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### President's piece Andy Fechner

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April showers? I am not too sure about that as I write this piece for our next OWLS. The back end of March has certainly given our area a good drenching of rain, (though mostly non-destructive), which has been welcomed.

Our annual AGM was successfully conducted on 19 March, with some moves in the committee members. You still have me as president, as previously laid plans for succession did not come to fruition.

April sees the end of our first term for 2021, in line with school holidays. Many courses and activities break for the holidays, while others continue through. Please check with your tutor or facilitator. Our second term officially starts back on April 19.



The end of term one also sees the end of our aqua aerobics as the Beaudesert pool closes until summer comes around again in term four. Our popular

facilitator John Leatherbarrow is

planning (by members' request) to start a gentle (sometimes) exercise programme for aqua members (and others) who want to keep fit and supple over the period when the pool is not available. Same days and times as aqua, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30 am in Jubilee Park in front of the bandstand, (course fees \$2 head). Call John on 0417 073 190 to reserve your place.

Rounding out a busy month in April is of course Easter, celebrated worldwide by the Christian faith, and popular also with the chocoholics in the wider community. Later in the month on 25 April comes Anzac Day, recognised and venerated by Australians and New Zealanders since 1915. Hopefully we will see full traditional services and marches on Anzac Day this year after the covid restrictions of 2020.

Speaking of covid, it is time to get yourself in line to be vaccinated locally. We have been fortunate in our area with no registered deaths from this infection, but we should not be complacent.

**HAPPY EASTER**

Until 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.

- June Carey Patricia Castles
- Denice Knight Rita Evans
- Rosemary Ryan Carol Castles

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

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A warm U3A Beaudesert welcome to our new members: Judith O'Neill, Heather Russell, Denise Winter, Mary Shefford, Julie Earl, Rob Morgan

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 April:

- Sue Atherton Dave Bingham Ray Carter Verlie Dever
- Rachel Gillow Helen Hugo Di Johnson Barbara Markwell
- Rose Martin Wayne Patrick Debby Reid Lorraine Rowe
- Julie Sansom Gwenda Schneider

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



# Current courses - term two 19 April-25 June 2021

Course coordinator | Tina Jones  
Phone 0418 780 861 | Email t.j.16@bigpond.com

## Aqua aerobics

In recess until term 3 2021. **Watch this space for proposed new exercise course - see page 1.**

Contact John 0417 073 190 or Trish 0419 006 988

## Art group - all mediums

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

Contact Denise 5546 9879 or 0402 012 267

## Calligraphy

First and third Fridays of the month 1.00 pm-3.00 pm at the Arts & Information Centre Enterprise Drive Beaudesert

Contact Robyn 0439 721 325

## 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-3.00 pm at Dorrington House 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

## French

Every Monday 12 noon-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 month 10.00 am-12 noon

Beaudesert RSL club function room

Contact Marilyn 0429 006 194

## 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

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 Dorrington House Jimboomba.

Contact Elizabeth 5546 9689

## Mahjong - Beaudesert

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

Contact Denise 5541 2801

**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 by the pool/library 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 on Friday 9 April 2021 at Jimboomba House Restaurant, Hills Golf Club/International School, Jimboomba from 12 noon. Menu available on their facebook page. RSVP to Di phone/text 0468 849 448, email candyroxy1946@gmail.com



Tex and Lorraine wait for the serve

## 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 5541 1498

## Travel and Adventure Group

Meet second Monday each month on the deck, Beaudesert Library 10.00 am onwards. **Next outing see page 3.**

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

## Trivia puzzling

Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 pm at 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 Tina 0418 780 861

## U3A Online

We now have four online courses available to our members:

- Australia Flora
- The Night Sky
- Creative writing: Genealogy
- Play Ukulele by Ear

If you would like to participate in any of these courses (at no cost to you), please contact our course coordinator, Tina Jones, 0418 780 861, email t.j.16@bigpond.com.



Ukulele group

A group of 16 enthusiastic ukulele players held their first group lesson recently. A good many of the group had never played ukulele before and that did not stop them from having a fun, musical afternoon.

The group meets at St Thomas's church hall on Thursday afternoons 1.00-2.30 pm and any U3A member who would like to learn to play a few chords and strum a few songs is very welcome to come and "have a go".

Please contact Tina, course coordinator, for further information - 0418 780 861.



