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## President's piece Andy Fechner

And now summer has dragged on through March, with some late rain to finally green the lawns and paddocks, I would not be all that surprised if we were at the dawn service on Anzac Day in shirt sleeves instead of jackets or coats. In any case I try to look on the bright side .... the prolonged hot dry summer has meant that I have saved money on mower fuel and wear and tear on machinery (plus a lot of work). I wouldn't like to have been selling mowers etc these past few months.

So much has happened during March, with our Annual General Meeting being the most important event for our U3A. Our committee has two new faces as we say farewell and thank you to Ray Folley for his contributions as vice president, being replaced by Lise Leatherbarrow. In turn, our new treasurer is Helen Atkinson, taking over from Pat Millard who has generously agreed to remain as a committee member and assist as required. Both Ray and Pat have been invaluable contributors to the success of our U3A.

Our first term finishes in mid-April, in line with the school holidays. Some courses will continue through this period, while others will take a break. Contact your tutor for details. Easter is just around the corner, so I suppose I can enjoy some of those hot cross buns now!!

Our aqua aerobics group finishes up this coming month with the closure of the Beaudesert pool. Who knows, we might get an all year-round facility in the future, if we keep harassing the council long enough. Our line dancing boot scooters are continuing at The Centre and more members are most welcome.

In closing, I would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to those 40 of our members who took the time to attend our Annual General Meeting and showed their support and appreciation for our hard working committee. Those who came were able to enjoy a sumptuous morning tea afterwards, and have a chat with each other, the new committee and both Cr Michael Enright and Jon Krause MP. Thank you for coming. Till next edition, Andy



## 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.

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|---------------|------------------|
| June Carey    | Patricia Castles |
| Carol Castles | Trish Alexander  |
| Denice Knight | Rita Evans       |
| Rosemary Ryan | Catherine Kelly  |
| Judith Zaugg  |                  |

To register as a friend of the committee, please contact Andy Fechner

P 5541 2072  
E andyfechner@bigpond.com



Happy birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in April.

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| Dave Bingham     | Graeme Foreman |
| Cathy Hamilton   | Di Johnson     |
| Rose Martin      | Lorraine Rowe  |
| Gwenda Schneider |                |

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



A very warm Beaudesert U3A welcome is extended to our newest members -

Kay Bell, Margaret Bentley, John Beswick, Maizellah Bingley, Janice Cornwall, Lyndall Ferguson, Judith Hoare, Jennifer Kemp, Vickie McAteer, David Milton, Gordon Paton, Margaret Paton, Jeff Ray, Peter Rewko, Kathy Rouse, Marlies Seenig, John Slattery, Claire Slattery, Jennifer Stedman.

We look forward to seeing you at the activities you have chosen for yourself where, we are sure, you will make many new friends.



# Current courses - term one 29 January-5 April 2019

Course coordinator | Laurel Fechner  
Phone 5541 2072 | Email laurel.fechner@gmail.com



## Acoustic guitar

Thursday afternoons 44 Tina Street from 28 March 1.30 pm-3.30 pm. Tutor Ken Jurd.  
Contact Laurel 5541 2072 email laurel.fechner@gmail.com

## Aqua aerobics

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 7.30 am-8.30 am. Wear a sunhat/cap, sun block, soft soled sport shoes/aqua shoes.  
Pool entry \$4; \$3 pensioners.  
Contact Paulette 5543 1261



## Art group - all mediums

Wednesdays 9 am-12 noon at the Centacare rooms.  
Contact Denise 5546 9879

## Book club

Meets first Monday of each month 2 pm-4 pm at 151 Cedar Grove Road Cedar Grove. Cheese, nibbles, tea, coffee provided. BYO drinks.  
Contact Lynn 5543 1430 or mobile 0417 078 712

## Card playing - Beaudesert

Every Monday 1 pm-4 pm at Centacare rooms Enjoy 500 or Bolivia.  
Contact Pat 5541 2492 or 0413 121 367

## Card playing - Jimboomba

Meets every Thursday afternoon 12 noon-3 pm at Dorrington House Jimboomba.  
Contact Pat 5541 2492 or 0413 121 367

## Card playing- Kooralbyn

Every Wednesday morning 9.00am to 12.00 noon at Kooralbyn Community Centre Ogilvie Place Kooralbyn.  
Contact Lise 0438 754269 or Andy 0409 859515

## Computer/other technologies

First and third Mondays, 9.30 am-12.30 pm, Centacare bistro room. All technologies included - mobiles, computers, tablets, drones, TV channels, electronics, backups, etc.  
Contact George 5541 0706

## Croquet club

Play Tuesdays 8.30 am-11.30 am at Everdell Park, Gleneagle.  
Contact George or Rita 5541 0706

**French - two courses in one** (beginners and advanced)  
Every Monday 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm Centacare rooms  
Contact Jane 5541 2321

## Gardening group - BUGs

Meet third Friday of each month 10.00 am-12 noon at Centacare. Trips away between each meeting.  
Contact Liz 048 815 5506, email brizzie@bigpond.com

