



# Newsletter

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## Management Committee

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## Date Claimers

### Members Day 2nd May

Our next Member's Day is presently scheduled for Friday 2nd May, again including a free afternoon tea, and an exciting guest speaker.

You won't want to miss this one. Come along and listen to a Travel Counsellor give the lowdown on places you would love to visit in the future.

To be held at Centacare, Petersen Street, Beaudesert. 1.30pm to 3.00pm

## New Members

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Helen Abercrombie | Glenda Hicks  |
| Trish Alexander   | Lois Jackson  |
| Sharon Anderson   | Nola Jone     |
| Sharyn Clark      | Jacky Maskell |
| George Evans      | Susan Overall |
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| Michele Goucher   | Trevor Rudd   |
|                   | Pam Whebell   |

Beaudesert U3A welcomes the above new members this year, and we hope that your association with our organization will be a long and fruitful one. We look forward to your involvement.

## Editorial

Well, the first month of Autumn has passed by, and I am sure you will agree that it seemed like Summer hasn't wanted to let go. At the time of producing this Newsletter we have started to finally get some rain in our district, and this is very welcome relief. However, many farmers are in real trouble trying to source feed for their stock, and follow up rain is desperately needed. As a follow on from last month's editorial, I would like to repeat that our piece of Paradise here in the Scenic Rim is still tied closely to our rural roots, and the weather is a big factor in our prosperity.

April-what a busy month we have ahead of us!

Your new U3A Committee Members will be settling into their roles, with plans to make the remainder of 2014 continue as it has started, with interesting offerings of different courses, and new faces making new friends.

April also brings the end of Term 1, school holidays, Easter, and of course Anzac Day. The Limners Art

Group bus trip excursion on the 9th April to the Tweed Art Gallery is fully subscribed, with a waiting list. These day trips are always well attended, and it is hoped to put together some more of these outings, perhaps not specifically aimed at Arty locations, but also other interesting venues as well. Any suggestions from members are always welcomed. After the school holidays this month our Term 2 course schedule kicks in, and the new time sheet is listed at the end of the Newsletter. Notable changes are the cessation of the Aqua Aerobics activities, and the return of the Line Dancers.

Till next edition, Andy Fechner, Co-Editor.

## Membership Fees 2014

Membership fees for 2014 remain the same as 2013- \$25 per single and \$40 per couple.

You are reminded that fees are due and payable as of 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. Participation in courses and activities offered by the Beaudesert U3A is open only to financial members.

Any who have not yet paid are now regarded as unfinancial, and are now not permitted to attend course activities. Our insurance cover does not extend to unfinancial members.

## Tricia Edward Steps Down.

After 3 years of unselfish service to the Beaudesert U3A, Tricia Edward, our long serving Secretary, has decided to step down from this role, and also from the Management Committee.

Tricia remains an active U3A member, and will continue to offer her services as a tutor for those interested in Genealogy, and of course Art Appreciation. Tricia has been a valuable contributor to our U3A family, and will be missed by her fellow committee members. Her minute taking skills have been exemplary, and her knowledge of the finer points of the legal requirements faced by our committee has been invaluable.

Thank you for your time and effort Tricia, I am sure that all members look forward to your company in any courses in which you may wish to be involved.

## Aboriginal Heritage

This new course received some support from members and those who have attended have had some lively discussions on a subject which could be controversial. The course concentrated on Australia before the settlement of white people in 1788 and included DVD's and a discussion of books on the subject. I had much pleasure in presenting this course, and hope those who attended felt the same.

Tricia Edward. Ph.5544 1462

## Power Point Problems??

(Our computer gurus may have the answer).

Maybe a visit to the first meeting of our Computer group on Monday 28th April, (our first session for Term 2), can help you solve any issues, or get started in the interesting world of Power Point presentations.

Our Computer Group will be focusing on how to prepare a power point presentation as part of the first meeting in term 2.

