



Newsletter

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Bernie Brown	Ph 5544 2042

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	Pat Millard
Gwen Elliott	Tricia Edward
Rita Evans	Trish Fraser

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

- Andy Fechner, president OR
- Laurel Fechner, course coordinator

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Thursday 26 March
Savvy Wise and Well function
The Centre
Beaudesert

Friday 27 March
10 am
Annual General Meeting
Centacare Petersen Street

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The President's Piece

I would be most surprised if any of our U3A members have not received a copy of the excellent glossy publication "War Stories & Our Town" which has been widely distributed throughout the Scenic Rim.

On Friday 30 January, (a little reluctantly I must admit – the day had been very busy), I attended the official opening of the "Women in War" exhibition at The Centre in Beaudesert. This evening was also the official launch of the 2015 Centenary project "War Stories & Our Town". With all the appropriate dignitaries on hand I thought that perhaps we were in for a speech fest and little else.

However, drinks and canapés were in abundance in the gallery area, where there was an excellent display of photographs, memorabilia, posters and accompanying information about our "Women in War". One of our own members, Carol Castles, has provided a nurse's uniform for the display. If you haven't been in to The Centre to see it yet, do yourself a favour and get there before it closes on 18 March.

In due course we were ushered into the main theatre area, where tables were elegantly set with candles and platters of hors d'oeuvres. The introductions were well handled, the speeches short and

informative, and then what a pleasant surprise ..!! A succession of talented artists, singers, dancers and musicians proceeded in turn to present snippets and excerpts from many of the shows and performances which will be on offer during 2015 throughout the Scenic Rim. During the course of this entertainment spectacular, desserts were served to cater for those with a sweet tooth.

What a fantastic night ... so well done. Organisers and the entertainers involved in this event cannot be congratulated highly enough for the wonderful evening which far exceeded my expectations.

I highly recommend that U3A members take a close look at the 2015 program guide listed in the colour booklet, and get along to as many events as you can during the year.

You will not be disappointed.
Andy Fechner

Annual General Meeting Friday 27 March 10.00 am Centacare Petersen Street

New committee members are needed to take the places of four long serving members who have decided to leave our fair district and have sea changes.

Nomination forms are to be completed and given to our current Secretary, Laurel Fechner, by 27 February 2015.

Contact any committee member or tutor for details, or phone 5541 2072.

We really do need some help to keep the Beaudesert U3A operating strongly for the benefit of all members.

Welcome - new members

Beaudesert U3A welcomes seven new members and we hope that your association with our organisation will be a long and fruitful one. We look forward to your involvement in our activities.

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| Sandra Maxwell | Dianne Johnson |
| Sue Bradbury | Shirley Foreman |
| Pat Millard | Cheryl Bizzell |
| | Pat Ryan |



Thank you
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Current courses

Term 1 - Tuesday 27 January to Thursday 2 April 2015

Aqua aerobics

Every Tuesday (note change of day) and Friday from 7.30 am to 8.30 am, at the Beaudesert swimming pool. Those interested can do their flipper exercise prior to class. Boards and flippers available if participants don't have their own. Classes will be held even if there are showers happening - if there is a storm, aerobics will be cancelled as no one is allowed in the water with the likelihood of lightning.
Contact Trish Fraser 0417 440 584

Art group "The Limmers"

Wednesdays 9 am to 12 pm at the Centacare rooms.
Contact Denice Knight 5546 9879 or Margaret 5541 0745

Art appreciation

Third Wednesday each month, nominal time 10 am to 12 pm at Centacare bistro room 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 Room and masterpieces from around the world.
Contact Tricia 5544 1462

Card making

Every second Thursday, 10 am to 12

pm at Centacare rooms.
Contact Tricia 5544 1462

Card playing and board games

Every Monday, 1 pm to 4 pm at Centacare rooms, Enjoy canasta, samba and bolivia (focus on bolivia.)
Contact Pat Millard 5541 2492 or 0413 121 367

Computer group

Mondays, 10 am to 12 pm, 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



Bernie and Lawrie sorting the bits from the bytes

through the group.
Contact George 5541 0706 for more information.

