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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.

June Carey	Patricia Castles
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Member of U3A Network Queensland

What did I say last month? What were the TV channels and newspapers going to use to fill schedules and pages after the Commonwealth Games? Well, now we know....a Royal Wedding of course....(I had forgotten it was coming up). I guess it will be the Harry and Meghan show for a while now, though I guess that just like yours, my invitation to attend must have been lost in the post!! I wonder if they got a lot of inabilities to attend.

Just a few more weeks now and our second term will be over, with school holidays due to start from 29 June. By then the cooler weather will be well and truly with us, and our social lunch offering of "Christmas in July" will be just around the corner. In

the meantime, I hope to see you at our next planned social lunch outing on Friday 8 June at the Park Ridge Tavern. In previous visits we have enjoyed great meals and good service along with realistic prices.

For those of our members who are followers of rugby league, June is going to be a "biggie", with State of Origin matches featuring on the calendar. I know there are a few households where the partners have conflicting interests, so it is a real battle of maroon against sky blue on the home front as well as on the field.

The end of June also signals the end of the financial year, of particular importance to those of us who still have commitments to the Australian Taxation

Office. As we get a little older and more into active retirement, our income streams change, along with our obligations to the government.

Unfortunately, each successive government seems keen to change the goal posts. However, our ageing population means that "senior" voters are a growing percentage of the total, and we are now an important bloc so we need to be recognised.

On that note, I would like to thank those discussion group members and committee members who wished me well and helped me celebrate my not so well hidden milestone birthday, which took me into my next decade.

Until next edition

Andy

We are delighted to welcome Judith Williams as a new member to Beaudesert U3A. We trust you are enjoying the activities you have chosen for yourself.



Happy birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in June

Georgie Arthy
Ray Arthy
Lyn Bruce
Margaret Dunn
Ray Folley
Des Fox
Sandy Grieve
Margo Hanrahan
Lois Jackson
Jude Logan
Barbara Love
Doug Maultby



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Marcia Pain
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Ronnie Powell
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Marian Schwarz
Linda Simister
Jan Skelton
Colleen Spence
Joan Wilderspin

Deep thoughts

When you work here, you can name your own salary. I named mine, "Fred". Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch

Corduroy pillows are making headlines!
(It took me a minute too!)

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

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Current courses - term two 2018

17 April-29 June

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 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

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 8.00 am-11.30 am 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 6.00-7.00 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, Nindooindah. \$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 8 June from 12 noon

June social lunch will be held at the Park Ridge Tavern, Mt Lindesay Highway. 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



New committee member

Cheryl Folley - publicity



What is your favourite time of the day?

Dusk, when shadows are long and the garden looks happy.
As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
A journalist, garden designer or botanist.

What is your perfect pizza?

Anchovies, no salami, otherwise anything goes, from sliced zucchini, dried or fresh tomatoes to bocconcini and mozzarella.

If you could select one person from history and have them truthfully answer a question, who would that be and what would be the question?

Robert the Bruce of Scotland. Would Scotland have been better off if it had remained an independent kingdom following the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314 and been ruled independently ever since?

Gardening group - BUGs

Liz Avery



Members of the BUGs group were fortunate to listen to a talk by well-known horticulturist, broadcaster, writer and chicken-lover, Claire Bickel held recently at the Beaudesert Library. Claire spoke on the advantages of having a garden that was welcoming to creatures great and small - bugs, bees, birds, bigger critters - which all help create a sustainable garden, and thus a healthy environment.

What is the best advice anyone ever gave you?

My old school motto, *Semper Verus* (always true)

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

My mother, hardly surprisingly as most people would say this! She always made the effort to expose us to children to all kinds of experiences, from the ballet to places of importance such as Parliament House in Canberra.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

I'm torn between the ability to fly, and a cloak of invisibility! (Actually, being an invisible flyer would be good ... imagine landing on distant continents and seeing/listening to anything anywhere!)



(Above) Members of BUGs enjoying morning tea after listening to Claire Bickel's talk



Claire Bickel

Social lunch - Friday 11 May

Twenty five U3A members attended the social lunch held at Greenbank RSL in May and as usual the food was tasty and plentiful. Everyone enjoyed themselves.



Social lunch - Friday June 8

The social lunch for June will be held at The Park Ridge Tavern, Mt Lindesay Highway, on Friday June 8 from 12 noon.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Di Johnson - phone/text 0468 849 448, email candyroxy1946@gmail.com. U3A members, their spouses/partners and friends are welcome to attend.

