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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.

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

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Welcome to 2019, and our first edition of OWLS for the year. Firstly, I would like to extend my thanks to one of our fairly new members Gay Robson, who has stepped up to produce this newsletter, as our usual editor Yvonne Berry has been away in New Zealand helping her family deal with her sister's recent passing.

Gay has also been instrumental in producing a number of flyers and other advertising material for us since Christmas, and her input has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you Gay.

As with the beginning of each year, there are a lot of projects and events underway. Our inaugural open day and sign on has recently taken place, and gave members and visitors the opportunity to see what some of our courses have to offer. We have new courses on our schedules for 2019, including line dancing, indoor bowls, trivia puzzling, meandering through history, and cards at Kooralbyn.

We had planned a model train activity but unfortunately our facilitator for this course Colin Liebke has suffered some medical problems, and we have postponed the train project until further notice - (just like Queensland Rail!!).

We are currently partnering with the Scenic Rim Regional Council in their

"Be Healthy and Active" programme for 2019, and are offering up four of our activities to non-member seniors on a "try before you buy" basis.

Aqua aerobics, line dancing, table tennis and cards in two locations are the courses offered, with visitors being encouraged to join as full members so as to enjoy any of our other activities.

On another note, a pet hate of mine has surfaced again, and this time the supermarkets have exceeded all previous efforts by offering hot cross buns for sale before New Year's Day. While I like hot cross buns (fresh or toasted), I detest this practice and refuse on principle to purchase any until around a week before Easter. (Good Friday is on 19 April this year).



For those who have renewed their membership for 2019, thank you.

I hope you enjoy your chosen courses and activities.

If you have not yet renewed but want to remain a member, please do it NOW!

Due to insurance restrictions, unfinancial members may NOT attend courses.

Until next edition

Andy



We are delighted to welcome Maureen Bradley-Kee, Diane Rewko, Helen Atkinson, Warwick Atkinson, Hilary Cording, Ken Jurd to Beaudesert U3A.

We trust you are enjoying 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 (January birthdays) Bernie Brown, Ann Cahill, Carol Castles, Trish Caverly, Genie Enright, George Evans, Trish Fraser, Jan Hopkins, Ben Kerrison, Shirley Schwarz, Annette Wilkinson, Liz Avery, and February birthdays



Gloria Bremer, Shirley Foreman, Thea Franklin, Keith George, Lindy Johnston, Dianne Kelly, Maurice Lamb, Bernadette McCabe, Pat Millard, Gay Robson, Pat Ryan, Laurie Sims, Elizabeth Tate, Margaret White,

who are all celebrating birthdays in January and February.

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



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 Centacare rooms 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

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



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.

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. Thursdays 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Contact Tricia on 5544 1462

Mosaics Meet Mondays 1.30 pm-3.30pm at Centacare (on verandah), Petersen Street, Beaudesert a hands-on course in a fascinating art form.

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, Nindooindah. \$10/session payable on the day.

Contact Anita 0408 452 584

Social outing/lunch

The February lunch will be at the Railway Hotel Beaudesert 12.00 noon on Friday 8 February.

Contact Di on 0468 849 448

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

Indoor bowls Friday mornings from 9.00 am at St. Thomas's Anglican Church Hall, Albert Street Beaudesert

Contact Lee 0451 401430

Trivia puzzling - commences 6 February

Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 pm at Centacare Contact Tex 55414772



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 laurel.fechner@gmail.com



Course coordinator's comments

Laurel Fechner

With the first term of 2019 underway, we have on offer some exciting new courses, and also have a few new tutors / facilitators looking after groups.

I am looking forward to catching up with members, both new and old, as I make my visits to as many courses as I possibly can. I may even be talked into joining in some activities momentarily, though I think Paulette will be safe from me at aqua aerobics!

A new course for 2019

For the past few years the art appreciation course (held at Centacare on Thursday mornings) has been having a great time investigating various art subjects concentrating on paintings presented under many different headings and places. These courses were obtained by the members of the group and were mainly DVD series from The Great Courses. However, the group members feel that they have exhausted this subject and have

decided to "move on" and exercise their minds in a different direction.