Conversational French

Mondays 1 pm to 3 pm, at Centacare rooms. Introduction to conversational French.
Phone Bernie 5544 2042

Cookery group

Shirley, Tina and Rita shredding cabbage, slicing pears and capsicum for their salads at the February cookery group



Meets first Wednesday of each month, 1 pm to 3 pm, starts 4 February, alternately at tutors' kitchens at Josephville and Gleneagle. Members also offer their kitchens as "guest locations".
Contact Tina Jones 0418 780 861 or Laurel Fechner, 5541 2072.

Embroidery

New course on offer, every second Thursday to alternate with card making. Starts 5 February at Centacare, 10 am to 12 pm.
Contact Tricia 5544 1462

Genealogy club

No set days - Tricia Edward is willing to help out anyone who is interested, one on one. Participants generally meet monthly by arrangement to discuss progress.
Contact Tricia 5544 1462 or email shikeo@bigpond.com

General discussion group

Meets Tuesdays 9.30 am to 11.30 am. General discussions on any subject the group wishes. Group participation is the key here. Venue Kath's House, 27 Dunsinane Street.
Phone George or Sylvia 5541 2294

Mosaics

Meet Mondays 1.30 pm to 4 pm at 533 Cryna Road, Beaudesert. A hands-on course in this fascinating art form which will encourage your imagination to create delightful objects.
Contact Beryl 5541 2120

Social activities

All course participants must be paid up members of Beaudesert U3A (\$25 per annum (couples \$40) and each session has a minimum fee of \$2 towards Centacare expenses (tea/coffee, aircon, etc.) If necessary extra course costs for other requirements will be set by tutors.

Jigsaw library

108/110 Carrigan Way, Gleneagle. Come along and select a jigsaw to use from the library.
Contact Rita or George to arrange selection and collection.

Line dancing

Line dancing is now in recess due to

the summer weather, a little too hot at our venue for this activity. We plan to recommence in term two of 2015 - stay tuned.
Contact Trish 0417 440 584

Table tennis

Thursdays 9 am to 12 pm, held at the Uniting Church hall.
Contact Des or Pamela 5541 2662 or 0448 133 146 or Trish 0417 440 584

Social tennis

Wednesdays 8 am to 12 pm, venue Beaudesert tennis courts, Boonah Road.
Contact Tex White 5541 4772

Proposed new courses

Nordic walking

This physical outdoor exercise involves walking over varied terrain using two walking poles (similar to ski poles) to assist. The group plans to start on easier trails and work up from there.



Mah jong

Enquiries have been made to the committee regarding this interesting game. If you

know how to play and would like to get into this course, call the course coordinator as soon as possible.

Interested in any of these current or proposed courses, or the social activities? Contact the course coordinator.

Course coordinator
Laurel Fechner

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New class starting

Acoustic guitar lessons

Commencing 3 March 2015
3.30 pm-5 pm
Centacare rooms

The tutor, Ken Jurd, is a well known local musician and entertainer. There is already a nucleus group of students committed so if you want to join in and be able to play a simple tune after your first lesson, bring your guitar along and get started.

Contact Laurel 5541 2072
or email andyfechner@bigpond.com

Mosaics



Candle holders made by Michelle

The mosaic group attendees have settled in well at their new location at the home of Beryl Lower at 533 Cryna Road after a long period of residence at Margaret Kendrick's home. Margaret of

course is moving to the Gold Coast, so Beryl has cheerfully taken on the role of facilitator and host to our very enthusiastic mosaics group.

The group participants have now started their new projects for 2015, and we are experimenting with a new art form...glass. This will add a new dimension to future creations, with tiles still forming a part of what we do.

As with all groups and activities, we are keen to have new members, particularly after losing both Val Chapman and Margaret Kendrick to "sea changes".

If you would like to try a different and extremely satisfying art/craft form, or would like to come along for friendly social interaction and a cuppa and chat, mosaics could be for you. No particular skills are needed, we all just learn as we go. We would be very happy to host some of the male members of our U3A, so don't be shy...!!

