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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 Andy Fechner

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This is our last edition of OWLS before Christmas and the long school holiday break. Did 2018 really happen? It seems not so long ago that I was counting the cost of the last Christmas break, and deciding whether to freeze the ham bones to use for pea and ham soup later in the year.

I know we did have a winter, because I remember all the effort I put into sawing logs and splitting them for firewood.

We keep the wood burning combustion stove going pretty much non-stop during winter, with a kettle or a pot staying warm on the hob. I am not sure about spring. I think it sprung in and was gobbled up by summer after a couple of weeks! Now we have at least four months of warm weather ahead, and if we get any decent rain, all we will complain about is mowing lawns and fighting weeds.

While we have had an exciting and busy 2018, and have had to cope with some personnel changes in some of our courses, I am looking forward to an interesting 2019:

- We are currently running a short course of line dancing, and plan to host this activity in air conditioned premises from the start of term one next year.
- In addition, we have a model train enthusiast who is keen to meet and

share in "hands on" activities with fellow train buffs. More on this later.

- Our French group will focus next year on having "two courses in one" with a beginners' and a more advanced group operating at the same time.
- Next year should also see the formation of a "trivia puzzling" group, and we are sure this will attract a lot of players.

In closing, I would like to extend my wishes for a happy and safe Christmas and New Year to all our members. Enjoy family time if you are lucky enough to be able to do so, and celebrate in the way that best suits you and yours.

REMEMBER - 2019 membership fees of \$25 single and \$40 couple are due and payable as of 1 January. You can pay electronically (using your surname as a reference) to: U3A Beaudesert Inc Queensland Country Credit Union BSB 704-640 Account number. 41539572, or by cash or cheque to a committee member or course tutor. If you are a new member who joined in the last term, you should already have a 2019 membership card, and so are already paid up.

Till next edition

Happy birthday to

Lawrie Berry	Barry Chatel	Sabby Gillow
Anne Hei	Lise Leatherbarrow	Noela Lee
Bronwyn Miles	Donna Page	Errol Steinhardt
Susan Topping	Judith Williams	

who are all celebrating birthdays in December.

If your birthday is in December and is not listed here, please let us know and we will update our records.



We are delighted to welcome nine new members to Beaudesert U3A:

Gay & Bill Robson, Miriam Ryan, Rosalee Parris, Rosa Martin, Leah MacGinley, Janice Heit, Carolyn Gooding, Margaret Cannons.



We trust you are enjoying the activities you have chosen for yourself, where we are sure you will make many new friends.

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Current courses - term four 2018

8 October-14 December

Course coordinator | Laurel Fechner
Phone 5541 2072 | Email andyfechner@bigpond.com

Acoustic guitar

Thursday afternoons Centacare rooms 1.30 pm-3.30 pm.
Tutor Ken Jurd.
Contact Laurel 5541 2072 email andyfechner@bigpond.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. Last day 2018 20 December, resuming 8 January 2019.
Contact Paulette 5543 1261



Art appreciation "Meandering through History" (starting 1st term 2019)

Thursdays 10 am-12 noon Centacare rooms.
Contact Tricia on 5544 1462

Art group "The Limners"

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 041 707 8712

Card playing - Beaudesert

Every Monday 1 pm-4 pm at Centacare rooms Enjoy euchre, canasta, samba, 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

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

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

Jigsaw library

Select a jigsaw (or a wasgij) to use from the library. For selection and collection contact Sandra 5541 0978

Line dancing/dancing

Tuesday 1 pm- 3 pm Uniting Church hall, corner William and Duckett Streets; off street parking available in rear. \$3 per session. Will be held at The Centre from January 2019.
Contact Trish 0419 006 988

Mahjong - Jimboomba

Meets every Tuesday 11 am-2 pm Dorrington House Jimboomba.

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.

