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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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Denice Knight	Rita Evans
Rosemary Ryan	Lise Leatherbarrow
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To register as a friend of the committee, please contact Andy Fechner
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YES! YES! YES! The Commonwealth Games are over. What are the TV channels and newspapers going to do now to fill in their schedules and pages? Perhaps they may even do some real reporting and come up with something apart from sport, or complaints resulting from dramas generated by so many OOPS! moments. Like all people I have spoken to, I feel for the athletes who gave so much to achieve their goals. It is a shame that much of the focus has been on the highly visible shortcomings. From all reports, those who went as spectators to the sporting events enjoyed the experience immensely.



I must take this opportunity to congratulate the Scenic Rim Regional Council for their wonderful presentations during this period. It started with the Queens Baton Relay through Mount Tamborine, and was followed in quick succession by the "Shared Fire" events on Mount Tamborine, in Beauesert and Boonah. The closing spectacular on Saturday 14 April was conducted at Kooralbyn in the Ramada resort grounds. All events were well attended and a credit to the organizers.

On another note, school holidays are over, and we are well into term two. The Beauesert swimming pool is now closed for the season (are we ever going to get an all year/all-weather

heated pool in Beauesert)? So, no more aqua aerobics until September.

There are plenty of events and functions in May, starting with the Beauesert Library hosting a "New Residents" evening on Thursday 3 May from 5.30 to 7.30pm. There is a public holiday for Labour Day on Monday 7 May, and don't forget our social lunch day outing on Friday 11 May. This will be closely followed by Mother's Day on Sunday 13 May, coinciding with the Arts in the Olives weekend, (always popular). May ends with the 2018 U3A Queensland. State conference commencing on the 30th.

On a personal note, my commitments to the Scenic Rim Council Readiness Reference group have now ceased, with the final debriefing meeting on 19 April. It was an interesting yet rewarding challenge being a group member for the past 17 months.

I have also decided to step down from my position as a Committee member of U3A Network Queensland after a three year term. There are some exciting times ahead for U3A across the State, and also here in Beauesert. I look forward to being with you on the adventure.

Keep warm during the coming cooler weather.

Till next edition

Andy Fechner

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to Beauesert U3A. We trust you are enjoying the activities you have chosen for yourselves:

Cheree Cooke, Jan Llewellyn, Elly Cowen, Wendy Vern, Lilya Guarino



Happy birthday

to our members celebrating birthdays in May

June Carey
Andy Fechner
Laurel Fechner
Pip Harris

Harry Jackson
Joan James
Lynne McKechnie
Rosemary Ryan

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



Current courses - term two 2018

17 April-29 June

Acoustic guitar

Thursdays Centacare rooms 1.30 pm-3.30 pm. Tutor Ken Jurd.

Contact Laurel 5541 2072 email andyfechner@bigpond.com

Aqua aerobics

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 7.30 am-8.30 am, at the Beaudesert pool. **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 at Centacare bistro room. All technologies included - mobiles, computers, tablets, drones, video recorders, TV channels, electronics, backups and similar technology.

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

Mahjong - Beaudesert

Thursday afternoons 1 pm-3.30 pm Centacare rooms.

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.

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

Meet by the pool/library Monday and Friday, by the showgrounds gates Wednesday, walk 6.00-7.00 am. You will need a pair of poles, comfortable sports walking shoes, bottle of water. This activity is in recess till 1 August, although some of the group members 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 11 May from 12 noon

May social lunch will be held at Greenbank RSL. 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

Walking

Same days/times as Nordic walking (see above).

Walk with the Nordic walkers - no poles needed.

Comfortable sports walking shoes, bottle of water. This activity is in recess till 1 August, although some of the group members will continue their walking during the break.



Course coordinator

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Gardening group - BUGs

Liz Avery

For the April get-together of the BUGs group, Marilyn Liebke arranged for florist, Tina Brown, to come to BUGs and give us some tips on how best to arrange the flowers we

grow.

Looking ahead, for the May meeting we will go to Beaudesert Library to listen to Claire Bickle but I am hopeful we will also be able to visit the Standing garden at Mt Clunie. This was recommended to us as a "must see" native garden.



(Left) Cheryl and Joan viewing the finished arrangements



(Right) BUGs group members creating their floral arrangements

Nordic walking and walking

Yvonne and Lawrie are taking a short break from Nordic walking. Our last day will be Friday 27 April and we will resume on Wednesday 1 August. However, during that time, some of the group members will continue with the regular walks and you are very welcome to join them. See page two for times/meeting place.

Contact Lawrie for further information 042 3322 975.

April social lunch

The social lunch for April was held at the Beaudesert RSL. There were 31 attendees and included some new members for the first time. Meals were of excellent quality and the service was very good - probably the best visit here yet.



Snapped at Beaudesert RSL
Ron and Kay Andrews



Lise Leatherbarrow, Sue Estergs, Laurel Fehner



Lise and Laurel sharing a dessert, while
Johnny Estbergs watches on

Social lunch - Friday May 11

The social lunch for May will be held on Friday 11 May at Greenbank RSL, from 12 noon. This has proven to be a popular venue for our social lunches because the menu is value for money and the food is excellent. Please bring your seniors card so that you are able to take advantage of the \$17 menu.



All U3A members, their partners and friends are welcome to attend.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Di Johnson

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

From the "they live among us, and vote" file
contributed by Pat Millard

After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies... The deception wasn't discovered for three days.