### Social outing March 2021 Di Johnson

We had the March social lunch at the Beaudesert Hotel.

Unfortunately this outing coincided with the TAG trip so some of the regular attendees were unable to be there. However we had 30 members and guests who enjoyed the food and interaction with others involved in U3A Beaudesert.

Our next lunch will be at Jimboomba House Restaurant on 9 April at our usual time of 12 noon. RSVP to Di phone/text 0468 849 448, email [candyroxy1946@gmail.com](mailto:candyroxy1946@gmail.com)

Looking forward to trying this restaurant, which is for us a new venue.



Lunch at the Beaudesert Hotel



### STRANGE STORIES.....AMAZING FACTS

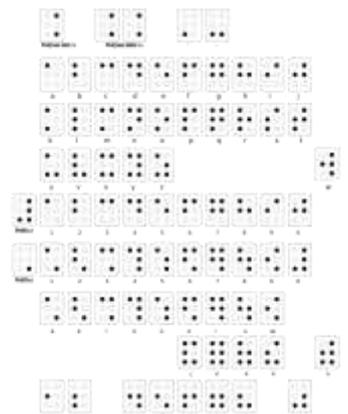
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Reading for the blind (system devised for military use at night). Until 1819, lettering for the blind consisted simply of raised characters of the alphabet made of wood, lead, twigs, or even pins and needles arranged in pin cushions. Valentin Hauy, founder of the Institute for the Young Blind in Paris, experimented with 7.5cm deep letters from cloth which he stuck on paper.

In 1819, the same year that a 10 year old blind boy named Louis Braille enrolled at the Institute, a French artillery captain tried to interest the Academy of Sciences in Paris with a new system which he described simply as "night writing". Captain Charles Barbier de la Serre had devised an alphabet of raised dots and dashes on strips of cardboard which soldiers could "read" with their fingertips when in action at night.

He eventually took his method to the Institute, but, because his system consisted of a complex arrangement of 12 dots to each letter, it was not a success.

Braille, now a teenager, became interested in de la Serre's system and simplified it. From this he developed the now internationally used Braille system.



## TAG adventures

During February, four of our Beaudesert TAG members joined country music singer Graham Rodger and a group of caravanners at Killarney Falls and travelled for 12 days, eventually finishing up at Mt Morgan. It was a really

enjoyable trip - a chance to make new friends and catch up with old ones. It started off quietly but by about day three most inhibitions had evaporated and everyone joined in the "Geriatric Olympics" with gusto.

On Friday 12 March, more than 20 of us carpoled to Upper Flagstone Creek to visit Scotty's Garage and Barn. It was a fantastic day, the memorabilia was amazing and it felt a bit like stepping onto the *Happy Days* set. The meals in quality and quantity were excellent. To Ray's amazement, some people managed to fit in dessert as well! Many thanks to Denise for organising this one.

Upcoming events will be a carpoled trip to Albion Park Trots on Saturday April 10 organised by Greg and Lyn Hand. This will be a new experience for most of us. Thanks Greg and Lyn.

We have a trip to Norfolk Island planned for their Bounty Festival in early June which was deferred from last year. Denise will be giving us an updated report at our

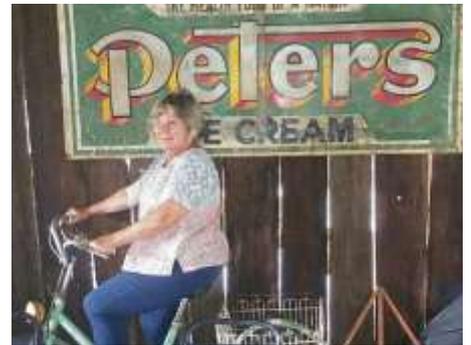


next TAG meeting in April.

Some members are going to the Yellow Belly Country Music festival at St George in late June. Thanks to Shirley Schwarz for telling us about this one.

Graham and Barbara Love have given us an itinerary for a trip in August which includes Caboolture Museum and sightseeing visiting Maleny, Eumundi Markets, the Gympie Rattler and the historic precinct of Maryborough with the possibility of extending the trip to Hervey Bay or other destinations as you wish.

Our next TAG meeting will be at 10am on Monday 12 April at Beaudesert Library.



## Anyone for pickleball? NOT a U3A activity

Pickleball has come to Beaudesert and the first games will be played on Tuesday 6 April, from 6.30 pm-8.30 pm. Venue is the Beaudesert Show Society Grounds, Teese Building ( 63 Albert Street, Beaudesert.)

