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I really shouldn't go on about the weather....we all know it has been so hot and so dry for such a long time this summer. It is just that I remember begging for rain during a very dry spell about a year ago, and we were promptly inundated by a significant flood! Perhaps I should be a little cautious about what I ask for!

This edition of our OWLS newsletter is the last featuring the 2018 committee on the front page. You will see some new names after our upcoming 2019 Annual General Meeting on 22 March. I look forward to seeing you there.

After the success of our open day in January, we embarked on a joint program with the Scenic Rim Regional Council....the "Be Healthy and Active" program. We are offering seniors who are not yet members to "try before you buy" at some of our activities as follows: aqua aerobics, table tennis, card playing (in both Beaudesert and Kooralbyn), and line dancing. Our line

dancing group was revived late last year with Trish Fraser in charge, and we are now operating at The Centre in Beaudesert on a great floor and with air-conditioning too! We had 30 attendees this week and would welcome more. We have several men in the group and abilities range from beginners to very experienced.

On another note, I usually like to comment on an item or two of general interest in our community. It is difficult to go past the concern surrounding the impending closure of the third bank in Beaudesert in recent months. Apart from the empty shop fronts, loss of jobs and inconvenience to local businesses, residents who are in the age group of many of our members will suffer most. An opportunity now exists for a community bank to emerge to fill the void. I am sure it would be well supported.

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 Lise Leatherbarrow
- Catherine Kelly Judith Zaugg

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

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A BIG "welcome back" to our returning members and a hearty "welcome" to all our new members (below):

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| Alfred Brackin | Barry Dunn | Des and Sandra Pierce |
| Ann Smith | Lionel and Marie Taylor | Miriam Ryan |
| Rose Martin | Leah MacGinley | Janice Heit |
| Margaret Cannons | Dinah Buchanan | Lesley Butler |
| Irene Haack | Glenn Johnson | Terry Moloney |
| Elizarose Paget-Manning | Cathy Hamilton | Linda Fitzpatrick |
| Patrick Hughes | Janet Hughes | Diane Abbott |
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| Russ and Helga Davidson | Margaret McCombe | Gayle Kimpton |
| David and Wendy Bingham | Tammy Hinchcliffe | Elaine White |

Annual General Meeting U3A Beaudesert

Members are hereby advised of the upcoming 2019 Annual General Meeting which will be held at Centacare, Petersen Street Beaudesert on Friday 22 March commencing at 10.00 am.

Any interested members who would like to nominate for any committee or executive position, to be voted on at the AGM, need to complete an application form (available from our website or available on request) and lodged with the U3A Beaudesert secretary, Yvonne Berry, by Thursday 28 February 2019.

Nominations will not be accepted from the floor.

An agenda and items for mention will be forwarded in due course.

Please contact Andy Fechner 0409 859 515 or email andyfechner@bigpond.com.



Current courses - term one 29 January-5 April 2019

Course coordinator | Laurel Fechner
Phone 5541 2072 | Email laurel.fechner@gmail.com

Acoustic guitar

Thursday afternoons Centacare rooms 1.30 pm-3.30 pm.
Tutor Ken Jurd.
Contact Laurel 5541 2072 email laurel.fechner@gmail.com

Aqua aerobics

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 7.30 am-8.30 am. Wear a sunhat/cap, sun block, soft soled sport shoes/aqua shoes.
Pool entry \$4; \$3 pensioners.
Contact Paulette 5543 1261

Art group - all mediums

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 0417 078 712

Card playing - Beaudesert

Every Monday 1 pm-4 pm at Centacare rooms 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

Card playing- Kooralbyn

Every Wednesday morning 9.00am to 12.00 noon at Kooralbyn Community Centre Ogilvie Place Kooralbyn.
Contact Lise 0438 754269 or Andy 0409 859515

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



Nerida, Lawrie and Stewart getting to grips with Picasa

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 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm Centacare Rooms
Contact Jane 5541 2321

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

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 1 pm- 3 pm \$3 per session The Centre, Brisbane Street Beaudesert
Contact Trish 0419 006 988

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

Meandering through history

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

Mosaics Meet Mondays 1.30 pm-3.30pm at Centacare (on verandah), Petersen Street, Beaudesert a hands-on course in a fascinating art form.

Contact Robyn 0400 062451

Nordic walking/walking

Meet by the pool/library Monday, Wednesday, Friday, walk 5.30 am to 6.30 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, Nindooinbah. \$10/session payable on the day.



Contact Anita 0408 452 584

Social outing/lunch

The March will be at 12.00 noon on Friday 8 March. See page 3 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 Centacare
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.