We are all interested in history and this group has settled on this subject as their new venture. The course is called -

"MEANDERING THROUGH HISTORY"
Members of the group have purchased DVD courses on various aspects of history which we will view and discuss over the next few years. We are excited to begin this study in term one of 2019. Subjects to be studied are: The Celtic World; The Black Death; History of

Eastern Europe and A History of England from the Tudors to the Stuarts. The classes will consist of two half-hour sessions with a break for discussion and will be held at Centacare on Thursdays from 10am to noon.

If any U3A members would like to join us on this voyage of discovery, please contact Tricia on 5544 1462 to make arrangements.



General discussion group - but what do you talk about?

Cheryl Folley

The answer, for members of U3A's discussion group that meets every Tuesday morning, is "just about anything." And usually there is so much to say, that we don't finish on the dot of our allotted two hours.

Other members of U3A often look bemused at the thought of discussion group: how do we find enough to discuss, what happens if people disagree, can you really talk about anything or are there rules?

The first thing I can say is that I've never seen a major disagreement or upset, as we recognise that people have different opinions and while there may be spirited discussion, it never degenerates into hurt feelings.

And unlike the rules of "polite" chit-chat, there is no ban on the usual "no-goes" of sex, religion and politics.

Someone is bound to unearth an interesting, weird or unusual thought on any of the above, and others are keen to join the subsequent discussion.

Our format is a variation on drawing names out of a hat.

At each meeting our coordinator Andy puts the names of everyone present into a paper bag, and draws out the first name. That person usually has seen or read something appealing during the week, so introduces their particular subject.

Then the first person draws the next name, and so it goes. We've a wide variety of backgrounds in our core group of 12 members, including retired nurses, business operators, medical profession, journalists, teachers, public servants and a catering manager.

One person is a history buff with a fund of strange stories about long-gone figures from the past, another has the inside running on Scenic Rim business, a third has long experience in politics and economics.

It's all a change from talking about the weather or the prices at the cattle sales!

And – did I mention – we have the best morning teas as we all take turns to bring the food while Andy supplies tea and coffee, so with some prize cooks in the mix, we eat very well in the mid-morning break....



Social lunch February

The Railway Hotel in Beaudesert is the venue for our first monthly social lunch day in 2019 on Friday 8 February, commencing at 12.00 noon. A Seniors lunch menu is available, along with a significant discount for seniors from their main menu.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Di Johnson prior to the day -

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



Giveaway

Looking for some inks for a Brother LC 51/57/37 LC 10/1000 or an LC 960/970 printer? One of our members has nine cartridges available at no cost.

If you are interested, contact Lise 0438 754 269.

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Annual General Meeting U3A Beaudesert

Forward notice

Members are hereby advised of the upcoming 2019 Annual General Meeting which will be held at Centacare, Petersen Street Beaudesert on Friday 22 March commencing at 10.00 am.

This early advice is to allow any interested members to nominate for any committee or executive position, to be voted on at the AGM. Nominations will not be accepted

from the floor; they must be in writing and lodged with the U3A Beaudesert Secretary, Yvonne Berry, by Friday 22 February 2019.

Nomination forms are available on request. An agenda and items for mention will be forwarded in due course.

Please contact Andy Fechner 0409 859515 or email andyfechner@bigpond.com.



Membership boost at open day

Cheryl Folley

There was no wiping the smile from our president's face last week, as he contemplated the results of what he called "an open day with a real buzz."

We enrolled 30 new members and managed to attract just over 100 visitors, including many who were keen to find out about local activities, as well as current members renewing their membership for 2019.

Kooralbyn card group, indoor bowls and line dancing were among new or re-energised activities which gained significant numbers. Indoor bowls will be held at St Thomas's church hall from 9 am to noon on Fridays, with the first day on February 1. Contact is Lee Parris on 0451 401 430 if you're interested.

And if you are wondering what happened to the "thought bubble" on trivia puzzling which was raised late last year, it will become a reality with the first event from 1.30 to 3.30 pm on Wednesday February 6 at Centacare. Anyone interested in this group should contact the coordinator Tex White on 5541 4772.



