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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.

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

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(With apologies to "Apocalypse Now") Ahh...I love the smell of wood smoke in the evening, as those with fireplaces and wood burning stoves light up to help keep the winter chills away.

It's even more interesting when those "controlled"? burns invade our town with choking grass fire smoke, so that asthmatics can scurry indoors and reach for inhalers. However, I support the need for keeping the fuel load low in case of bushfires, but it would be nice if burning was done while the winds were driving the resultant smoke away from heavily populated residential areas.

On another note, end of financial year has rolled over as of 30 June, and thus ends our second term for 2018. Our term three schedule has a few start time changes for various courses, and is included with this edition of OWLS.

Don't forget, one of our popular social lunch outings is on offer on Friday 13 July...our "Christmas in July" luncheon which will be held again at St Bernard's Hotel on Mount Tamborine.

From 23 June the days are now getting a bit longer, though they are sure to be

colder, and the local area has been desperate for some decent rain.

One of our popular activities - table tennis - is currently at a temporary halt.

This group usually meets every Thursday morning at the Uniting Church hall in Beaudesert, and attracts up to 16 players, though we have more registered. Overseen by

Pam and Des Fox, our players are having withdrawal symptoms. The problem is that the venue has been closed due to electrical wiring issues and is deemed to be unsafe. While we are hoping for an early return, we may have to seek an alternative

venue. In the meantime, because of our reciprocal arrangement with U3A Mount Tamborine, players can join in and play at their venue on Monday mornings with their group. Look up their website for details.

In closing, I am delighted to announce that we have also reached a formal agreement of a reciprocal arrangement with U3A Boonah as well. There are further details on their programmes in this edition of OWLS. Members of both our groups are now welcome at either location, completing a triangle with Mount Tamborine.

Till next edition

Andy



We are delighted to welcome Megan Kenny and Angela Henery as new members of Beaudesert U3A.

We trust you are enjoying the activities you have chosen for yourselves.

Happy birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in July

Grahame Arthy
Johnny Estbergs
Tina Jones
Robyn O'Donnell
Judith Zaugg

Kirtsey Arthy
Ken Johnstone
Catherine Kelly
Robert Topping



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



Current courses - term three 2018 16 July-21 September

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

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 till September

Contact Paulette 5543 1261

Art appreciation

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

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 9.00 am-12 noon at Everdell Park, Gleneagle.

Contact George 5541 0706 or Trish 042 948 9989

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

Mahjong - Jimboomba

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

Contact Elizabeth 5546 9689

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 - 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.

Contact Beryl 5541 2120

Nordic walking/walking in recess till 1 August

Meet by the pool/library Monday and Friday, at showgrounds gates Wednesday, walk **7.00-8.00 am**. Nordic walkers will require a pair of poles, comfortable sports walking shoes, bottle of water. Walkers - no poles. Some of the group will continue their walking during the break.

Contact Lawrie 0423 322 975

Scrapbooking

Second Monday of each month, 9.30 am-11.30 am, 360 Lambert Road, Nindooinbah. \$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 lunch - Friday 13 July from 12 noon

July social lunch will be held at St Bernard's Hotel, Mt Tamborine RSVP to Di Johnson - phone/text 0468 849 448, email candyroxy1946@gmail.com. Full information page 6.

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



Gardening group - BUGs

Liz Avery



Doug with his ingenious creations for the garden - collapsible tomato frame, hardwood frame for growing orchids, and worm farm - complete with decorative flower.

BUGs group member Doug Maultby gave an interesting talk at the June meeting where he brought along his in-situ worm farm that he has developed, together with an innovative tomato frame.

Everyone was fascinated by his ingenuity. Doug also had a timber "dibber" for transplanting carrot seedlings (usually a no-no) so that they grow straight and better than those grown from seed. He also makes hardwood frames for growing orchids. Doug generously donated a worm farm that everyone wanted and which was won by Rita Evans.

Members also brought a varied range of produce to share, including some delicate green/blue araucana chicken eggs, citrus, cauliflowers and pigeon peas.

Centacare have asked if any of our members had any plants or pots, preferably big ones, that could be used on the back verandah at Centacare. The co-ordinators of the dementia group want to develop a conservatory-style "sitter" for their clients. Have a look next time you are there to see the start of it. I think we are all aware of the positive influence plants can have on well-being and Bernie and Sam are always looking for means of enriching the lives of their clients.

Social lunch - June

The June social lunch was held at Park Ridge Tavern where 25 members and one visitor attended. The meals were up to their usual excellent standard and were competitively priced. The lamb shanks were a popular choice and were very tender.



