



Newsletter

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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 further on in this Newsletter.

New Member

Ben Kerrison

Beaudesert U3A welcomes the above new member 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

Well, Winter has finally arrived in the Scenic Rim and some of those early morning frosts are making the lower lying areas white in the mornings. For those intrepid souls who still like to go for their crack of dawn walks make sure you have your thick socks on! Spare a thought for the dairy farmers and others who have to be up and about by necessity no matter what the weather brings. They have to brave the elements by design, not by choice.

It hardly seems that 12 months could have gone by since the end of last financial year, but time slips by so quickly. No doubt the taxman is ready for the influx of income tax returns for the 2013/14 year, and will be doing his best (or worst) to maximize the amount of your money he can keep!

There is a saying that two things in life are certain-death and taxes, and neither of these circumstances appeal to me whatsoever!

On to brighter things than cold weather and even colder hearted taxation grabs: the great ongoing activities and events occurring in the Scenic Rim never cease to impress me. Regular community events including markets, festivals and open days are on every weekend, with something for all age groups. Early July sees the Eat Local Week coinciding with school holidays, providing some great opportunities. An open day at Greg Dennis's Robotic Dairy saw big crowds in the area. My congratulations to those community groups, parish bodies, individuals and the local Scenic Rim Council who work so hard to showcase our region to locals and visitors alike.

The Scenic Rim community spirit just gets better!!

Until next Newsletter...Andy Fechner.

Friends of the Committee

An excellent idea was tabled at the State Conference which has prompted our latest proposal.

Your Beaudesert U3A Committee is made up of a small group of enthusiastic people who volunteer their time and input willingly to help make our group the success it is. Most are also tutors/convenors of various courses which our members enjoy. From time to time our committee members need help with courses or events as they may be away on holidays, experiencing health problems or just catering to a large outing or event.

At these times there are not always enough committee members to go around!!

We have decided to start a group called "Friends of the Committee", and ask that you consider putting your name forward. We would love to have a pool of members who would be willing to help with "one off" occasions if and when the time comes. It may be just helping for an hour or so registering people at the door to an event, baking a cake or selling some tickets, but it would only be an occasional thing. We understand that not everyone wants to join our committee, perhaps because of time restraints, although you may be willing to join our "Friends of the Committee" group and assist on those occasional times when we just can't do it all.

INTERESTED? WILLING?

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

Val Chapman- Secretary. Ph. 5541 3660
e-mail valandpeter2@bigpond.com OR
Laurel Fechner-Course Coordinator Ph 5541 2072
e-mail andyfechner@bigpond.com

Current Courses

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

*** [Art Group](#) "The Limmers"

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

*** [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: Beaudesert Tennis Courts, Boonah Road. Contact Tex White: 5541 4772

All participants must be paid up members of Beaudesert 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

Limners Art Group

Through a contact of Bernie Brown's we were able to secure a trailer load of used art canvases around the time of the Margaret Olley bus trip in April. These were stored at Gwen and Bob Elliott's home in their garage, and some were given to U3A members. Gwen and Bob still needed to regain the space in their garage, so they prepared some of these canvases for re-use and offered them to the Children's Special Education in Beaudesert. Like me, I am sure you will be thrilled to know that the offer was taken with great enthusiasm and a Christmas Project is underway with over 30 "Special Children" painting a picture for their Mums and Dads for Christmas.

This is a wonderful achievement for Gwen and Bob and Beaudesert U3A and I am very keen to follow this through. Perhaps later in the year we can again connect with "Special Kids" and report on their progress.

Thank you again Gwen and Bob Elliott.

Margaret Kendrick.

Card Making

The Card Making Group will now meet every second Thursday at Centacare, 6-12 Petersen Street Beaudesert at 10 am until noon. This change from 1st and 3rd Thursdays is due to some months having 5 Thursdays instead of 4. This meant we sometimes had 3 weeks between meetings, and as we enjoy this activity so much, we just can't wait that long to get back to it. Third term will start from the 24th July.

For further information ring Val on 5541 3660.

Discussion Group

Our successful group is growing. We welcomed Cheryl and Ray Folley last week as visitors which brings up our numbers to 10. Cheryl and Ray fitted in very well, and thought it was an excellent idea for a group to get together and discuss Current Affairs. Anyone looking for an entertaining morning each Tuesday is welcome to come and join us. We meet at Kath's House, 27 Dunsinane St., Beaudesert at 9.30am.

For further details please call Peter on Phone 5541 3660.

Aqua Aerobics

Now that winter has arrived with a vengeance, the few "water babies" who were still enjoying swimming / exercising for health and activity at the Boonah hydrotherapy location each week have decided to suspend this activity until further notice. Too many coughs and colds have taken a grip, so Summer looks like being the next time the "Paddlers" will be getting together. For details call:

Trish Fraser 0417 440 584

Margaret Kendrick 5541 0745

Art Appreciation Group

I believe the group held an interesting discussion on favourite art items when they met at Centacare on the 18th June. Mary Street was in charge of the discussion as I was visiting family in Minneapolis (my USA fix).