The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 5 am, flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast.... The man, frustrated, walked away.



Brutal U3A activity claims victim!!

contributed by Andy Fechner



Lurking behind the mild mannered name of ping pong, but now exposed as that vicious game of table tennis, this U3A activity has recently shown its true colours.

Attracting on average 16 players each week on Thursday mornings at 9.00am at the Uniting Church hall, this cleverly disguised set of war games enables our members to bring out their violent instincts! Any casual observer would simply see members laughing and chiding each other during the course of the morning while attempting to execute the perfect shot (very rarely achieved). After a morning tea break for biscuits / cake / coffee or tea, it is back out again to do battle and get that fitness up.

Where did it all go wrong for Rita Evans just a few weeks ago? Husband George was playing at another table, so he wasn't close enough to push her over. The popular opinion is that Rita had been watching too many diving events at the Commonwealth Games, and forgetting she was not at aqua aerobics, attempted a reverse pike dive with a half somersault onto the floor. The result was less than elegant, and we sympathised with Rita in her pain, and tended her while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. She is now recovering from three broken bones in her left arm just above the wrist. She is in her third cast, and taking great pleasure in all the extra attention from George.

To show there were no hard feelings, Rita sent along a lovely fruit cake for our morning tea the week after the accident.

Get well soon Rita, looking forward to having you back!!



Is this a good hand ?



(Above) Beadesert card group; (Below) Computer group, History of Art, Limners



Puns for educated minds

contributed by Pat Millard

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Atheism is a non-prophet organisation.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.



For sale

Thinking of joining the guitar group but don't have a guitar and you don't want to spend a small fortune on buying one? Or you have a grand child with a hankering to play the guitar?



This guitar is a beginner's guitar, three-quarter size and is in good condition. It comes with its own carry bag and it is for sale. Asking price \$20 or make a (reasonable) offer.

Contact Yvonne - phone 5541 2604, or mobile 043 1522 752, or email yvonneberry47@gmail.com

More from the "they live among us and vote" file contributed by Pat Millard

- An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train.. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.
- When his .38 calibre revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.
- A man who shovelled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

For sale



Regent Royston caravan, built 25 October 2010

- ◇ Air conditioning (reverse cycle)
- ◇ Venetians blinds and curtains
- ◇ Washing machine
- ◇ 165 litre 2-door fridge
- ◇ Queen size bed
- ◇ L shape lounge
- ◇ Under sink water filter
- ◇ Piano hinges on all cupboards
- ◇ Separate pull out pantry
- ◇ Brand new awning
- ◇ Full annex – never been used – with three shade cloths
- ◇ 80 watt portable solar panel
- ◇ TV and DVD player
- ◇ Winegard sensor antenna
- ◇ Satellite dish and accessories
- ◇ Entrance hand rail and outside step
- ◇ Loads of storage cupboards
- ◇ Hydraulic Trail-A-Mate jack



If you are interested in purchasing this caravan (asking price \$43,000) or learning more about it, please contact Andy, phone 5541 2072 or email andyfechner@bigpond.com

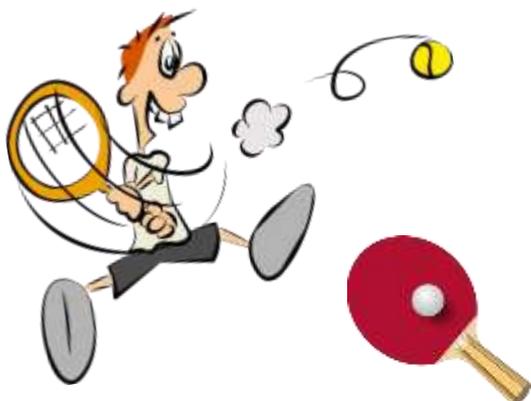
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As a senior resident in the Scenic Rim you are invited to ...

Come and try before you buy

Five U3A activities are available for you to try over nine weeks in May/June



Social tennis and table tennis

Join fellow tennis enthusiasts at the tennis centre in Bromelton Street from 8 am to noon on Wednesdays or try out table tennis on Thursdays from 9 am to noon at the Uniting Church hall. Like all U3A groups, these attract friendly people and are a social event as well as keeping you active.

Contact for tennis is Tex on 5541 4772 and for table tennis, ring Pam or Des on 5541 2662 or mobile 0448 133 146.

Nordic walking/walking

A congenial group of keen walkers meets weekly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 am to explore the streets and parks of Beaudesert (maybe a little later in winter). Either swing your Nordic poles, or simply walk with the group.

For more information about times and places, or to find out more about Nordic walking, phone Lawrie at 0423 322 975.



Croquet

Old but never boring! This game of kings and peasants alike is played by our local group on Tuesdays at Everdell Park, Gleneagle, from 8 am to 11.30 am.

Contact George 5541 0706 or Trish 0429 489 989.

Computer and technical group

Just bring along any questions or problems on any technical/electronics subject such as mobile phones, drones, even space craft - and get an answer.

George, on 5541 0706, is the contact for this activity, held on the first and third Mondays from 9.30 am to 12.30 at Centacare, Petersen Street.



You'll need a \$2 donation per session – which usually goes towards morning tea and a cuppa!

All the groups above are offered as part of the extended *Be Healthy and Active* programme organised by the SRRC from the week of 1 May until June 30. If you like the activity, you may wish to join U3A after the guest period.



U3A (University of the Third Age) has many other regular activities - check them out on

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