Cost - \$5 per player - cash only  
Everything supplied

We would love to see you there if you can make it.

Also we are looking for about 3-4 volunteers who could come say 20 minutes early to help us set up the courts.

If you need to know more please feel free to ring me

\* Leeanne Deerain 0439 078 169 to send me a text, or email, ldeerain@bigpond.com, or

\* Wayne email [wayne@firstaid4life.com.au](mailto:wayne@firstaid4life.com.au), or ring or text Wayne on 0421 204 084.

What is pickleball you ask? According to Wikipedia -

"Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, much like a wiffle ball, with 26-40 round holes, over a net."



## Wanted

The daughter of our U3A member June Carey has just bought a small wedding events business and is on the hunt for some pampas grass. Is there anyone out there who can get their hands on some? She would be eternally grateful if she could get some, like about 40 stems, but any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Please, either phone or text June on 0419 048 990 or email her on [juneacarey21@gmail.com](mailto:juneacarey21@gmail.com). Photo (below) of the size pampas grass that she requires.



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Some days I amaze myself

Other days I look for my phone  
while I'm holding it.

"How many women can a man marry?"  
"Sixteen," the boy responded.  
His cousin was amazed that he had an  
answer so quickly.

"How do you know that?"  
"Easy," the little boy said.  
"All you have to do is add it up; like the  
pastor said,  
4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

## Thank you to all of our sponsors



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## TAG is off to the trots



Join us for an exciting night at the trots! With a full programme of racing, delicious dining and relaxed vibes - it's the perfect place to kick off your Saturday night

### Saturday, 10 April 2021

#### Departure Points

- Coles Carpark – for those carpooling, meet at 4:00pm at the carpark and organise your lifts. Then proceed to Woodhill Hall to connect with fellow travellers.
- Woodhill Hall – (for those living on the north side of Beaudesert) – once joined by our fellow travellers from Beaudesert, we will be departing here at 4.30pm sharp for Albion Park Paceway.

RSVP - 3 April 2021

Text or phone Lyn or Greg Hand on 0439 964 823 or 0476 755 537

- Admission - "The Creek" offers free admission.
- Dress Code - The minimum dress standard for members of the general public attending The Creek is clean and neat casual dress. Footwear is mandatory at all times.
- Parking - Free parking is available for all general race day attendees. The carpark can be accessed via Yulestar Street, which is directly across the road from the Breakfast Creek Hotel carpark.
- Facilities - Located within our main grandstand building you will find Pacers and Chasers Bar & Bistro, TOTE and self-serve betting terminals, as well as glass windows and television screens for race viewing. The building has a disabled lift and the grandstand includes a viewing deck for wheelchair access.

Our group will have a reserved table in the Pacers & Chasers Bar and Bistro, meals and drinks can be purchased at your expense

## We have new volunteers on our committee

Cheryl Folley

Beaudesert U3A has added three new committee members to help with the range of voluntary duties needed as the organisation expands. With the resignation of one member, that brings the total committee number to 12.

"Everyone has a specific job as well as contributing to all decisions," our newly re-elected president Andy Fechner said at the U3A annual general meeting last week.

"Stuart Gearey is our new assistant treasurer and Peter Venz takes on a role contributing to the group's website. In addition, Debbie Pratt becomes the new Facebook editor, replacing Carol Castles who is retiring to give full attention to her duties as the president of the Beaudesert RSL sub-branch.

More than 50 members attended the AGM at the RSL function room and stayed for afternoon tea, many taking the opportunity to speak to the Scenic Rim Division 4 councillor Michael Enright, who conducted the election of office bearers. All nominations for committee positions were accepted unopposed.

In his speech, president Andy thanked all committee members, tutors and facilitators of courses, who keep U3A running.

"I look forward to another year of growth with the enthusiastic and passionate support of both the committee and our tutors and facilitators of courses," he said.

See full report and photos on our website - [www.beaudesertu3a.com](http://www.beaudesertu3a.com).



(L-R back row) George Evans, Andy Fechner, Stuart Gearey, Peter Venz

(L-R front row) Michele Goucher, Di Johnson, Yvonne Berry, Helen Atkinson, Lise Leatherbarrow, Tina Jones, Cheryl Folley

(Inset) Debbie Pratt