Contact

Beryl ph 5541 2120, or
Laurel ph 5541 2072

Our kitchens rule

The planned menu for the first cookery group meeting of the year was scheduled for Laurel's kitchen, and started off with good intentions. The ladies were to make and cook spinach and feta parcels in filo pastry, and produce hummus from scratch to be eaten with savoury biscuits. That plan was shot down when we received notification from Energex that the power supply was to be unavailable from 8.00am to 4.00pm on the cookery day. Upgrading of power lines further down the highway has been ongoing for some time now.

Not to be fazed, I put plan "B" into action. With the help of the generator, we were still able to access our water supply and the refrigeration.

The ladies made three tasty salads:

- 1 Pear, rocket and walnut
- 2 Wombok salad
- 3 A "Jamie" recipe of beetroot, cottage cheese, thyme and basil.

These were accompanied by barbequed garlic prawn skewers. The session was finished off with homemade pikelets and of course tea and coffee.

Looking forward to our next get together.

Laurel Fechner



The "Jamie" beetroot, cottage cheese, thyme and basil salad

Discussion group

There was movement on the station as the word was passed around, that more members of the discussion group had got away"...!!

First Val and Peter Chapman, then Margaret Kendrick, and now George and Sylvia Long are packing up and leaving. Unlike the earlier escapees from the Scenic Rim, George and Sylvia are moving back to Tasmania, for a taste of the cooler climate, rather than a Queensland sea change.

Consequently, with our group numbers diminished, we are seeking new additions from our members' ranks to come along on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 am to 11.30 am to help solve the problems of the world as well as discuss local issues. You will have the chance to throw in opinions and ideas on any subject, past or current and listen to others' views.

We take the time for a morning tea or coffee, and take turns providing the cake or biscuits, (a bit more fun in this as well).

Venue - "Kath's House", 27 Dunsinane Street, Beaudesert.

INTERESTED??

Contact

Andy Fechner ph 5541 2072
or e-mail andyfechner@bigpond.com

2015 subscriptions

Have you paid yours yet?

The annual subscription is \$25 per person or \$40 for a couple and may be paid to Tex White our treasurer, or your group tutor.

Computer group

The third computer group meeting of the first term was well attended by nine members. The group generally comprises a transient group of members averaging 11 or 12 people who only attend when they have a problem with their computer, laptop, smart phone etc. This was the intention of the group during its initial set up and still is.

It should be noted however, that the group does not carry out repairs, 'take in' equipment to be repaired, software loaded or setup for a member. This is a hands-on group and some feedback and reciprocal exchange of knowledge will strengthen the group and its purpose, and members are encouraged to actively take part.

The group format comprises an initial round of problems raised by each

member. An interesting discussion on computer-related subjects generally ensues, with questions and answers relating to past and present problems and configuration issues being clarified.

A number of tutors with expertise and knowledge are available to assist with rectifying problems and encouraging members to learn more about their particular operating system, which eventually gives them the confidence (under instruction) to attempt fixes themselves. Generally with time permitting, a presentation is then made explaining the use and functionality of a piece of software together with tips and tweaks. There's always a cup of tea or coffee on the go.

New members are welcome. You don't have to have a computer, you can use one of the U3A laptops. Use of your own

computer/tablet however, will give a more valuable learning experience to the session.

Contact

George ph 5541 0706

George Evans (Tutor and Webmaster)



Bernie helps June unravel the mysteries of email files at a recent computer group



A Word or Two *about this and that*

Well, this is the last page of my first newsletter for Beaudesert U3A - whew, made it! When I put my hand up to take responsibility for its creation I did not know what I was getting myself into. Now, I feel as though I have come to know the BUTA community a little better and I feel very privileged to be part of it all.

I guess you have noticed a bit of a difference in the newsletter. And ... it does not have a name!! So to this end, put on your thinking caps and come up with an eye-catching, thought-provoking, clever name that is Beaudesert U3A. Yes, there is a prize to be won, which is a presentation box of authentic Chinese teas very kindly donated by George Evans, and a \$50 shopping voucher donated by the committee, for the creator of the winning name. Of course, they will also have the satisfaction of seeing their suggestion in print each month. Send your suggestions to me at:

"... put on your thinking caps and come up with an eye-catching, thought-provoking clever name ..."

yvonneberry47@gmail.com, closing date Thursday 26 March 2015. This competition is only for current financial members of Beaudesert U3A.