## General discussion group

Meets Tuesdays 9.30 am-11.30 am Ken Moran Life Centre, 64 Tina Street Beaudesert (behind Beaudesert Hospital). General discussions on any subject group members propose.  
Contact Andy 5541 2072

**Indoor bowls** Friday mornings from 9.00 am at St. Thomas's Anglican Church Hall, Albert Street Beaudesert  
Contact Lee 0491 046 181

## 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 1 pm- 3 pm \$3 per session The Centre, Brisbane Street Beaudesert  
Contact Trish 0419 006 988

## Mahjong - Jimboomba

Meets every Tuesday 11 am-2 pm Dorrington House Jimboomba.  
Contact Elizabeth 5546 9689

## Mahjong - Beaudesert

Thursday afternoons 1 pm-3.30 pm Centacare rooms. Beginners welcome.  
Contact Denise 5541 2801

## Meandering through history

DVD presentations and discussion. Beaudesert Library  
Thursdays 10.00am to 12.00 noon  
Contact Tricia on 5544 1462

**Mosaics** Meet Mondays 1.30 pm-3.30pm at Arts and Information Centre, Beaudesert a hands-on course in a fascinating art form. \$3/session payable on the day.  
Contact Robyn 0400 062451

## Nordic walking/walking

Meet by the pool/library Monday, Wednesday, Friday, walk 5.30 am to 6.30 am. 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, 360 Lambert Road, Nindooinbah. \$10/session payable on the day.  
Contact Anita 0408 452 584

## Social outing/lunch

The April lunch will be at the Happy Valley Chinese restaurant 12.00 noon on Friday 12 April. See page 4 for details.  
Contact Di text/phone 0468 849 448 or email candyroxy1946@gmail.com

## Social tennis

Wednesdays 8 am-12 noon venue Beaudesert tennis courts Boonah Road.  
Contact Tex 5541 4772

## Table tennis

Thursdays 9 am-12 noon held at the Uniting Church hall.  
Contact Pamela 5541 2662 or 0448 133 146

## Trivia puzzling

Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 pm at Beaudesert library  
Contact Tex 5541 4772

*All course participants must be paid up members of Beaudesert U3A. Most sessions have a minimum fee of \$2 towards venue expenses (tea/coffee aircon etc.) If necessary, extra course costs for other requirements will be set by tutors.*

## Acoustic guitar

An enthusiastic group of budding guitarists meets every Thursday afternoon, 1.30 pm-3.30 pm with tutor Ken Jurd to learn new chords, practice their strums and generally have an enjoyable time making music. This group has grown in size and to cope with the larger group, the activity will be at 44 Tina Street, Beaudesert from 28 March.

New members are always welcome and if you would like to join this group, contact Laurel Fechner, phone 5541 2072 or email [laurel.fechner@gmail.com](mailto:laurel.fechner@gmail.com).



Russell Davidson, Jeff Ray with tutor Ken Jurd

Kay Bell, Elizarose Paaget-Manning, Russel Davidson, Jeff Ray, Ken Jurd

## Social outing/lunch 8 March 2019



Around 30 members visited the Hindu temple prior to enjoying lunch at the Jimboomba Tavern.

(Top left) Lynn, Laurel and Elizabeth catching up at the lunch. (Above) Lyn and Di, (top right) Lee Parris and Shirley Schwarz (right) Andy and Bruce all looking pretty happy about their lunch.



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# Mosaics

Tina Jones

*We're on the move again!!* Come and explore your creativity. Discover what mosaics can offer you.

Our spacious new location is in the craft room - ARTS & INFORMATION CENTRE, Mondays 1.30 to 3.30pm.

Mosaic artistry can transform any object into a work of art. A

flower pot, a bowling ball, a photo frame, something for the garden or keep it indoors, the choice is yours. As it is said "limited by your imagination". Love it bright and bold or subtle and elegant, quirky is fun too - anything goes.

We all work with a wide variety of medium from glass to beads, old jewellery, china and tiles, whichever you like it - use it. Plenty of guidance offered – no experience required!!



(Top left) Angela and Tina deciding on a design for the pot; (top right) Robyn, Noella and Patricia engrossed in their work; (bottom left) Robyn and Noella threading beads for a project.

# Trivia puzzling - it's really not so trivia(l)

Cheryl Folley

What began as a "what-if" thought in the mind of U3A's foundation treasurer, Tex White, has become a weekly reality with the recent introduction of trivia puzzling to our list of activities.

Now the trivia group looks forward to a substantial treat every Wednesday afternoon at the Beaudesert Library. The format is: 25 questions, followed by the answers, then another 25 and answers, afternoon tea with a third set of 25 questions and a true/false segment.

Tex says the group aims at having fun and there is no pressure or any competition for prizes... "just a cheer for the top scorers," he says. To lessen the load for any one question setter, the job of quiz master is shared on a monthly rotation and those quiz masters are free to take their questions from multiple sources.

