



**Beaudesert  
University  
of the  
Third Age Inc.**

# Newsletter

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## Management Committee

### Members

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Member..... George Evans.....  
Ph. 5541 0706

## Date Claimer:

Friday 5th September (opening day of the Beaudesert Show)

U3A Beaudesert will host the U3A Regional Country Conference which we have named the "Showcase Country Conference". Details on our website.

## New Members

Cheryl Folley  
Ray Folley  
Mary Shefford  
Virginia Parker  
Sabby Gillow

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

An interesting comment was aired on a morning television program today. A viewer sent in a message saying that though a dedicated supporter of that program, they wanted to point out that there had been nothing but bad news stories for the last 3 weeks.

Does it seem that way to you too? I must admit that I feel overwhelmed at times by the ongoing bombardment of nothing but bad news stories. The constant flow of tragedies, natural disasters, violent crimes, terrorism and death of innocents spouting from the media makes me turn off the television and cease reading newspapers.

Media programmers and Editors believe that this sort of news attracts the most viewers / readers, and perhaps it does. Whether that is because of the voyeurism in each of us, or the thought that "thank goodness it wasn't me" plays out in our minds.

While we need to be aware of what is going on around us, including global events that could have an impact on our country, I for one would much prefer to be upbeat and cheerful, rather than disappear into gloom and depression. A little levity goes a long way, and I wonder if the suppliers of our news programs will ever realize that?

Is your glass half full or half empty??

Remember, don't take life too seriously...you'll never get out of it alive....!!

Until next Newsletter...Andy Fechner.

## Friends of the Committee

What a great response we have had to our request for members who are willing to become a "Friend" of our management committee.

Listed are those who have nominated that they will help where they can at occasional events, outings and functions where your committee members may need some assistance:

**June Carey**  
**Margaret White**  
**Carol Castle**  
**Jo Weymouth**  
**Denice Knight**  
**Gwen Elliott**  
**Trish Fraser**  
**Rita Evans**

We thank you very much for your intention to be involved.

To register as a Friend of the Committee, please contact:

Val Chapman- Secretary. Ph. 5541 3660  
e-mail [valandpeter2@bigpond.com](mailto:valandpeter2@bigpond.com) OR  
Laurel Fechner-Course Coordinator Ph 5541 2072  
e-mail [andyfechner@bigpond.com](mailto:andyfechner@bigpond.com)

## New Committee Member

On behalf of the Management Committee of the Beaudesert U3A I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new committee member George Evans.

Currently involved in our Monday computer courses, George has decided to join the committee because to use his own words: "many hands make the work lighter". He also has the philosophy that it is more satisfying to be involved than to be a spectator.

Thank you George for your enthusiasm, and I look forward to your contribution of ideas and assistance in the future.

Andy Fechner. President.

## Reciprocal Arrangements

### Mount Tamborine U3A

We are very pleased to announce that recent discussions with the Mount Tamborine U3A committee have resulted in the establishment of an agreement to offer reciprocal entitlements to all members of both organizations. This means that financial members of both Beaudesert and Mount Tamborine can join in the course programs on offer from both Groups.

You can look at the Mount Tamborine website to see what is on offer at [www.tinyurl.com/u3atmi](http://www.tinyurl.com/u3atmi) or phone Grahame Griffin (President) on 5545 0043.

Of course, the reciprocal arrangements that Beaudesert enjoys with our close neighbours at Jimboomba continues. We are currently in the process of making this into a 3 way arrangement between Beaudesert, Jimboomba and Mount Tamborine.

## Current Courses

### Term 3: Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September 2014

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

Wednesdays 9.00 am to 12.00 am, starts 16th July 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 at Centacare Bistro if not on an outing - 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](#)

Every second Thursday, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, from 24th July, at Centacare rooms. Phone Val Chapman 5541 3660

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

Mondays, 10am to 12.00 pm, starts 14th July 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 14th July 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](mailto:shikeo@bigpond.com)

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

Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am, starts 15th July. 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 14th July 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 15th July, 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 17th July. 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 16th July. Venue: Beadesert Tennis Courts, Boonah Road. Contact Tex White: 5541 4772

All course participants must be paid up members of Beadesert 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**

## **Thank You Trish Fraser**

On behalf of the Beadesert U3A Management Committee I would like to thank Trish Fraser for her past contributions to our U3A as a committee member. Trish has resigned from the committee due to her growing focus on other projects.

As many members would know, Trish is avidly involved in our Table Tennis group, and of course is the Tutor for our Aqua Aerobics course in summer, and our Line Dancing course in the cooler months. We are delighted that Trish plans to continue in her current role as Tutor for those 2 courses, so those of you who thought that you might be able to escape from her able ministrations...guess again..!!

Thank you so much Trish from your fellow committee members....  
Andy Fechner, President.