The Computer Group meets every Monday between 10.00am and 12.00 noon at Centacare, Petersen Street Beaudesert.

**Contact Hennie: 5541 0745**

**(A sneak peek for Term 3: \*How to handle Publisher\*)**

## Mosaics

The Mosaics Group meet every Monday (term time) under my house at 20 Lincoln Court Gleneagle . We have plenty of space and are able to make as much mess as we like and Mosaics can be a very messy art form.

Some Mosaic members have been coming since we first started classes in 2012 others have come to make 2 or 5 articles and then decided that was enough. Most started with absolutely no previous experience or knowledge but had a wish to give it a go and express themselves. The quality of the work we have achieved is of a very high standard and a credit to all of the members. I am very proud of the Mosaic Group and the laughs and friendships we have made are an extra bonus.

Why not give it a go? Come along any Monday at 1.30pm and see us in action. Very little cost is involved as we use mostly recycled materials and there are cutters, snippers etc available to start with. As you progress Hennie is always there to help with the diamond saw and other machinery.

**Margaret, 20 Lincoln Court Gleneagle. Phone 55410745**

## Current Courses

**Term 2: Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 27th June 2014**

\*\*\* [Art Group](#) "The Limners"

Wednesdays 9.00 am to 12.00 am, starts 23rd April at the Centacare rooms, Petersen Street. Phone Denise Knight 5546 9879 or Margaret 5541 0745

### \*\*\* [Art Appreciation](#)

Third Wednesday each month, nominal time 10.00 - 12 noon if not visiting, Centacare Bistro - usually involving art gallery visits with Tricia. A chance to look at and discuss works of art on display in the Scenic Rim and Master Pieces from around the world. Phone Tricia 5544 1462

### \*\*\* **Card Making**

First and third Thursday each month, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, starts 1st May, at Centacare rooms. Phone Val Chapman 5541 3660

### \*\*\* [Computer Group](#)

Mondays, 10am to 12.00 pm, starts 28th April at Centacare Bistro room. Hands on Computer Application. Most members bring their laptop along and are assisted by tutors or computer group members with individual tasks or problems. The aim is helping solve computer related problems through the group. Phone Hennie 5541 0745 for more information.

### \*\*\* **Conversational French**

Mondays 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm, starts 28th April at Centacare. Introduction to Conversational French Phone Bernie 5544 2042

### \*\*\* **Cookery Group**

Meets First Wednesday of each month at 1.00pm to 3.00pm, alternately at tutors kitchens at Josephville and Gleneagle. Contact Tina Jones, 0418 780 861 or Laurel Fechner, 5541 2072.

### \*\*\* [Genealogy Club](#)

No set days as yet, but Tricia Edward is still willing to help out anyone who is interested, or wants to start a project. Phone Tricia 5544 1462 or via Email: shikeo@bigpond.com for information.

### \*\*\* [General Discussion Group](#)

Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am, starts 22nd April. General Discussions on any subject the group wishes. Group participation is the key here. At Kath's House, 27 Dunsinane Street. Phone Peter 5541 3660

### \*\*\* [Mosaics](#)

Mondays 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm, starts 28th April at 20 Lincoln Crt, Gleneagle.

A hands on course in this fascinating art form which will encourage your imagination to create delightful objects. Phone Margaret 5541 0745.

### **Social activities:**

#### \*\*\* **Jigsaw Library**

20 Lincoln Crt, Gleneagle. Come along and select one to use from the library. Phone Margaret or Hennie 5541 0745 to arrange selection and collection.

#### \*\*\* [Line Dancing](#)

Tuesdays 2.30pm to 4pm, starts 22nd April, held

at the Uniting Church Hall. This is a great form of exercise, helps balance, movement and is great fun. Come along and have a go. Phone Trish: 0417 440 584 or Val, 5541 3660

#### \*\*\* **Table Tennis**

Thursdays 9.00 am to 12.00 noon, starts 24th April. Held at the Uniting Church Hall.

