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The shortest day (or should I say the day with the shortest period of time between dawn and dusk) is now behind us. In a few weeks' time we will notice the sun a little earlier, and gardeners will be able to stay outside just that little longer.

As we go to print the mid-year school holidays are part way through, and the next term officially commences on Monday 10 July. Don't forget our Christmas in July social lunch on Friday 14, this year at the Canungra Hotel.

We are also running a mid-year multi-draw raffle in July, which will have some great prizes. Tickets will be \$2 each or three for \$5, and will be available from committee members and some tutors. Funds raised will go towards subsidising future social events and outings for the benefit of all members.

I hope you were all able to get involved in the Scenic Rim "Eat Local Week" events. Our region has been getting some great TV publicity in the past couple of months, and I must congratulate those who have been the

drivers of this programme. It has been exciting to see some of the new events, along with the established favourites. The booklet this year was so informative, with lots of new additions, particularly about the wineries and boutique breweries in our region

Well, 2017 is now halfway through! I hope you have all taken the opportunity to take advantage of as many of our courses and activities as you could. If you have any suggestions for new groups or courses, please contact our course coordinator, Donna Fowler.

A special mention here of congratulations to U3A Mt. Tamborine, who celebrate their tenth birthday at the end of July. Remember, we have reciprocal arrangements with U3A Mt. Tamborine, so if any of their courses appeal to you, you can attend for just their normal course costs. Show your current membership ticket, and organize your visit direct with their contact person. See their details via our website, just click on the links.

Until next edition

Andy Fechner

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
- Carol Castles Trish Alexander
- Denice Knight Rita Evans
- Lise Leatherbarrow Catherine Kelly
- Rosemary Ryan

To register as a friend of the committee, please contact:

- Andy Fechner president OR
- Donna Fowler course coordinator

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Reminders

Friday 14 July, 12 noon, mid-year Christmas lunch at Canungra Hotel. See page five for full information.

Saturday 22 July, from 11 am, country and western music afternoon. See page six for full information.



Beaudesert U3A are pleased to welcome new members Heather Pederson, Jenny Seddon and Thea Franklin. We trust you are enjoying the activities you have chosen for yourself where, we are sure, you will make many new friends.

Birthdays wishes

Best wishes for a very happy birthday for these Beaudesert U3A members celebrating birthdays in July:

- Ron Burgess
- Johnny Estbergs
- Tina Jones
- Pat Little
- Robert Topping
- Judith Zaugg
- John Dodson
- Ken Johnstone
- Catherine Kelly
- Robyn O'Donnell
- Terri Willis



Current courses - term three 2017 10 July-15 September

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.

Acoustic guitar

Thursdays Centacare rooms 1.30 pm-3.30 pm. Tutor Ken Jurd.
Contact Laurel 5541 2072 email andyfechner@bigpond.com

Aqua aerobics

In recess until September 2017. Contact Paulette 5543 1261

Art appreciation

Thursdays 10 am-12 noon Centacare rooms. Contact Mary 5544 3146 or Jean 5541 3706

Art group "The Limmers"

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

Croquet club

Play Tuesdays 8.30 am-12 noon at Everdell Park, Gleneagle.
Contact George 5541 0706 or Trish 042 948 9989



Computer group

Mondays 10 am-12 noon at Centacare bistro room. Members may bring their laptop along for assistance by tutors or computer group members with individual tasks or problems.
Contact George 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 Beaucare Community Room 44 Tina Street Beaudesert. 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.

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

Mosaics

Meet Mondays 1.30 pm-3.30pm at 533 Cryna Road Beaudesert. A hands-on course in a fascinating art form. Facilitator Beryll/contact Tina 0418 780 861

Nordic walking

Meet by the pool/library Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, walk 7.00 am-8.00 am. You will need a pair of poles, comfortable sports walking shoes, bottle of water.
Contact Lawrie 0423 322 975



Social conversational French

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

Social lunch/outing - July

A mid-year Christmas lunch will be held on Friday 14 July at the Canungra Hotel. See page 5 for details.

RSVP to Di Johnson

Phone/text 0468 849 448

Email candyroxy1946@gmail.com

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

Course coordinator - Donna Fowler

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Social lunch - June

Andy Fechner

Friday 9 June the Beaudesert U3A social lunch was held at Park Ridge Tavern. It was good to see 35 members attending.

The \$10 lunches proved very popular with most of the group, and drinks were very reasonably priced as well. An enjoyable time was had by all.

The July lunch will be a mid-year Christmas lunch at the Canungra Hotel. - see information on page five.

Table tennis

Pam Fox

Not everyone took a coffee-break during the table tennis games last Thursday at the Uniting Church hall. Fourteen players attended and enjoyed the fun and fellowship and of course the coffee and biscuits. A fee of \$2 covers play and smoko so come and see if table tennis is for you.