Social lunch - Friday 13 July



July's social lunch outing is a "don't miss" affair, with our "Christmas in July" outing. It will be hosted this year at St Bernard's hotel on Tamborine Mountain. Christmas dress is encouraged for this day out. There will be a set

two-course lunch, at \$29.90 pp, details shown on page 6. Non member friends are welcome if you want to bring someone along. As usual, RSVP to Di Johnson - phone/text 0468 849 448, or email candyroxy1946@gmail.com. Numbers are limited so bookings are essential.

Smiles

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one, so I'm wearing my garage door opener.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

New committee member

Jude Logan - assistant membership secretary



Your favourite time of the day
I am fond of early morning as it's when I function at my best and it is a beautiful time of day -

everything is still quiet; my early mornings start around 3.30 am-ish!

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

I think I would rather be the ringmaster, the person who introduces the performers rather than perform.

Your favourite TV programme?

I'm not sure I really have a favourite TV programme; I tend to watch Netflix movies more.

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

I think I was very inspired by great philosophers and always loved the quote by René Descartes - "cogito ergo sum" - I think therefore I am. I was often inspired by great men and women who were prepared to stand up and be heard, and inspiring others to make a difference. They probably inspired me to always be a bit of a rebel, with or wanting a cause; even at a very young age I was the defender of the weak - or

so it seemed!

Pet peeves?

Having physical disabilities that prevent me from doing the things I enjoy.

Which animal would you best describe yourself as?

Dolphin - I love the sense of freedom without limitations of physical ailments

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

I always wanted to be a famous singer.

Favourite food?

My favourite food would have to be a cross between Italian (particularly vegetarian lasagne) and Chinese food.

U3A Boonah and U3A Beaudesert reciprocal agreement

U3A Boonah and U3A Beaudesert now have a reciprocal agreement in place wherein members from both U3As may attend activities/classes/groups of both U3As. No further membership fees are payable.



Courses available at Boonah include

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| Computer courses | On-going. Contact Marcia 5463 5690, mshipman@activ8.net.au |
| Book club | First Wednesday of month 4.00 pm Fassifern Community Centre. Contact Lillian Kerr 5463 4698 rinhaf@icloud.com |
| Quiddler | For the fun of words. Mondays 10.00-11.30 am Boonah Library. Contact Chris 5463 4747 petescheeks@skymesh.com.au |
| Mah jong | Tuesdays 9.00 am Boonah Golf Club. \$5 room hire/morning tea. Contact u3aboonah@gmail.com |
| Sequence | Mondays 9.30 am-11.30 am Boonah Library. Contact Chris 5463 4747 petescheeks@skymesh.com.au |
| Tai chi for health | Mondays 4.00 pm-5.00 pm Fassifern Community Centre \$5. Contact Cathy Cooper cathycooper7@yahoo.com.au |
| The good life club | Third Thursday of the month 3.30 pm Band Hall, Walter Street (or visit members' gardens, trips, etc). Contact Barb madhornet@bigpond.com |
| Family history group | First Tuesday of the month 9.30 am-11.30 am Boonah Library phone 5463 4552 |
| Jigsaw library | Contact Chris 5463 4747 petescheeks@skymesh.com.au |
| Photography club | First Wednesday of the month 2.00 pm-5.00 pm Fassifern Community Centre. Contact Rebekah rebekahweatherhog88@gmail.com |
| Table tennis | Friday 1.30 pm Band Hall, Walter Street. Contact David Toll 0412 323 055 southportsigns@bigpond.com |

So, if you would like to attend any of the courses, contact the facilitator listed or email U3A Boonah at u3aboonah@gmail.com



Andy and Laurel Fechner attended the U3A Queensland Network conference in Redcliffe recently and are pictured with one of the speakers, well known actor/author/columnist William McInnes



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A percussionist, tired of being teased by her bandmates, decides to switch instruments.

She walks into the local music shop, points to her choices and says, "I'll take that trumpet and that accordion."

The shop assistant looks at her for a second and replies, "OK, you can take the fire extinguisher, but the radiator's not for sale."



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Ramblings of a retired mind

contributed by George Evans

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and calling it 'Pumping Rust.'

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, 'an ambulance'.

Did you ever notice: When you put the two words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs...'



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members, their partners
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Christmas in July lunch to
be held on Friday 13 July
at St Bernards Hotel
101 Alpine Terrace
Mt Tamborine

Two-course meal
\$29.90/head

Optional
Christmas theme dress welcome

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