The trivia group meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 until around 3 pm. Contact Tex on 5541 4772 or Jenny on 0439 138 212 – anyone who is not a member of U3A but would like to observe to see if it suits them, is welcome to attend as a guest.



Quiz master John



(L-R) Margaret, Bronwyn, Barry, Jim, Tex, (quiz master) John, Lise and Pat giving their grey matter a work out at trivia puzzling.

# Social outing/lunch 12 April 2019

The social lunch on 12 April will be at the Happy Valley (Chinese) restaurant in William Street, Beaudesert. If you would like to take part in this activity, please RSVP to Di Johnson prior to the day,

- Phone/text 0468 849 448
- Email candyroxy1946@gmail.com

Spouses, partners and friends are welcome to attend this event.



RIGHT (Back row) Finella Loch, Pat Millard, Andy Fechner, Laurel Fechner, Cheryl Folley  
(Front row) Yvonne Berry, Di Johnson, Michele Goucher, Lise Leatherbarrow, Helen Atkinson  
(Absent - inset) George Evans

# AGM Beaudesert U3A

The Beaudesert U3A was held on Friday 22 March 2019 and 39 members attended, including two of our honorary members, John Krause MP and Cr Michael Enright.

Cr Enright conducted the election of officers and the following people were voted in as the committee for 2019:

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| President Andy Fechner   | Vice president Lise Leatherbarrow |
| Secretary Yvonne Berry   | Treasurer Helen Atkinson          |
| Committee George Evans, Di Johnson, Pat Millard, Michele Goucher, Cheryl Folley, Finella Loch, Laurel Fechner. |                                   |



## The Art group in action



Members of the art group busy at their craft.

(Top left) Lanie White sketching with pencil.

(Bottom left) Denice Knight with her painting

(Above) L-R clockwise - Denice, Michael, Tammy Hinchcliffe, Lanie White

(Top right) Tammy shows off her painting of lilies

(Bottom right) Michael Goebel working on his scenic painting



If you would like to join this group, they meet Wednesdays 9 am-12 noon at the Centacare rooms.

For information, contact Denice 5546 9879.

## International Women's Day breakfast

A breakfast celebrating women was held recently at The Centre, sponsored by the Scenic Rim

Regional Council. The guest speakers were Jemma Wilson, who has an impressive collection of State, Australian and international championships to her name for women's off road motor cycling, and Erica Bartle, communications director of Outland Denim, a company that manufactures quality denim clothing made from ethically and environmentally sound raw materials and provides sustainable employment for young women of Cambodia. These women are strong role models for the young girls of today and were both inspirational speakers.



Erica Bartle



Jemma Wilson



## Brexit update

*To Brexit or not to Brexit?*

That is the question. This may throw some light on all the dilly-dallying around:

Physicians were unable to reach a consensus: should Brexit take place?

The allergists were in favour of scratching it, but the dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the neurologists thought the Brexiteers had a lot of nerve.

Meanwhile, obstetricians felt certain everyone was labouring under a misconception, while the ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.



Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the paediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!"

The psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and the GPs claimed it would indeed be a bitter pill to swallow.

The plastic surgeons opined that May's proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward.

Anaesthesiologists thought it was all a gas, and those lofty cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision to the [redacted] in Parliament.

# Mental gymnastics

## Question 1

You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

Answer - If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and take his place, you are in second place!

Try to do better next time. Now answer the second question, but don't take as much time as you took for the first question, ok?

## Question 2

If you overtake the last person, then you are .... ?

Answer - If you answered that you are second to last, then you are ..... wrong again . Tell me sunshine, how can you overtake the last person.

Not very good at this, are you?

## Question 3

Very tricky arithmetic. Note - this must be done in your head only. Do not use paper and pencil or a calculator. Try it. Take 1,000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1,000, now add 30. Add another 1,000. Now add 20. Now add another 1,000. Now add 10. What is the total?

Answer - Did you get 5,000? The correct answer is actually 4,100. If you don't believe it, check it with a calculator.

Today is definitely not your day, is it? Maybe you'll get the last question right ..... maybe .....

## Question 4

Mary's father has five daughters - Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono and ??? What is the name of the fifth daughter?

Answer - Did you answer Nunu? No of course it isn't! Her name is Mary. Read the question again.

Ok, now for the bonus round, ie a final chance to redeem yourself.

A mute person goes into a shop and wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing his teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Next, a blind man comes into the shop who wants to buy a pair of sunglasses. How does he indicate what he wants?

Answer - He just opens his mouth and asks.

*Contributed by Andy Fechner*



European trucks whose trailers are decorated to look like the sides are missing and the products they are hauling are painted on the sides and back. This one is of a bottle of beer and looks so real, like it is coming out the side of the trailer.



The second one is of another truck with the windshield facing the back and there has been a driver painted in the driver's seat looking back over his shoulder to appear like he is driving backwards. (Now this one is just plain scary, even when the German reads 'On the wrong way?')



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