Open day Friday 18 January 2019

Christmas lunch 2018

Andy Fechner

From all reports, a great time was had by all at our Christmas 2018 lunch function, with plenty of food, good music and good cheer.

We ran a \$100 board, and by popular vote decided to do two \$50 draws, resulting in two



happy winners of \$50 each - Rita Evans and Gloria Bremer. (Despite his best efforts, George was unable to convince Rita to share her winnings with him.)

Our final numbers were 110 attendees on the day, with most choosing to renew their memberships for 2019 on the day. The multi-draw raffle draw was also conducted, along with 17 "lucky door" prizes being handed out. With



approximately a one in six chance of winning a prize of some sort, there were a lot of happy people.

I was very pleased to be able to thank the following helpers who contributed in the set up and running of the day:

Laurel Fechner, Pat Millard, Michele Goucher, George Evans, Rita Evans, Liz Avery, Judith Zaugg, Jane Blunck, Carol Castles, Patricia Castles, Joan Gray, Cheryl Folley, Lise Leatherbarrow. And of course our two musicians on the day, Ken Jurd and Wayne McNiven.

Our Best Dressed prize was awarded to Derani Gearey, though her husband Stuart was a close second.... Our local Member of State Parliament Jon Krause also came in and spent some time talking to members individually.. Our vice president Ray Folley was also generous in his kind words thanking me for my contributions towards this successful event.



Dingbats - grey matter exercises

VALE ROBIN KELLY

Our condolences and sympathies were extended to Di Kelly and family on 16 January at the funeral of her husband, Robin Kelly, who passed away early in the month after a long illness.

Thank you to those members who attended.

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A Word or Two about this and that

Yvonne Berry

I have been back and forth across the Tasman the past couple of months helping to care for and be with my terminally ill sister, and in my absence Gay Robson has stepped up to the plate and carried on with some of the tasks I usually do in my role as newsletter editor and creator of flyers.

Also, Cheryl Folley has jumped in without hesitation and covered for me as secretary at our monthly committee meetings. I am fortunate to be part of an organisation who has such friendly and willing members who supported me during a particularly distressing time in my life.

My heartfelt thanks to you both and to everyone in our U3A who has been there for me.



My bed is a magical place where I can suddenly remember everything I was supposed to do.



How many boxes of these Thin Mints do I have to eat before I start seeing results?

On the lighter side The CIA had an opening for an assassin. After all the background checks, interviews and testing were done, there were three finalists: two men and a woman. For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun.

"We must know that you will follow your instructions no matter what the circumstances. Inside the room you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill her."

The man said "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife."

The agent said, "Then you are not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home."

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for

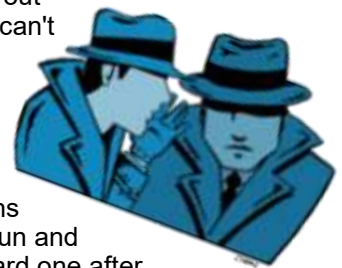
about five minutes. The man came out with tears in his eyes, "I tried, but I can't kill my wife."

The agent said, "You don't have what it takes, so take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn.

She was given the same instructions to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard one after another. Then they heard screaming, crashing, and banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman, wiping sweat from her brow.

"The gun was loaded with blanks," she said. "I had to kill him with the chair."



A man, wanting to rob a Bank of Queensland, walked into the branch and wrote "Put all ya munny in this beeg." While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller's window. So he left the bank and crossed the street to the NAB Bank. After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the teller. She read it and, surmising from his spelling errors that he wasn't the brightest light in the harbour, told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of Queensland deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a NAB deposit slip or go back to Bank of Queensland. Looking somewhat defeated, the man said, 'OK' and left.

He was arrested a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at the Bank of Queensland.

A guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a brick through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the brick and heaved it over his head at the window. The brick bounced back knocking him unconscious. It seems the liquor store window was made of flexi-glass... The whole event was caught on videotape.

My daughter went to a local McDonalds and ordered a burger. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

"When my husband and I arrived at a car dealer to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "it's open!" His reply, "I know - I'd already done that side."



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