Phone Des or Pamela 5541 2662 or 0448 133146 or Trish: 0417 440584.

#### \*\*\***Tennis**

Wednesdays 9.00am to 12.00 noon, starts 23rd April. Venue: Beaudesert Tennis Courts, Boonah Road. Contact Tex White: 5541 4772

All participants must be paid up members of Beaudesert U3A (\$25.00) per annum (couples \$40.00) and each session has a minimum fee of \$2.00 towards Centacare expenses (tea/coffee, aircon etc). If necessary extra Course costs for other requirements will be set by Tutors.

#### **Course Co-ordinator: Laurel Fechner**

**Phone: 5541 2072 Mobile: 0417 644506**

**Email:andyfechner@bigpond.com**

## **Line Dancers Return**

On the 22nd April the first gathering of our very own Beaudesert \*Boot Scooters\* will take place, with the return of the Line Dancing Group for the new term.

The warmer than usual weather has forced a later start this year to the line dancing, and I am sure that some will be having withdrawal symptoms just now. However, this has worked out quite well for the tutor Trish Fraser, as she also oversees our water babies at the Aqua Aerobics, and this activity has gone into recess for the next 2 terms as the weather changes.

If you have an urge to tap a toe, contact the following

**Trish Fraser: 0417 440584. Val Chapman: 5541 3660.**

## **Our Kitchens Rule**

Cooking Group classes with Tina and Laurel are gearing up for next term, and those who have been along so far have had some interesting days.

For Term 2, a change has been made to the schedule, with the group now meeting only on the first Wednesday of each month, still running from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. (We don't seem to get away on time though, after lingering for afternoon tea)

As we will now be meeting once a month, (still at alternate kitchens), we will now be trying to prepare 2 dishes each time. We still have room for a couple more participants, so get in quick and come along and enjoy the fun.

### **Cookery Report...March 2014:**

#### **Olla Gitana...Sounds exotic...!!!**

What is it I hear you ask?

The aromas wafting through the kitchen were making us all hungry and waiting for a taste, a short while later it was ready to eat, (my tastebuds were doing somersaults). It was a delicious combination of eggplant, green peppers, tomatoes, onions, garlic garnished with black olives and served with baked eggs.

This dish is a Gypsy vegetable stew, simple ingredients, easy to make, and tastes absolutely wonderful. Jane and Trish have made their version of this dish and impressed their family and friends. *See our pics on the U3A web page.*

There is always room for another pair of hands in our kitchen. Surprise yourself, you can do it too.

**Simply call Laurel 5541 2072 or Tina 0418 780 861**

## **Art Appreciation Group**

On 19th march our intrepid group gathered our courage and went to the Brisbane City Hall Museum. We utilised the bus service from Beaudesert to Browns Plains and completed the journey with Brisbane Transit Service to the city. Apart from some churning tummies, jolted dental fillings and a longer than necessary return trip for one member the day was a great success.

After a trip down memory lane with morning coffee at the Shingle Inn we looked at 3 museum exhibitions- \*The many lives of Moreton Bay\*, \*Silver\* and \*Captured\*. All were well worth a look, with the first one getting the general vote as best. Most of the group visited the Clock Tower and a tour of the City Hall. We visited the Red Cross Cafe for lunch, and this completed our trip down memory lane; a long day but most interesting.

For our next meeting we will make our way to the Qld Art Gallery for an exhibition called \*Transparent: Watercolour in Queensland 1850's- 1980's. This will take place on Wednesday 21st May and anyone interested in coming along should contact Tricia on 5544 1462. This exhibition is the first ever held of watercolours by Queensland artists and includes works by Conrad Martens, Vida Lahey, Joy Roggenkamps and R. Godfrey Rivers. It should be a good day.

As I will be away for our June meeting we have decided to have a gathering at Centacare, where members can bring along a picture of a favorite painting or sculpture and spend 10 minutes telling the group what they find interesting about the item. This will be on Wednesday 18th June at 10.00am,

and Mary Street has agreed to take charge of this gathering.