## **Tutors Meeting**

Most of our Beadesert U3A Tutors / Facilitators were able to attend our inaugural Tutors meeting on Wednesday 30th July. After an interesting meeting where all were able to air any problems, or ideas relating to courses and how to improve our offerings, everyone enjoyed an afternoon tea and cake supplied by our Tutor Coordinator Laurel Fechner.

It was decided that our Tutors would take up the offer put forward by the Scenic Rim Regional Council to attend a session of Free First Aid Courses for volunteers currently being trialled. The one day course includes a CPR session and is to be held at various locations in the Scenic Rim. What a great innovation from the Scenic Rim Regional Council.!



**Our dedicated Tutors agree that afternoon tea is better than the meeting..**

## **F.O.B.L.**

### **Friends of Beadesert Library**

If you're a grandparent like me, chances are that you have a truly valuable resource lying somewhere around your home – children's books whose owners have outgrown them.

It is books such as these that are being sought by the Friends of Beadesert Library for an initiative to introduce reading for pleasure to children who otherwise might never own a book or visit a library. So far the project is known simply as The Book Boxes. FOBL has filled five of these boxes and distributed them to businesses in Beadesert where children (often bored and looking for diversion) wait for parents – for example, the hairdressers, the doctor or dentist's surgery, the social worker's office. Children are invited to take home one of the books. They may then keep it or bring it back later and exchange it for another. There are no forms, no charges, and no formality.

FOBL plans to extend the project with adult or theme books when it has assessed the progress of the scheme, and has more boxes waiting to be

distributed to other businesses in town.

So if you:

- Have children's books in good condition and would like to donate them.
- Can spare time to "adopt" a town business and check the condition of a box regularly, (keeping it filled and in good condition).
- Would like to join FOBL and help in other exciting projects...

then simply ask at the library desk or contact the FOBL president Kate Amos (ph 0410 883 303 email [amos.kate54@gmail.com](mailto:amos.kate54@gmail.com))

Books may be left with library staff.

All residents are welcome to attend a monthly FOBL meeting – next one is at 10 am next Friday, August 8, in the library meeting room where the magazines used to be kept. Several well known U3A faces have been spotted already!

*Cheryl Folley*  
*FOBL committee*

## Discussion Group

A couple of weeks ago our Discussion Group had the pleasure of the company of local Councillor Jennifer Sanders, who came along to suffer the slings and arrows of our regular attendees. Jennifer was made most welcome, and was given moral support by her Mum, Lyn Dickman, who is the mover and shaker of Glad's Girls. Jennifer entered into our general discussions, and also gave the group a different viewpoint about a number of local issues which get raised regularly at our meetings.

We have all decided that a rail connection to Brisbane for Beaudesert would be a major development step for our region, and would help the district make a huge leap forward commercially. It is hard to blame just Jennifer, but our morning tea offerings seemed to disappear very quickly that day!!

We meet at Kath's House, 27 Dunsinane St., Beaudesert at 9.30am on Tuesdays.  
For further details please call Peter on Phone 5541 3660.

## Aqua Aerobics

Still a couple of months away from coming back into action. Fourth term and the re-opening of the Beaudesert pool will no doubt see the Flipper classes and water babies splashing about.

Wait until Summer. For details call:

Trish Fraser 0417 440 584

Margaret Kendrick 5541 0745

## Art Appreciation Group

The Art Appreciation Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month to attend exhibitions of art and other interesting subjects either locally or at the Qld Art Gallery or Qld Museum. The object of the group is to sometimes think outside the box where the arts are concerned and to stretch our knowledge of art in its various forms. We sometimes meet at Centacare to view DVD's of art or hold discussions on various art subjects. In all it is a group that doesn't settle for the norm but tries to investigate many areas of the art world.

Any member interested in joining us should contact me on 5544 1462 or email at [shikeo@bigpond.com](mailto:shikeo@bigpond.com).

Tricia Edward

## Genealogy

This subject is of interest to many today and is coordinated by Tricia Edward who has been deeply involved in the subject for about 12 years. Because of the individual needs of the members of this group Tricia mostly sees the interested parties on a one-to-one basis with trips to various locations where information is found. We try to get together as a group once a term to discuss what we have been doing and what we would like to achieve.

Tricia Edward. Ph. 5544 1462.

## Our Kitchens Rule

### July Cookery Group

A question was put forward to the group at our last session... Do we take a break between terms or would one of our members like to host the group in their kitchen?

Trisha was very keen for us to visit but there were conditions...my kitchen is available but you do the cooking. Ok, it was unanimous all agreed that we would go to Oaky Creek.

The day arrived, armed with very specific directions from Trish, there's absolutely no way we'd get lost. A glorious winters day perfect for a country drive, off we went picking up various members along the way, it was like a big adventure as some of us rarely venture that way.

