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Is this the end of an era, or the dawn of a new one?

The only thing constant in this world is change, so it is said, and U3A Beaudesert is no exception to this. Most members would know by now that our relationship with Centacare as a base for many of our activities has come to an end. Their management structure has changed a number of times over the past eight months or so, and they have decided to ask us to vacate their Petersen Street facility as of 17 July.

Your committee has worked quickly to secure new venues for those courses still using Centacare, and it would appear that all have been accommodated. I am sure there will be a settling in period, and of course we will need to find a "home" for our equipment and files. Challenges come along in life, for personal, social and business affairs. It is the measure of a person or organisation as to how those challenges are met. To date I have found that our U3A members have

pulled together to help solve the issues, and have not been negative or defeatist.

On other matters, our term two has ended as of 28 June, with a two-week break for some groups. This also marks the end of our involvement in the 2018 / 2019 Be Healthy and Active programme. The Scenic Rim Regional Council has decided to run this successful programme again in 2019 / 2020. We have applied to join with them again for the new programme, which will run for 12 months from September 2019.

Don't forget our Christmas in July social lunch event on Friday 12 July at the Beaudesert RSL (bookings essential and must close on Friday 5 July). Those who went along to the Danny Elliott musical morning event for our June outing enjoyed the entertainment by all accounts. The lunch afterwards at the Railway Hotel was great too.

Till next edition

Andy

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
Rosemary Ryan	Catherine Kelly
Judith Zaugg	

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

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Christmas in July

The July lunch event will be Christmas in July on Friday 12 July, from 12 noon, at the Beaudesert RSL. All members, their friends and partners are welcome to attend.

This year this event is being sponsored in-part by Beaudesert U3A so current members will pay \$20/head and non-members will pay \$27.50/head. Payment to be made on the day. Please remember to bring your current membership card with you. It is a two-course menu (including tea or coffee)

and as the premises are licensed, there will be a bar available.

Christmas-theme dress is optional.

Bookings are essential by 5 July and there will be no last-minute guests or walk-ins, so make sure you don't miss out by confirming your attendance with Di -

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



Discount Drugstores, William Street Beaudesert are offering free hearing checks - see page 6 for details.

Happy birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in July:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	Kirtsey Arthy	Alfred Brackin	Ron Burgess
	Johnny Estbergs	Michele Goucher	Ken Johnstone
	Tina Jones	Phillippa Kears	Catherine Kelly
	Gayle Kimpton	Hans Munsel	Robyn O'Donnell
	Helen Robinson	Miriam Ryan	Lenore Stephensen
	Robert Topping	Judith Zaugg	

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

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Current courses - term three 15 July-20 September 2019

Course coordinator | Laurel Fechner
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Acoustic guitar

Thursday afternoons Beaucare, 44 Tina Street 1.30 pm-3.30 pm. Tutor Ken Jurd.
Contact Laurel 5541 2072 email laurel.fechner@gmail.com

Aqua aerobics

Now in recess until term 4 2019.
Contact Paulette 5543 1261

Art group - all mediums

Wednesdays 9 am-12 noon - venue to be advised.
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 12.45 pm-3.45 pm Arts & Information Centre. 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

Computer/other technologies

First and third Mondays, 9.30 am-12.30 pm, venue to be advised. 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 12 noon-2.30 pm RSL Sub Branch rooms, 1st floor, corner William and Brisbane Streets, Beaudesert.
Contact Jane 5541 2321

Gardening group - BUGS

Meet third Friday of each month 10.00 am-12 noon venue to be advised
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

Indoor bowls Friday mornings from 9.00 am at St. Thomas's Anglican Church Hall, Albert Street Beaudesert
Contact Lee 0491 046 181

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 12.45 pm-3.00 pm \$3 per session The Centre, Brisbane Street Beaudesert
Contact Trish 0419 006 988 or Helen 0488 411 755

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 Arts & Information Centre.
Contact Denise 5541 2801

Meandering through history

DVD presentations and discussion. Beaudesert Library Thursdays 10.00am to 12.00 noon
Contact Tricia on 5544 1462

Mosaics Meet Mondays 1.30 pm-3.30pm at Arts and 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 by the pool/library Monday, Wednesday, Friday, walk 6.00 am to 7.00 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, Nindoinbah. \$10/session payable on the day.
Contact Anita 0408 452 584



Social outing/lunch July 2019

The next lunch will be the Christmas in July event at the Beaudesert RSL. See page 4 for details.
Contact Di text/phone 0468 849 448 or 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

Trivia puzzling

Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 pm at Beaudesert library.
Contact Tex 5541 4772

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.

Social outing/lunch June

contributed by Andy Fechner

Approximately 50 U3A members attended the Danny Elliott concert on Friday 14 June at The Centre.

The audience was treated to an amazing musical morning with Danny showing his talents by playing at least 10 of the 16 instruments he has mastered. He also sang solo or with his wife Sharna Le-Grand, and then to top it off, treated us to some clever tap dancing.



Members, clockwise from top left - Jenny Hughes and Sandra Grieve, Kay and Ron Andrews, Liz Avery, Dave Hammond and Ken Jurd, Tex and Margaret White

Following this enjoyable concert, 44 of our members then went to lunch at the Railway Hotel. While Di originally booked for 36 for the lunch, it was increased to 40 to cater for any last minute attendees. With 44 people showing up, it meant that some had to sit at tables in the general dining area rather than downstairs with the main group.

Meals were available from \$12.50 on the specials, and there was also a big main menu to choose from. Upon showing a seniors' card, a 20 percent discount was applied to meals, so the pricing was very reasonable. It took quite a while to get the orders placed as there was a line up at the one order point, but the meals came out of the kitchen in a reasonable progression. There was only one complaint that I heard, and that was the hummus on the hummus salad dish was sliced too thinly. I had the creamy garlic prawns, served with jasmine rice and a side salad, delicious....