I hope you will find either or both of these get togethers interesting.

Tricia Edward.

## **Anyone For Tennis??**

Beaudesert U3A wishes to advise that Social Tennis will be starting on Wednesday 23rd April 2014 at the Beaudesert Tennis Courts on Boonah Road from 9.00am to 12.00 noon. We are wanting anyone who is interested, from beginners to people who have played before and would like to refresh.

You must be a fully paid member of Beaudesert U3A Inc or reciprocal member of another U3A to participate.

You will need to bring a hat, sunscreen, water, towel and your own racquet if you have one. Some spare racquets will be available for use. Coffee and tea will require you to bring all preparation items including hot water, as at present we will not have entry to the club house. Toilet facilities are available as you go in the main gate. (They are clean and tidy).

Cost of court hire and tennis balls will be shared between players on each day of play. The more who show up, the less each will pay. I anticipate we will pay between \$2 and \$4 each per day.

**Hope to see you there, for further information please contact Tex on 5541 4772.**

## **Genealogy**

For 2014 I decided to try a new approach for genealogy with members asked to contact me if they are interested in this fascinating hobby. Because of the personal nature of family research I meet with the interested party and spend time assisting them with where to go to find information and what they need to do to start the process.. This method is working and I have 4 new interested people including one from Jimboomba U3A.

Although it is time consuming for me I believe it is more rewarding for the person involved and really gets them to the right place.

Tricia Edward: 5544 1462

## **Savvy Wise and Well Day**

If you were there on the day last Tuesday 25th March, then I am sure that you enjoyed a really informative morning. The event was hosted by the Scenic Rim Regional Council, and they are to be applauded for their efforts. (Lacey Sawtell, take a bow).

The day was well promoted by the U3A, with the result that around 20 of our members attended, including our Discussion Group members who decided to make a day of it there in lieu of our usual talkfest!

The wide range of speakers presented interesting

topics, and those presentations were short, sharp and to the point. Doors opened at 8.30am, the program started at 9.00am, and finished at around 11.45am.

Your U3A was one of about 18 stall holders who displayed their information, including brochures and examples of work done by members. A big Thank You to Gwen Elliott who loaned her lovely painting for show, Val Chapman and Margaret Kendrick for their cards and mosaics, and of course Hennie van Dyk for his continuous loop Power Point presentation, which was displayed on a laptop, and generated interest from visitors. Several attendees took membership application forms, and our ranks may grow accordingly.

One of the highlights was the sumptuous morning tea spread: sandwiches, cakes, fruit platters, tea and coffee, juices and water all provided. (Even a gluten free platter).

Again, thank you to all our members who attended, making this a successful event, because it is only through your support of days like this that they will be repeated in the future.

Of course, thank you again to the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Andy Fechner.

## For Sale

**\*\*Electric Food Processor\*\***  
Used twice...\$20

Ph. Lois: 5541 0197

All requests and notices should be forwarded to the "Co-Editor":

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Post: Beaudesert U3A Inc., P.O.Box 561,  
Beaudesert , Q. 4285.