Discussion group



Discussion group members (back row) Cheryl, Ray, Andy, Carol, (seated) Barry, Joan, Sandra, Jane

When you are the facilitator of a group AND the president of Beaudesert U3A, you can't reasonably expect to get away with not sharing a milestone birthday with your group members. So, at their last get-together Andy was presented with a cake brought along by wife Laurel and his secret was out! Happy birthday from us all, Andy!



Andy concentrates on blowing out sooo many candles, (above) and (left) prepares to cut his cake with some expert guidance from Jane



Scrapbooking



(Above right) Parlez-vous francais? The conversational French group under the guidance of Jane Blunck practise their French. Sue Bradbury, Anne Beulah, Lois Jackson, Jean Stevens, Jane Blunck (Top left) The Jimboomba mah jong group: Elizabeth Tate, Sandra Anderson, Pat Caverley, Lynn Lewis, Kerry Ambrose, Graham Palmer (picture 2) and (above) Maureen Dobson, Di Potter, Brenda Fielding

(Left) Bronwyn, Nerida, Yvonne and Anita showing off their latest scrapbooking project - two photo pages suitable for photos of men or boys. This group meets on the second Monday of each month at Anita's place and if you would like to try your hand at this craft, please contact Anita, phone 0408 452 584.

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"Nightfall" - another Scenic Rim hidden gem

contributed by Andy Fechner



My wife Laurel and I recently enjoyed a wonderful weekend of "Glamping" compliments of our eldest son and his wife, who came with us to "Nightfall". This intimate destination in Lamington, towards the end of Christmas Creek Road, provides luxury "glamping" accommodation for up to four couples.....camping with five stars!

The four guest "tents" are out of sight of each other and provide a wonderful level of relaxation. The meals are all provided (some delivered to your tent, others served by the creek or under the trees) with a special dinner in the communal bar area. All liquor and soft drinks etc. are also included.

Each tent has two bath tubs, a king size bed and a central fireplace. The one-hour relaxation massage was a special treat, and the complimentary champagne and chocolates in the tent's bar fridge were a great welcome.

Steve and Jaide were very obliging hosts in this pristine setting.



Puns for educated minds

contributed by Pat Millard

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said:

'Keep off the Grass.'

The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.



Pharmacist to customer: "Please understand, to buy anti-depression pills you need a proper prescription ... simply showing your marriage certificate and your wife's picture is not enough."

In Memoriam

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed a while back, Larry LaPrise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey", died peacefully at age 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started.

I love cooking with wine - sometimes I even put it in the food.

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'.."

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.

There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

How enlightened are you?

contributed by Bernie Brown

If you can live without caffeine,

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him or her,

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

If you can honestly say that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, colour, religion, gender preference, or politics,

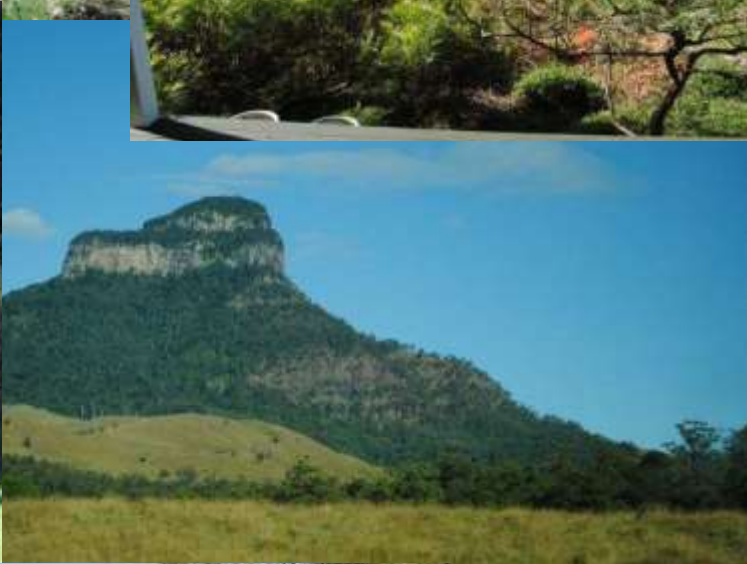
then you have almost reached the same level of spiritual development as your dog!



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