Contact Elizabeth 5546 9689

Mahjong - Beaudesert

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

Mosaics

Meet Mondays 1.30 pm-3.30pm at Centacare (on verandah), Petersen Street, Beaudesert from 6 August. A hands-on course in a fascinating art form.
Contact Gail mobile 0419 282 110

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 Lawrie 0423 322 975

Scrapbooking

Second Monday of each month, 9.30 am-11.30 am, 360 Lambert Road, Nindoobah. \$10/session payable on the day.
Contact Anita 0408 452 584

Social conversational French

Every Monday 1.00 pm-3.00 pm Centacare rooms.
Contact Jane 5541 2321

Social outing/lunch

The December lunch is the Christmas lunch on 7 December which is now fully booked.

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 Des or Pamela 5541 2662 or 0448 133 146



Got any ideas for a new course or activity in which you have some experience and a passion for, and in which other U3A members might be interested?

U3A would welcome you as a facilitator/tutor, whether it be a short term course over a few weeks, or a longer course over a year (or more).

Have a chat with course coordinator Laurel Fechner, phone 5541 2072, email andyfechner@bigpond.com.



Social lunch November

Andy Fechner

The social lunch for November was held at the Logan Village Hotel.

I had not been there previously, so it was a new experience for me. Di Johnson booked for 30, but we ended up with 36 attendees, which was a very good roll up.

While taking the food orders was a bit onerous, the staff were very pleasant, and the menu was very varied, with a short list of lunch "specials" for \$14.95, and a blackboard menu of other specials of the day.

There was also a large general menu to choose from.

The meal servings were generous and of good quality, and the service was well organised. Meal orders were taken by name and table number so as to save confusion.

While a little bit away from our usual stamping ground, the occasion was well worth the trip.



Mosaics

Tina Jones

We had our Christmas end of year breakup party on Tuesday.

The Mosaic group were treated to the kind and generous hospitality of Maurice & Patricia Lamb. A fabulous table crowded with delicious morsels, and a glass or two of bubbly made for a day of fun and merriment. Thanks to the perfect hosts.

Patricia's new coffee table, recently finished just in time for the Christmas festivities you would have to agree, it looks great!!



Line dancing/dancing



Line dancing got off to a great start with 21 members turning up to the first line dancing session, some of whom were absolute beginners and others who were experienced dancers. No experience is necessary for this group as Trish shows each step and move slowly and thoroughly before the group gets to dance with the music. It did not take long for the newbies to get the hang of it all and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

If you would like to join this group, they meet on Tuesday afternoons 1-3 pm in the Uniting Church Hall, corner Duckett and William Streets. From January 2019 the group will meet at The Centre, same time, same day, same cost. The course will run initially for five weeks finishing on 11 December at a cost of \$3 per session and you must be a member of U3A to participate. Depending on interest, the group may then become a full year activity.

Bugs

BUGs group members recently visited some of our local gardens. Many thanks to Carmel Carter, David and Michele Goucher and Cheryl Bizzell for sharing their fabulous gardens. They were all different and all inspiring I'm sure.

As I think everyone enjoyed today, it would be great if other BUGs members would allow us to visit their homes next year.

The last meeting for 2018 was held on 16 November where members swapped plants and had a shared lunch.

Even if you haven't been to many meetings this year you are most welcome to come to this one as it is a good opportunity to share fellowship with like-minded people and we always have yummy food!



Aqua aerobics It's been a fun start to the season, good to see lots of faces having fun while getting some exercise .

As Paulette is finishing her time as tutor at the end of the season, we are looking for a new tutor/facilitator for this activity for next year.

Anyone interested please contact Laurel Fechner, 5541 2072.

Pool entry \$4; \$3 pensioners.

Last day 2018 **20 December, resuming 8 January 2019.**



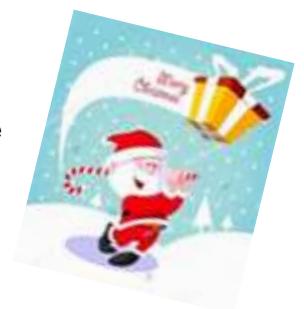
Social Tennis

We are pleased to advise that Beaudesert Tennis Club has now made available early access to the courts for us on a Wednesday so we can commence early.