It is proposed to hold an excursion to the Logan Art Gallery for our next meeting on the 16th July. The Logan Art Gallery mostly supports local artists and on this occasion is exhibiting works by Don Waters, who comes from Jacobs Well, and Esther Austin another local artist. I am not familiar with either of these artists but think it important to keep up with local talent.

We should meet at the Information Centre at 9.30am and car pool to the gallery and maybe have lunch nearby after viewing the exhibition. Any member interested in joining us for this trip should contact me on 5544 1462 or email at shikeo@bigpond.com.

Tricia Edward

Farewell Sharon Redmond

We have just been advised by one of our founding members, Sharon Redmond, that she is moving on from Centacare and has therefore tendered her resignation from our U3A Beaudesert Committee. Sharon helped establish the Beaudesert U3A Group, and has been a valued member and supporter ever since. It has been through her efforts that we have been able to establish such a good relationship with Centacare where we enjoy such great facilities for many of our activities.

Sharon's input will be sorely missed, but we thank her, and wish her well in her future endeavours

Our Kitchens Rule

June Cookery Group

Our growing band of enthusiastic would be chefs and pastrycooks continue to turn each cookery group meeting into a major production with the social aspect competing very hard with the development of new skills and recipes. Everybody contributes and shares in the working experience, and then the sample plates are devoured with glee. Our offerings are many and varied, with something for everyone. This month at Laurel's saw us prepare Vegetarian Rolls, served with Strawberry Chilli sauce. All agreed that these were delicious, and a thank you to Carol Castle for sharing the recipe on Facebook.



Many Hands make Light Work



Those Delicious Vegetarian Rolls

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

Social Tennis...

The social tennis group will continue through the school holiday break without any end of term stoppage. We currently have 8 regular members who come along and enjoy themselves each Wednesday morning. We will continue until the hot summer weather returns, at least until the start of term 4. I sincerely hope that the social tennis group continues to grow in numbers and more members take advantage of the great weather and fun times to be had in this activity.

You will need to bring a hat, sunscreen, water, towel and your own racquet if you have one. Some spare racquets are available for use. Toilet facilities are available as you go in the main gate. (They are clean and tidy).

Cost of court hire and tennis balls will be shared between players on each day of play. The more who show up, the less each will pay. I anticipate we will pay between \$2 and \$4 each per day.

Hope to see you there, for further information please contact Tex on 5541 4772.

U3A Qld State Conference

On the 17th and 18th June, 5 Beaudesert U3A Committee members attended the annual State Conference, this year hosted by U3A Redlands at their Performing Arts Centre in Cleveland.

Nearly 130 attendees enjoyed 2 days of guest speakers and general discussions on the achievements to date of U3A groups in Qld. Day one featured the U3A Network Qld Annual General Meeting. Our Beaudesert branch is a member of U3A Network Qld which provides group opportunities for insurance coverage, licencing agreements and course activities. The current President of U3A Network Qld, Rhonda Watson from Toowoomba recently attended the global U3A Conference in Toulouse, France.

U3A Network Qld will now be the Australian National Chair for the next 2 years, and as a part of the U3A Asia Pacific Alliance, Australia has agreed to host the 2015 International U3A Conference here in Queensland on the 28 / 29th May. U3A groups from around the world will meet in Brisbane at the City Hall for this event, and this gives us an opportunity to attend a world wide conference in our own backyard. More details will be distributed as they come to hand.

The 2 day Redlands Rendezvous State Conference was declared a great success, with social activities blended well with interesting speakers offering some thought provoking subjects for discussion. The event was catered by Redlands U3A members who volunteered their time and food preparation skills for both lunches and morning and afternoon teas.

We will be hosting a one day regional conference here in Beaudesert on Friday 5th September. We have named it our Showcase Country Conference, timed to coincide with our local Beaudesert Show, and it will be held at the Centacare complex. We expect that over 50 U3A Committee members from regional groups will attend, with many staying over to enjoy a visit to Beaudesert for the first time.

A special thanks to those of our members who have offered to host "home stay" accommodation for those coming from far away. We expect attendees from Roma, Gold Coast and all points in between. In addition, our own members are welcome to attend the conference to contribute their ideas on how we can improve our offerings from U3A.

Andy Fechner.
President.



State Conference Redlands



U3A Redlands Choir



Beaudesert Members paying attention

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 | | |
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| Wednesday | 9.00 - 12.00 | Beaudesert | 1.00 - 3.00 | Their Homes |
| | SOCIAL TENNIS | Tennis Courts | 1st Wednesday of each month | Alternately |
| | Weekly | Boonah Road | COOKERY CLUB | |
| | Contact: Tex White | | Contact: Tina | |
| | PH: 5541 4772 | | PH: 0418 780 861 OR | |
| | | | Contact: Laurel | |
| | | PH: 5541 2072 | | |
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| 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 | | | |
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| THIRD | 10.00 - 12.00 | Centacare Bistro | | |
| Wednesday | ART | 6-12 Petersen St | | |
| of the Month | APPRECIATION | & Excursions | | |
| | Contact: Tricia | | | |
| | PH: 5544 1462 | | | |

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

N.B.

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