Arriving spot on schedule Trish was waiting at the door to greet us all. Like long lost friends the social banter began, as we settled we discuss our recipe for the day. Pumpkin Curry with Chickpeas & Silver beet. At this time of year both pumpkins (from Tina's veggie patch) & silver beet (from Beryl's veggie patch) are in abundance, tossed into a tasty curry with enough fire to dance on your tongue it's a perfect winter warmer.

A most enjoyable outing which I and the rest of the group I'm sure will remember fondly for a long time to come. Thank you Trish.

Tina Jones.



**Pumpkin Curry....Homegrown Ingredients**

**For information about the Cookery Group at "Our Kitchens Rule" call Laurel 5541 2072 or Tina 0418 780 861.**

## **A Message from Cr. Jennifer Sanders...**

Jennifer has advised that she is currently producing an information sheet on local items of interest and happenings every 3 to 4 weeks.

If you are interested in receiving a copy, and would like to be on her e-mail listing, send her an e-mail at [jennifer.s@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:jennifer.s@scenicrim.qld.gov.au) or phone her on 0439 218805.

She is delighted to report that our local Beaudesert Rotary club is currently driving a project to place adult exercise equipment in Jubilee park. This item has been reported in the local newspaper, and will be a major addition to the infrastructure of Beaudesert, aiding in the fight to improve health and fitness in the community. For more information about Rotary and this project, call Susie on 5544 6151.

## **Travellers Tales...**

### **Northern Territory Adventure**

Late last year we had a wonderful experience of visiting the Northern Territory. We toured with AAT Kings on a guided tour. Our tour commenced in Ayers Rock where we visited Uluru both at sunset and sunrise the following day.

While we did not attempt to climb the rock it was a wonderful experience and sight.

We felt the rock was more spectacular in the morning at sunrise rather than the evening



Our tour continued visiting Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and Kings Canyon. These are equally spectacular sights to visit, with a walk through the Kings Canyon being a highlight.

Our tour continued with a 2 day stay in Alice Springs where we visited Simpsons Gap, The Flying Doctor Service, School of the Air and The Desert Park.

We continued north spending a night in each of Tennant Creek and Katherine with a very pleasant stop at Mataranka to visit the Thermal Pools. Whilst in Katherine we had an absolutely fantastic boat trip up the Katherine Gorge. What a spectacular place to visit!

The next day we travelled to Kakadu staying overnight in Jabiru visiting Yellow Waters Billabong where we had a number of encounters with some very large crocodiles, including a fight between 2 over a dead wallaby right beside our boat.

Our next stop was Darwin. We spent a day in Litchfield National Park visiting the waterfalls which were a bit disappointing due to the time of year and lack of water.

Our last night on the Tour was spent on Darwin Harbour where we had a very pleasant Sunset Cruise and Dinner. We stayed in Darwin for an extra 2 days so that we could explore what Darwin had to offer. We visited the Military Museum and it was fascinating to realise the impact the war had on Darwin and its people. We also went to the Northern Territory Museum where the highlight of our visit was to the room where we could experience the sound of Cyclone Tracy. This was an eerie experience, something that those of us living in other parts of Australia would not have understood.

Anyone thinking of doing this trip needs to be aware it involves a lot of walking over sometimes rough terrain but if you are capable it is well worth it. We found doing it as an organised tour to be an excellent way to ensure that you get a good appreciation of what the Northern Territory has to offer.

Peter and Val Chapman

# Thanks to Our Sponsors





# BEAUDESERT U3A Time Table

## 14 July to 19 Sept '14. Term 3



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	Beaudesert		
	Weekly		Contact: Trish	
	Contact: Peter		PH: 0417 440 584	
	PH: 5541 3660		Contact: Val	
			PH: 5541 3660	
Wednesday	9.00 - 12.00	Beaudesert	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			
<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
Thursday	9.00 - 12.00	Uniting Church		
	TABLE TENNIS	Hall		
	Weekly			
	Contact: Pam			
	PH: 5541 2662 or			
	Contact: Trish			
	PH: 0417 440 584			
Every Second	10.00 - 12.00	Centacare Bistro		
Thursday	CARD MAKING	6-12 Petersen St		
From 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Contact: Val			
	PH: 5541 3660			
Friday			2.00pm to 4.00pm	Kath's House
			Music- Recorder Group	27 Dunsinane Street
			Contact Sue Bradbury	Beaudesert
			Ph. 5544 3146	

Phone to	JIGSAW LIBRARY	20 Lincoln Court	<b>GENEALOGY CLUB</b>	<b>By Arrangement</b>
Arrange a	Contact: Margaret	Gleneagle	<b>Phone Tricia Edward</b>	
Selection	or Hennie		5544 1462	
time	PH: 5541 0745		e-mail shikeo@bigpond.com	

**N.B.**

**All participants must be financial members of the Beaudesert U3a, (\$25 single/\$40 double per annum), and each session has a minimum fee of \$2 towards Centacare expenses. If necessary, any extra course costs will be set by tutors.**

***Please contact Course Co-ordinator: Laurel Fechner***

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