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President's piece Andy Fechner

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- Vice president**
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At the end of 2021, like everyone else I wished all a happy New Year and of course hoped for an improvement in 2022. Well, welcome to 2022, and at this time things don't seem to have improved all that much. I try to be positive at all times, but it is difficult to ignore the growing sense of unease and at times fear spreading through the community. Evidence is there to see with depleted supermarket shelves, and closed doors of businesses that things are not "normal" or OK.

I am happy to say that the great majority of our members, (who are certainly of an age to be deemed vulnerable), are fully vaccinated against covid. Those few who are not are now unable to come to our U3A activities, and some have chosen to not renew membership for the time being.

Annual membership fees of \$25 per person are now past due, and unfinancial members cannot attend courses until fees are paid. Anyone

who has not paid by Friday 18 February will be removed from our data base. Tutors will be ensuring that all those attending activities can show a 2022 badge, or are on our files.

Our first term for 2022 will be starting for most courses and activities in line with the originally gazetted school terms, from the week commencing Monday 24 January. Queensland students are now due to recommence from Monday 7 February. If in doubt, contact your class tutor. Ukulele is scheduling a start on 10 February.

Our 2022 Annual General Meeting is planned for Friday 18 March at The Club (RSL) Beaudesert, starting at 1.30 pm. Afternoon tea will served upon completion. If you or someone you know is willing to assist by nominating for a position on our committee, please contact our secretary, Yvonne Berry on: secretaryu3abeaudesert@gmail.com as soon as you can.

Welcome to 2022.

Andy Fechner

Reminder - fees are now due

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

- P 5541 2072
E andyfechner@bigpond.com

Situations vacant

Beaudesert U3A is prospering, even in these difficult covid-affected times. In order to keep going and growing as we have done over the last few years, we need a committee to keep the wheels turning and to that end, the position of vice president, along with the positions of membership secretary, assistant publicity officer, and general committee, is vacant.

Our committee meets monthly, 11 times a year for around two hours each time, and then members have their roles to fulfil with various tasks. While none of these are too onerous, they allow members to be involved in the workings of our exciting group.



Best wishes for a very **happy birthday** to our members who celebrate their birthdays in February:



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| Gary Ahern | Lyndall Ferguson | Thea Franklin |
| Keith George | Joan Gray | Bernie Grodecki |
| Patrick Hughes | Marlene Jamieson | Maurice Laing |
| Andrea March | Bernadette McCabe | Lenard Morgan |
| Barbara Moss | Cedric Musch | John Noble |
| Dianne O'Neill | Pat Ryan | Laurie Sims |



Member of U3A Network Queensland

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

Current courses - term one 2022 24 January-1 April 2022

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

Aqua aerobics

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 7.30 am-8.30 am
Beaudesert pool. Suggested wear clean sports shoes/aqua shoes, sun protection, hat, sunglasses. Pool entry \$3.50 pensioners
Contact John 0417 073 190

Art group - all mediums

Wednesdays 9 am-12 St Thomas's Anglican Church hall.
Contact Denice 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-4.00 pm at the Anglican Church Hall, 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

English as a second language

CANCELLED

Exercise for seniors

Now in recess until term 2 2022. Refer to aqua aerobics.
Contact John 0417 073 190

French

Every Monday 11.00 am-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 Beaucare Community room, 44 Tina Street. General discussions on any subject group members propose.
Contact Andy 5541 2072

German

CANCELLED

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 Davidson Road, Jimboomba.
Contact Elizabeth 5546 9689

Mahjong - Beaudesert

Thursday afternoons 1 pm-3.30 pm Arts & Information Centre.
Contact Michele 0459 335 403

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 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 in February 2022. Venue to be advised.

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.
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 Finella 0439 414 491

TAG Christmas river cruise

George Evans

On December 19, approximately 34 Beaudesert U3A members assembled at the bus stop opposite Coles supermarket for a 3.00 pm chartered Logan Coach trip to Mowbray Park. A further four members were picked up at the Tavern in Jimboomba. All Covid requirements were complied with regarding scanning and checking of vaccination compliance.

The bus proceeded to Mowbray Park where we all assembled and waited for our boat (*The Lady Brisbane*) to arrive.

We all boarded the boat with the exception of one passenger from another group also attending the cruise but who failed to arrive. The cruise started at 5.30 pm. We went up-river for about an hour and a half, then turned around and passed the start point. About half way through we were served with a cold buffet which was very generous in both quantity and quality. A bar was also available on board.

Photography proved difficult due to the movement of the boat, people moving about, and a lack of fast shutter camera in dark lighting. However a few shots were managed and are shown below. The cruise finished at approximately 8.30 pm and we were all returned to our drop-off stops by Logan Coach.



Mosaics and French Christmas lunches

Tina Jones



The mosaics group and the French groups held their Christmas lunches at The Club, using the U3A vouchers each member received. It looks like everyone had a very happy time.

Open day January 21 2022

Andy Fechner

Photos courtesy of Andy Fechner, Tina Jones and Diane Rewko



Despite the threat of Covid worrying many, we attracted 91 visitors to our open day at The Club on Friday 21 January. Most satisfying was that 20 of those were non members, many of whom signed up on the day. There was a lot of interest in our new language courses, German and ESL due to start on Wednesday 9 February. Our line dancers put on two displays of their activity, showing us all how to enjoy ourselves. In all we had displays of 17 of our current activities on offer.



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A warm U3A Beaudesert welcome to our new members, Daniel and Francis Buckley, Kathryn Cahill, Sharyn Cattell, Christa Kennedy, Sonya O'Sullivan, Gae Slater, Glenys Smith, Roselyn Smith, Louise Todd, Dawn Walsh, Peter Ardrey, Joan Gleeson.

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

Who am I?



Of course you knew who it is - it's our lovely Laurel, president Andy's wife.



Medical terms explained in simple English

BACTERIA	BACK DOOR OF CAFETERIA
BARIUM	WHAT DOCTORS DO WHEN PATIENTS DIE
BOWEL	A LETTER LIKE A,E,I,O,U.
CAESAREAN SECTION	A NEIGHBOURHOOD IN ROME
CAT SCAN	SEARCHING FOR A LOST CAT
CAUTERISE	MAKING EYE CONTACT WITH A WOMAN
COMA	A PUNCTUATION MARK
D & C	WHERE WASHINGTON IS
DILATE	TO LIVE LONGER
ENEMA	NOT A FRIEND
FESTER	QUICKER
FIBULA	A LITTLE LIE
GENITAL	NOT A JEW
HANGNAIL	COAT HOOK
IMPOTENT	DISTINGUISHED, WELL KNOWN
LABOUR PAIN	GETTING HURT AT WORK
MEDICAL STAFF	DOCTOR'S CANE
MORBID	A HIGHER OFFER
NITRATES	CHEAPER THAN DAY RATES
NODE	WAS AWARE OF
OUTPATIENT	A PERSON WHO HAS FAINTED
PAP SMEAR	A FATHERHOOD TEST
PELVIS	FATHER OF ELVIS
RECOVERY ROOM	PLACE TO DO UPHOLSTERY
RECTUM	TOOK APART VIOLENTLY
SECRETION	HIDING SOMETHING
SEIZURE	ROMAN EMPEROR
TABLET	A SMALL TABLE
TERMINAL ILLNESS	GETTING SICK AT THE AIRPORT
TUMOUR	MORE THAN ONE
URINE	OPPOSITE OF YOUR OUT
VARICOSE	NEARBY
VEIN	CONCEITED

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