffet lunch at Wallangarra then back to Stanthorpe for afternoon tea. We certainly didn't go hungry.

It was a full day – we were at the station at 7.30am and got back about 7pm.. The volunteers were knowledgeable and friendly; they obviously loved their "job". We thought it was thoroughly worth it.

Denise Martin



COOK ISLANDS trip



We are still planning this trip but, after a rise in the original package trip price, members have decided to book individually. Those who have booked so far are arriving on Friday 24th November, departing Friday 1st December, and staying at the Club Raro Resort. Jetstar has flights both ways from Sydney on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays. There are also flights via Auckland.

The Festival of Flowers runs from 27th to 29th November - the group is planning to pre-book a few day trips and excursions before November.

If you are interested in joining the 'TAG'ers in the Cook Islands please contact Denise Martin 0419 348 466 for more information.



A few happy diners at the recent Social club lunch held at the Beaudesert Golf Club.



Nothing is ever lost by courtesy. It is the cheapest of pleasures, costs nothing, and conveys much. *Erastus Wiman*

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