Nordic walking

The Nordic walking group can now boast two octogenarians in their midst - Mavis who has just turned 80, and Peter who is 80+ now.

To mark the occasion, a morning tea for both Mavis and Peter was held at Liz's place - after their morning walk of course. It was a relaxing, delicious time with such good camaraderie. Special thanks to Liz for making her home available to the group again and to Bronwyn for the "sparkling" birthday cheesecake.



Art Group Denice Knight

One of our U3A art group members, Michael Goebel (*pictured right*), received recognition for his artwork in the recent Tamborine and Boonah Shows.

Tamborine Show rewarded him with two firsts and two highly commended and in the recent Boonah Show he received two firsts and two seconds.

Congratulations Michael, well done.



Our card players know how to keep quiet contributed by Cheryl Folley

If there is one place that you'll find a strangely quiet group of U3A members, it's at the weekly card games played at Dorrington House in Jimboomba and in Beaudesert. There is no doubting that even though these are friendly matches, they are played with fierce concentration and generally in silence!

Bolivia is the game of choice at both venues, with Beaudesert also offering 500. The facilitator at both is Pat Millard, who says she learnt initially as a young bride when she and her husband met the card-mad couple who lived across the way. It wasn't unknown for the group to start playing at 7 pm and be still there at 2 am.

"We were young then," Pat remembers with a laugh.

Bolivia is described by the players as "addictive, mentally stimulating and a great social contact to look forward to every week." They explain that Bolivia is "two steps up from Canasta and Samba," but add that if you enjoy either of these, you will really become immersed in Bolivia and won't go back to the other games.

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If you haven't yet discovered U3A cards, both groups welcome newcomers and will teach the game. There is a high degree of dual attendance, with many members looking forward to their games at both Beaudesert (Monday afternoons) and Jimboomba (Thursday afternoons).

AND that's not all! Mahjong western style is also played at U3A, at Dorrington House from 11 am on Tuesdays and at Beaudesert on Thursday afternoons. Both groups welcome

seasoned players and newcomers, although at Beaudesert the newcomer intake has been suspended for a while as there are four beginners currently learning the game.

If you are interested in hearing more, contact Pat for card games on 5541 2492 or mobile 0413 121 367. For mah-jong, ring Elizabeth (Jimboomba) on 5546 9689 or Denise (Beaudesert) on 5541 2801. There is a small cover charge each week. Members attending sessions over a lunch hour are welcome to play and eat!



Di Johnson, of Gleneagle, plays cards at both Jimboomba and Beaudesert sessions



Lynn Lewis, of Cedar Grove (foreground) is ready to play; Beaudesert attendees Bronwyn Miles (left) and Pat Millard at rear



Tamborine Village resident Erika Johns (left) with Pat Caverley of Jimboomba and Pat Norman of Cedar Vale

Married life Wife: "Shall I prepare curry or soup today?"

Husband: "Make it first, we will name it later."

A frustrated husband in front of his laptop:
"Dear Google, please do not behave like my wife.... Please allow me to complete my sentence before you start guessing and suggesting."

A married man's prayer :
"Dear God, You gave me childhood, You took it away. You gave me youth, You took it away. You gave me a wife.....it's been years now.....just reminding you!"

A man brings his best buddy home for dinner unannounced at 5:30 pm after work. His wife begins screaming at him and

his friend just sits and listens in. "My hair and makeup are not done, the house is a mess, the dishes are not done, I'm still in my pyjamas and I can't be bothered with cooking tonight! Why the hell did you bring him home?" Husband answers, "Because he's thinking of getting married"

A couple were having dinner at a fancy restaurant. As the food was served, the husband said, "This food looks delicious, let's eat."

Wife: "Honey.....you say a prayer before eating at home".
Husband : "That's at home sweetheart.....here the chef knows how to cook."



A Beaudesert tourist in Russia, Prague and Istanbul - a great trip; nice to be home

contributed by Michele Goucher

I have just returned from a three week holiday to Russia, Prague and Istanbul.

I will say that I was not prepared for what I saw in Russia, it was not as I had imagined. I thought it would be old, dark and sorry-looking but it was the complete opposite. I visited Moscow, Klin, Tver, Novgorod and St Petersburg and all were modern, clean towns/cities, with no graffiti and so, so interesting with their beautiful old buildings (palaces, museums and monasteries). The metro was beautiful and amazing to get around on, plus the buses and trams. The country side was green and the weather great with an average of 25 degrees each day.

The Kremlin



Interior of a church



Prague is a beautiful city also with many old buildings, including Prague Castle, the Charles Bridge, and the Old Jewish Quarter. It is a place where you can get easily lost but still manage to find your way back to your starting point. The best way to see the place is to catch a tram and just let it take you all around the city. I visited a strange church in a place called Kutna Hora about an hour and a half from Prague. The interior is decorated with the bones and skulls of 60,000 persons who died over a 100 years ago and the bones were dug up and used in the church, it was an extraordinary place.

Charles Bridge



Kutna Hora



Istanbul was a fascinating city with hundreds of tourist and traffic jams within the small winding street of the old city. The food was great and the scenery was magnificent. I visited the Blue Mosque, the Topkapi Palace, Saint Sophia Mosque, Suleiman the Magnificent Mosque, did a boat tour on the Bospuros to see the palaces of the Ottoman empire; I shopped in the Grand Bazaar, the spice market and little shops along the street. Once again, as in all the other places I visited, you needed good shoes, strong feet to walk the endless miles along the cobbled streets.

Ottoman Palace



Topkapi Palace



Spice market



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