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# BEAUDESERT U3A Time Table

## 22 April to 27 June '14 Term 2



| DAY              | AM Session         | Venue             | PM Session                         | Venue            |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Monday           | 10.00 - 12.00      | Centacare Bistro  | 1.00 - 3.00                        | Centacare Bistro |
|                  | COMPUTER           | 6-12 Petersen St  | CONVERSATIONAL                     | 6-12 Petersen St |
|                  | GROUP              |                   | FRENCH                             |                  |
|                  | Weekly             |                   | Weekly                             |                  |
|                  | Contact: Hennie    |                   | Contact: Bernie                    |                  |
|                  | PH: 5541 0745      |                   | PH: 5544 2042                      |                  |
|                  |                    |                   |                                    |                  |
|                  |                    |                   | 1.30 - 4.00                        | 20 Lincoln Court |
|                  |                    |                   | MOSAICS                            | Gleneagle        |
|                  |                    |                   | Weekly                             |                  |
|                  |                    | Contact: Margaret |                                    |                  |
|                  |                    | PH: 5541 0745     |                                    |                  |
|                  |                    |                   |                                    |                  |
| Tuesday          | 9.30 - 11.30       | Kath's House      | 2.30 - 4.00                        | Uniting Church   |
|                  | DISCUSSION         | 27 Dunsinane St   | LINE DANCING                       | Hall             |
|                  | GROUP              |                   |                                    |                  |
|                  | Weekly             |                   | Contact: Trish                     |                  |
|                  | Contact: Peter     |                   | PH: 0417 440 584                   |                  |
|                  | PH: 5541 3660      |                   | Contact: Val                       |                  |
|                  |                    |                   | PH: 5541 3660                      |                  |
|                  |                    |                   |                                    |                  |
| Wednesday        | 9.00 - 12.00       | Beauesert         | 1.00 - 3.00                        | Their Homes      |
|                  | SOCIAL TENNIS      | Tennis Courts     | <b>1st Wednesday of each month</b> | Alternately      |
|                  | Weekly             | Boonah Road       | COOKERY CLUB                       |                  |
|                  | Contact: Tex White |                   | Contact: Tina                      |                  |
|                  | PH: 5541 4772      |                   | PH: 0418 780 861 OR                |                  |
|                  |                    |                   | Contact: Laurel                    |                  |
|                  |                    |                   | PH: 5541 2072                      |                  |
|                  |                    |                   |                                    |                  |
| Wednesday        | 9.00 - 12.00       | Centacare Bistro  |                                    |                  |
| Weekly           | ART GROUP          | 6-12 Petersen St  |                                    |                  |
|                  | "THE LIMNERS"      |                   |                                    |                  |
|                  | Contact: Denise    |                   |                                    |                  |
|                  | PH: 5546 9879 or   |                   |                                    |                  |
|                  | Contact: Margaret  |                   |                                    |                  |
|                  | PH: 5541 0745      |                   |                                    |                  |
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| <b>THIRD</b>     | 10.00 - 12.00      | Centacare Bistro  |                                    |                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | ART                | 6-12 Petersen St  |                                    |                  |
| of the Month     | APPRECIATION       | & Excursions      |                                    |                  |
|                  | Contact: Tricia    |                   |                                    |                  |
|                  | PH: 5544 1462      |                   |                                    |                  |

| DAY                  | AM Session       | Venue            | PM Session | Venue |
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| Thursday             | 9.00 - 12.00     | Uniting Church   |            |       |
|                      | TABLE TENNIS     | Hall             |            |       |
|                      | Weekly           |                  |            |       |
|                      | Contact: Pam     |                  |            |       |
|                      | PH: 5541 2662 or |                  |            |       |
|                      | Contact: Trish   |                  |            |       |
|                      | PH: 0417 440 584 |                  |            |       |
|                      |                  |                  |            |       |
| <b>1st &amp; 3rd</b> | 10.00 - 12.00    | Centacare Bistro |            |       |
| Thursdays            | CARD MAKING      | 6-12 Petersen St |            |       |
| of the Month         | Contact: Val     |                  |            |       |
|                      | PH: 5541 3660    |                  |            |       |
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| Friday               |                  |                  |            |       |
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| Phone to  | JIGSAW LIBRARY    | 20 Lincoln Court | <b>GENEALOGY CLUB</b> | <b>By Arrangement</b> |
| Arrange a | Contact: Margaret | Gleneagle        | <b>Phone Tricia</b>   |                       |
| Selection | or Hennie         |                  | 5541 1462             |                       |
| time      | PH: 5541 0745     |                  |                       |                       |

**N.B.**

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*Please contact Course Co-ordinator: Laurel Fechner*

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