Being the new kid on the block can be a bit daunting, rather like first day at a new school. You don't know anyone or how things are done or just where you fit in. So, you can probably get an idea of how scary it was for me to volunteer to go on the committee and then assume responsibility for the newsletter.

Having done that, I now wonder what I was so nervous about. The good folk of Beaudesert U3A have been very welcoming and including for both Lawrie and I, for which we thank you.

If I can do it, I'm sure you can too - how about putting yourself forward to be part of the committee or a tutor so that our branch of U3A is there for us all in the future. Remember, the AGM is on 27 March at the Centacare rooms - look forward to seeing you there.

Yvonne

A request from a member of the Beaudesert community

Do any members in Beaudesert U3A know of anyone, preferably local, who would be willing/able to sit and talk with an older lady, who has an extremely interesting life history, record her life story and then write it for her?

There is no rush to get the story done, the family are just very keen to get their mum's story written down.

If you do know of someone, who fits the bill, please contact -

- Yvonne email yvonneberry47@gmail.com
- or her daughter Halimah Khan phone 5541 0282 email halimah_khan@hotmail.com

Name the newsletter

Got a newsletter, haven't got a name for it. Get your creative juices flowing, come up with the winning name for the Beaudesert U3A



newsletter that embodies the spirit of our branch of the U3A organisation, and you just might win yourself a prize.

Submit your suggestions to me by email - yvonneberry47@gmail.com by 26 March and the winner will be announced at the AGM on 27 March.

NB - competition open to financial members of Beaudesert U3A only.



When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of - first, the truck, the car, playing golf, always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.

When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

Letters to the editor

How lovely it was to get the newsletter bringing us all up to date. However, I would like to take exception to some of your comments in the editorial concerning your views on how some members of the community should be treated. These comments come under the classification of "political" and as such should not be aired as part of the editorial of the U3A newsletter.

Very early in the operation of the

Beaudesert U3A the decision was made that the newsletter was not the place for the expression of political or religious opinions. There are other places where these can be aired and I respectfully request that your personal views in these matters keep faith with this decision.

Tricia Edward

Ex-Secretary and Founding Member

EDITOR'S NOTE

While acknowledging that the Beaudesert U3A newsletter is not designed as a forum for political or religious articles, the intent of last month's editorial was to stimulate thought and perhaps debate on a high profile current affairs issue. The editorial comment was directed at those who have chosen to remove themselves from the Australian community, and of course any such comments are entirely those of the contributor and do not necessarily reflect those of the U3A committee or members in general.

Andy Fechner, President.

Test your knowledge

How is your knowledge on collective nouns for a group of specific animals? Test yourself on the list below - answers at the end.

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| 1 Albatross | 7 Dolphins |
| 2 Alligators | 8 Emus |
| 3 Barracudas | 9 Finches |
| 4 Caterpillars | 10 Giraffes |
| 5 Cheetahs | 11 Hedgehogs |
| 6 Cockroaches | 12 Hippos |

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| 12 Bloat | 6 Intrusion |
| 11 Array | 5 Coalition |
| 10 Tower | 4 Army |
| 9 Charm | 3 Battery |
| 8 Mob | 2 Congregation |
| 7 Pod | 1 Rookery |





SAVVY, & WISEWELL 2015 BEAUDESERT

When: Thursday 26 March 2015 – doors open @
8.30am – program from 9 till 11.30am

Where: The Centre - Beaudesert **Cost:** FREE
Includes Morning Tea

Scenic Rim Seniors increase your knowledge on the following topics

- Personal and community safety
- Protecting your identity
- Maintaining a healthy mind
- Funding retirement
- Information from Human Services
- Enduring power of attorney and wills
- Seniors one stop information line
- Getting active in your community – stalls from local community groups and services
- And much much more!

For further information, please call Lacey on (07) 5540 5111 or email lacey.s@scenicrim.qld.gov.au



Beaudesert U3A will be strongly supporting the exciting upcoming event on 26 March at The Centre in Beaudesert. We will have a display table at the function as we did at the initial day last year. Many other community groups and businesses will also be there, offering information and displaying their activities. In addition, there will be guest speakers on interesting subjects which could help you save money, and perhaps

improve your safety and wellbeing.