Players of all levels attend even those who have not played for years or at all. The morning runs from 9am to 12 noon. Phone Pam or Des Fox (course facilitators) for more details on 5541 2662.



Croquet

Trish Alexander



Our many thanks go to George and Tex - George continues to impart his extensive knowledge to help us all improve and Tex has been a great help, making mallets both for members and the group. Is this a new business venture looming Tex? To mark the occasion, George was presented with a custom-made mallet and a Certificate of Appreciation. Tex was also acknowledged for his skills in making the mallets and each one will now wear a tag stating "Handcrafted by Tex White."

Thanks also to Trish who took over from Margaret in organising morning teas and being treasurer of the group.

Again guys, thanks for all the time and effort you have donated to the group.

New venue

The croquet group will commence the next term at Everdell Park at Gleneagle. We will be using a section of the cricket field with the kind permission of the Beaudesert Junior Cricket Association. There is undercover seating and toilet



facilities. As always, morning tea will be provided.

We are looking forward to increasing our numbers by attracting new players as the venue is much closer to town, Why not call in and give us a try. Croquet is a skillful and enjoyable social activity which anyone can enjoy.

Want to know more? Contact George (0424 892 554) or Trish (0429 489 989) or just turn up on Tuesday mornings, 8.30 to 12 noon, commencing Tuesday 11 July.

Believe it or not ...

They live among us, vote and reproduce

I was checking out at the local supermarket with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those dividers that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed up. After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the divider, looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it. Not finding the bar code, she said to me, 'Do you know how much this is?' I said to her 'I've changed my mind; I don't think I'll buy that today.' She said 'OK,' and I paid her for the things and left. She had no idea what had just happened. (But the lady behind me had a big smirk on her face as I left.)



Contributed by George Evans

BUGS

Liz Avery The June meeting was most enlightening. A very enthusiastic Colin, from Earth Life, had his audience in the palm of his hand as he extolled the virtues of his products. I came home convinced I should add rock minerals to my planting holes and Nathan from Beauview Traders kindly gave us discount vouchers to purchase the products to try them out.

Marilyn Liebke has generously offered her garden for our next meeting. Marilyn has entered the garden in the

Beaudesert Show garden competition. Good on you, Marilyn.



So, next month: Friday 21st July 10am we will meet at Marilyn's place 386 Veresdale Scrub Road, Veresdale. I'm happy to drive from Beaudesert and could meet at the Arts & Information Centre (where the markets are held) at 9.45am. I have had one offer for morning tea so if two others would volunteer for a plate,

Marilyn will provide tea and coffee.

For anyone interested in going to the Nambour Garden Show on 7 July there is a bus trip being organised by Ormeau and District Garden Club. Cost \$20 for the bus, \$16 for entry. Contact Jill 041 815 6418 to book your seat.

Till next month, happy gardening.

Meet Michele Goucher, new committee member

What is your favourite time of the day?

I like the late afternoons and evenings.

If you ran away and joined the circus, which act would you most like to be?

I love animals so I would most like to be an animal trainer.

What is your favourite TV programme?

I like the golden oldies - MASH - and I also like the BBC programmes like Silent Witness.

Who was/were your role model/models when you were growing up?

That is a hard question as there were so many people who influenced me when I was younger.

Do you have any pet peeves?

When I am driving I dislike people who tailgate

me for no obvious reason.

Which animal would you best describe yourself as?

I am no animal and if I had a choice of which one I could be, it would be a racoon as they are so full of mischief.

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

As I love animals I always wanted to be a vet.

What is your favourite food?

I like most foods; I do like Mediterranean food and middle eastern food cooked in a tagine the best.



Michele Goucher
Assistant treasurer



A Word or Two *about this and that*

Yvonne Berry

How many of you are aware that once a month, classic movies are screened, either at The Centre in Beaudesert or at the Boonah Cultural Centre? Oldies such as "Annie Get Your Gun", "From Here to Eternity", "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?", "The King and I", "Oklahoma" "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" to name a few, have been or will be shown. In July, for all those Richard Gere fans, "An Officer and a Gentleman" will be screening at The Centre. The disappointing part is that there is often only a handful of people attending - this month I was half the audience!! The other person, who was new to the district, had come along to meet

people (we may have a new U3A member.)

I'm not sure why the public does not support this event - perhaps insufficient advertising? As often happens when there is a lack of response from the community, events such as this are discontinued.

Amazingly, the cost is only \$5, with a cup of tea or coffee (and biscuits) provided.

Check out the *Beaudesert Times* or the Scenic Rim Regional Council web site to see what is screening. Movies are not always shown at The Centre, more of them go to Boonah where they are better supported by the public.

If you don't use it, you lose it.