Social tennis will now start at 7.30 am during the hotter times.

At present we anticipate we will cease playing on 19 December and maybe resume about middle of January.

The weather will play a big part in our finishing and starting time.



Daffy definitions

Contributed by Gloria Bremer

<i>Don Coyote</i>	A dog that goes on a quest thinking it is wilder and more noble than it is
<i>Cudnap</i>	To steal forage from a cow
<i>Gaznost</i>	To be emotionally open to a mate called Gary
<i>Glibbon</i>	A superficially interesting jungle primate
<i>Jodperv</i>	To stare lustfully at polo players
<i>Orcastra</i>	A pod of singing killer whales
<i>Spiffycanthropus</i>	The first apeman to stand upright and dress formally
<i>Van dork</i>	A failed attempt to grow a cool-looking beard
<i>Taberknuckle</i>	A pub that has become a site of pilgrimage because of the quality of its fist fights
<i>Skase</i>	To plead, complain and wheeze simultaneously
<i>Savoir flare</i>	The mistaken belief that you look good in wide trousers
<i>Radiocarbon dating</i>	The act of working out when somebody was born by the music they listen to on their car radios
<i>Oprahphilia</i>	A liking for exposing one's personal life to strangers
<i>Occidentaplegic</i>	Being unable to use chopsticks
<i>Nippoyankokrautology</i>	The science of knowing which nationalities you can be prejudiced against and remain politically correct
<i>Bikeopath</i>	A cyclist with a death wish in heavy traffic
<i>Botchelor</i>	A single man who has never mastered the art of cooking or cleaning
<i>Glamorkazi</i>	People who dress in the latest fashion and throw themselves at parties
<i>Vindaloser</i>	One who orders a curry that is hotter than they can ingest
<i>Snuburb</i>	A part of town that people look down on though they've never been there
<i>Scruplets</i>	Very small scruples
<i>Precycle</i>	To throw away something you have never used
<i>Podiatryst</i>	The therapeutic playing of footsie under the table

From "That's Language" by Frank Devine

Smiles



A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, 'Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!' The husband said, 'Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?' 'Doesn't matter,' she said. 'Just get out.'

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband.

A Polish immigrant went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test. The optician showed him a card with the letters 'C Z W I Z N O S T A C Z.' "Can you read this?" the optician asked. "Read it?" the Polish bloke replied, "I know the guy."



It Can Be Done

The ones who miss all the fun
Are those who say, "It can't be done."
In solemn pride they stand aloof
And greet each venture with reproof.
Had they the power they'd efface
The history of the human race.
We'd have no radio or motor cars,
No street lit by electric stars;
No telegraph nor telephone,
We'd linger in the age of stone.
The world would sleep if things were run
By those who say, "It can't be done."
-Author Unknown



Life is like a game of cards.

Reliability is the ace, industry the king, politeness the queen, thrift the jack. Commonsense is playing to best advantage the cards you draw. And every day, as the game proceeds, you will find the ace, king, queen, jack in your hand and opportunity to use them.

Edgar Watson Howe

Life is too short to be anything
but happy. So *live* slowly,
love deeply, *forgive* quickly.
Take *chances* & never have *regrets*
Forget the *PAST*, but *remember*
what it taught you.

You know
you're getting
old when
happy hour
is a nap.

Laughter is the closest distance between two people. -
Victor Borge

If we could sell our experiences for what they cost us, we'd all be millionaires.

Oscar Wilde

Battery quartz movement with a sweep hand



\$50 voucher from Beau View

\$50 voucher from Heits Butchery

\$2 ticket or 3 for \$5 6 draws

Available from tutors/committee members
Drawn 7 December

\$50 voucher from Heits Butchery

\$50 voucher from Mitre 10



55 litre esky, 7.5 litre water/drink cooler, 2 large freezer bricks

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"Vale to Margo"

Margo Hanrahan,

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.



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