Make sure you come along on the day, and enjoy a great FREE morning tea and giveaways from the various exhibitors. I know that the Scenic Rim Regional Council has put a lot of effort into this presentation, and would appreciate the support of the Beaudesert U3A members.

Andy Fechner

Book Deliveries

For U3A members who love books and people, there is an opportunity to combine both by joining the group of volunteers who select and deliver books for the Beaudesert Library's Housebound program.

This program operates mainly in Wongaburra and Star Gardens – although it includes some individual residents – and delivers around 155 books and talking books each month to those who are housebound and can't get to the library. The interests of all the clients are taken into account by volunteers, who then select titles, pack them

for delivery, and spend time with the clients when the books are delivered.

The coordinator, Dell Logan, says volunteers get as much out of the program as the clients, and delivery days are an opportunity for social interaction for everyone involved. Anyone who wants to join can operate with a friend or become an emergency "fill-in" if they can't spare the time regularly each month. Contact Dell on dell_fl@hotmail.com or phone 5541 2955.

Cheryl Folley
Friends of Beaudesert Library committee



Beaudesert U3A morning activities

Term one 27 January to 2 April 2015

Activity	Venue	Time	Frequency	Contact
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Monday - morning

<i>Computer group</i>	Centacare bistro	10 am-12 pm	Weekly	George - ph 5541 0706
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Tuesday - morning

<i>Aqua aerobics</i>	Beaudesert pool	7.30 am-8.30 am	Weekly	Trish - ph 0417 440 584
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<i>Discussion group</i>	Kath's house 27 Dunsinane Street Beaudesert	9.30 am-11.30 am	Weekly	George or Sylvia - ph 5541 2294
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Wednesday - morning

<i>Art Group "The Limners"</i>	Centacare rooms	9 am-12 pm	Weekly	Denise - ph 5546 9879
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<i>Social tennis</i>	Beaudesert tennis courts	8 am-12 pm	Weekly	Tex White - ph 5541 4772
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<i>Art appreciation</i>	Centacare bistro plus excursions	10 am-12 pm	3rd Wednesday of each month	Tricia - ph 5544 1462
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Thursday - morning

<i>Table tennis</i>	Uniting Church hall	9 am-12 pm	Weekly	Pam - ph 5541 2662 Trish - ph 0417 440 584
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<i>Card making</i>	Centacare bistro	10 am-12 pm	Every second Thursday from 29 January	Tricia - ph 5544 1462
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<i>Embroidery</i>	Centacare bistro	10 am-12 pm	Every second Thursday from 5 February	Tricia - ph 5544 1462
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Friday - morning

<i>Aqua aerobics</i>	Beaudesert pool	7.30 am-8.30 am	Weekly	Trish - ph 0417 440 584
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Beaudesert U3A afternoon activities

Term one 27 January to 2 April 2015

Activity	Venue	Time	Frequency	Contact
Monday - afternoon				
<i>Conversational French</i>	Centacare bistro	1 pm-3 pm	Weekly	Bernie - ph 5544 2042
<i>Card playing - bolivia/ board games</i>	Centacare rooms	1 pm-4 pm	Weekly	Pat Millard - ph 5541 2492
<i>Mosaics</i>	533 Cryna Road Beaudesert	1.30 pm-4 pm	Weekly	Beryl - 5541 2120
Tuesday - afternoon				
<i>Acoustic guitar</i>	Centacare rooms	3.30 pm-5 pm	Weekly	Laurel Fechner - ph 5541 2072 Email - andyfechner@bigpond.com
Wednesday - afternoon				
<i>Cookery club</i>	Tina's or Laurel's kitchen alternately	1 pm-3 pm	1st Wednesday of each month	Tina - ph 0418 780 861 Laurel - ph - 5541 2072
Other activities				
<i>Jigsaw library</i>	108/110 Carrigan Way Gleneagle	Phone to arrange selection and collection time		Rita or George - ph 5541 0706
<i>Genealogy club</i>		By arrangement with Tricia Edward		Tricia - ph 5544 1462 Email - shikeo@bigpond.com

Centacare bistro/rooms | 6-12 Petersen Street | Beaudesert

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For further information please contact the course coordinator:

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