Janice Pellinkhof shows BUGs members how to prune trees correctly



Joan Gray enjoying Nordic walking watched on by Mavis, Lynne, Bruce and Barbara



Birthday wishes to the following Beaudesert U3A members who are all celebrating birthdays in March:

Pam Fox	Caroline Gee	Rob Hopkins	Marilyn Liebke	Mark McCabe
Barry Owen	Yvonne Schaezel	Lionel Taylor	Elizarose Paget-Manning	

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

Meandering Through History contributed by Tricia Edward

On 31 January this new course commenced and managed to pique the interest of quite a few people - more than the designers of the course expected, but all were welcomed with great enthusiasm.



Members of the Meandering Through History group enjoying the talk on the Celts

The first area to be studied is the Celtic World and we have all been enthralled with what we have learned in the first two sessions consisting of four lectures on Who were the Celts and their place in the Classical world, as well as Celtic Art and Artefacts and the origin of the Celtic language. Although I have to say the last lecture on language required concentration.

The Celtic World will continue to be studied for another ten weeks and will be followed by a study of The Black Death after which we will look at the history of the Tudor and Stuart era and the history of Eastern Europe. I think those attending this course are all looking forward to these subjects.

Social outing/lunch 8 March 2019

Something a bit different for the March social outing/lunch - a visit to the Hindu temple, Sri Selva Vinayakar, 4915-4923 Mt Lindesay Highway, South MacLean, open 7.30am-11 am, is planned for Friday 8 March, followed by lunch at the Jimboomba Tavern from 11.30 am.

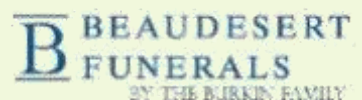
- Admittance to the temple is by optional donation
- Wear modest clothing
- Remove shoes before entering and leave in the designated area at the door
- Doors close at 11 am sharp and you are expected to leave before this time

If you would like to take part in this activity, please RSVP to Di Johnson prior to the day, indicating whether you will participate in the visit to the temple, or just attend the lunch, or do both.

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

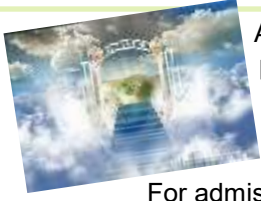


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For the farmers

contributed by Jim Caswell



A farmer stood at the pearly gates
His face was lined and old
He stood before the Man of Fate

For admission to the fold.

“What have you done” Saint Peter said

“To gain admission here?”

“I’ve been a farmer sir” he said

“For many and many a year.”

The pearly gates swung open wide

Saint Peter rang the bell

“Come in” he said, “and choose your harp,

You’ve had your share of hell!”



(Original treasurer) Tex White, Tricia Edward, Bernie Brown, Jean Stevens

Spotted by original Beaudesert U3A treasurer, Tex White, at the recent meandering through history course - four of the original committee members.

Social lunch February 2019



The social lunch for February was held at the Railway Hotel and 26 members attended.

From all reports the meals were of high quality and reasonable in price; service was prompt. We were seated in a private area downstairs so the conversation was jovial and inclusive. Nice to see some new members along as well.



It's time to Be Healthy and Active - line dancing



(Left) Jan Nisbet and Janice Heit take a breather from line dancing

Line dancing has taken off under the watchful eye of Trish Fraser, with a regular group of around 30 followers in the (very welcome!) air conditioned surrounds of The Centre in Beaudesert. This is part of U3A's participation in the Be Healthy and Active programme being run currently by the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Our offerings also include two sessions of cards - one in Beaudesert and one at Kooralbyn, aqua aerobics and table tennis. All are available free for term one this year, with the hope that participants will decide to join U3A and continue later in the year. And of course, all are there for all regular U3A members to enjoy.

Contributed by Cheryl Folley
Photos - Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Test your grey matter with these dingbats. Solution bottom right of this page.

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Some thoughts on aging

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting for in line. (Mostly because we forgot why we were waiting in line in the first place).

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know *why* I look this way. I've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Dingbats solution

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| 1 Short sighted | 7 Head in the sand |
| 2 Rock star | 8 Head on collision |
| 3 Pat on the back | 9 Welcome back |
| 4 Ants in your pants | 10 United States |
| 5 Forty winks | 11 A drop in the ocean |
| 6 Balancing act | 12 Up for grabs |

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2019 AAGM

Friday 22 March 2019 10.00 am
Centacare
Petersen Street
Beaudesert

Enjoy the **free morning tea**. Take the opportunity to meet and chat with the committee. Cr **Michael Enright** will chair the election. Jon Krause will be in attendance. **All nominations** to be with the secretary by February 28. No nominations will be taken from the floor.

Contact **Andy Fechner** (president)
0409 859 515 for further information.

Contact **Yvonne Berry** (secretary)
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nomination forms

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