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

Commonwealth Community Passports

Have you purchased your Commonwealth Community Passport? They are available for the princely sum of \$5 each, from the Information Centre, Historical Museum/Village, RSL Beaudesert, along with outlets in Mt Tamborine.

They can be identified by the various countries' flags outside; There are 70 pages representing 70 countries involved in the Games. Each page is supported by a different outlet where you get your passport stamped and can take up the special deal on offer.

The five beers on a tasting paddle (pictured below) were purchased for \$12 at the Mt Tamborine Micro Brewery upon presentation of the passport.

Promotion runs until the end of the Games, April 2018.



On the menu of a Swiss restaurant
Our wines leave you with nothing to hope for.

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel, across from a Russian Orthodox monastery

You are welcome to visit the cemetery, where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists, and writers are buried daily, except Thursday.

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You are invited to celebrate
Beaudesert U3A's
mid-year Christmas lunch
to be held at the Canungra Hotel
Friday 14 July 2017 12 noon

Two-course meal \$19.90/pp

Mains - select from

- * Roast of pork with crackling, apple sauce or cranberry sauce
- * Roast turkey breast, sage and onion stuffing
- * Honey glazed leg ham

Served with roast root vegetables, steamed greens and gravy

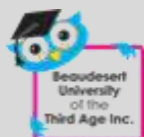
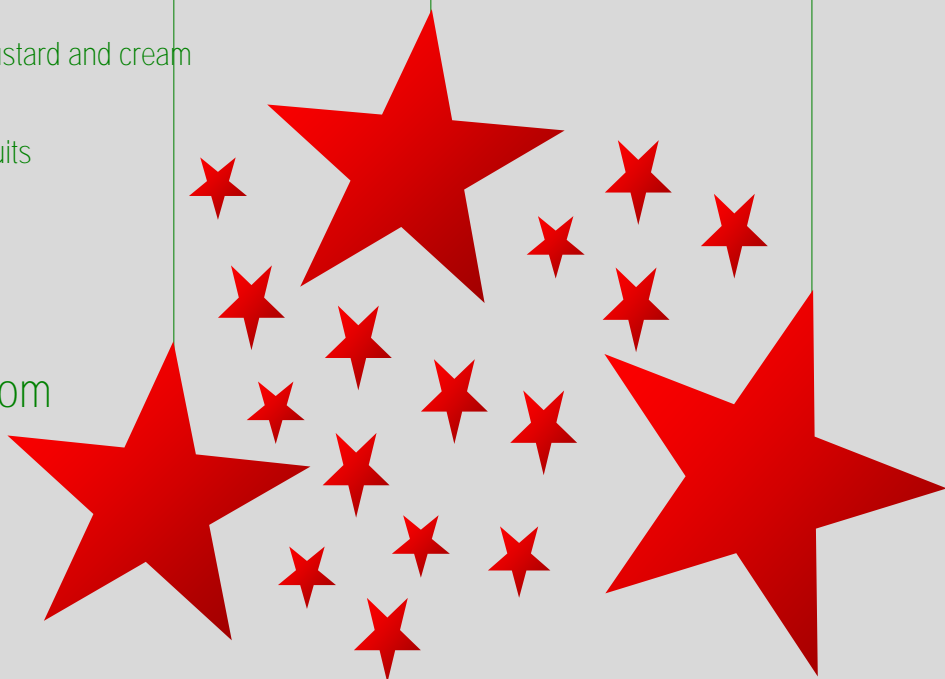
Dessert - select from

- * Christmas pudding served with brandy custard and cream
- * Apple pie with custard and ice cream
- * Pavlova with chantilly cream and fresh fruits

RSVP to Di Johnson

Email candyroxy1946@gmail.com

Phone 0468 849 448



Partners, friends, non-U3A members all very welcome

The average person over 50 years of age cannot do it!



Check for Alzheimer's - Pretty Amazing

The following was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University.

Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake.

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat.
3. This is how cat.
4. This is to cat.
5. This is keep cat.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
8. This is fart cat.
9. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is forty cat.
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down.

Contributed by Cheryl Folley



Beaudesert RSL Women's Auxiliary

COUNTRY & WESTERN MUSIC AFTERNOON

Saturday July 22nd from 11am – 3pm

Entry cost \$6

Home made sandwiches & cakes for sale.

Raffles with numerous prizes

at St Thomas' Anglican Church Hall

Albert Street, Beaudesert

Entertainment by Tom Moore & company

For further information

please phone Joanne on 0400 705 374. Transport available.



Be with those that
bring out the best in you,
not the stress in you.

Internet went down and I had
to spend time with the family.

They seem like good people.

EMERY ROAD IN THE ROAD, CAN



Irish group Sásta (roughly translates to "happy" in Gaelic) recently performed at The Centre, where many U3A members were part of the 120+ audience. It was a great exhibition of Irish music.

Contributed by Andy Fechner