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

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Happy birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in May -

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Warwick Atkinson | Evelyn Buchanan |
| June Carey       | Janice Cornwall |
| Helga Davidson   | Andy Fechner    |
| Laurel Fechner   | Pip Harris      |
| Harry Jackson    | Lynne McKechnie |
| Margaret Paton   | Rosemary Ryan   |

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

A very warm Beaudesert U3A welcome is extended to our newest members -

Cathy Hamilton, Linda Fitzpatrick, Gayle Kimpton, Patrick Hughes, Janet Hughes, Des and Philippa Kearse, Tony Milligan, Denise Martin, Pamela Williams, Jean Hansen, Cheryl and Garnet Sempf



We look forward to seeing you at the activities you have chosen for yourself where, we are sure, you will make many new friends.



## Current courses - term two 23 April-28 June 2019

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

### 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 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 12.45 pm-3.45 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

### 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 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 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 12.45 pm-3.00 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. 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, Nindooinbah. \$10/session payable on the day.  
Contact Anita 0408 452 584

### Social outing/lunch

The May lunch will be at Greenbank RSL 12.00 noon on Friday 10 May. 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 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.*



## Meandering through history

Tricia Edward

On 9 May the group will finish studying The

Celtic World and I believe the attendees have found this series enlightening and interesting. The next area of study, commencing on 16 May, will be a series on The Black Death and this will be presented by Bernie Brown.

This subject was, at first, greeted with little enthusiasm; until it was realised how much this plague affected the history of Europe and England. In the mid -14<sup>th</sup> century the medieval world experienced one of the most devastating pandemics ever to strike humankind. It swept across Europe from the east in a clockwise motion, tightening around the medieval world like a noose. When it was finally over, at least half the population was dead. Many scholars believe that the plague transformed the medieval world into the modern one.



We are in for an intriguing, if sometimes gruesome, study.

The group meets at 10am on a Thursday at the Beaudesert library and members interested should contact Tricia Edward on 5544 1462.

## Social lunch April 2019



(From left clockwise) Lynn, Marcia, Laine, unknown, Di and Margaret



(From left clockwise) Anita, Bronwyn, new member, Lee, Lynne and Gloria



(Above) Janice, David, new member Tony, and (below) Judith and Lise lunching at Happy Valley

Our April social lunch and get together for April was held at the ever popular Chinese restaurant in Beaudesert, The Happy Valley. We had 30 attendees on the day, including one new member, Tony Milligan, who signed up on the day.

Meals were of a high standard, and served piping hot, great value at \$11 per plate for mains with a very wide choice.

There was a lot of talk about the upcoming June social event which will start with a morning tea and musical concert at The Centre in Beaudesert followed by a lunch at the Railway Hotel. A flyer with details of this function will be distributed soon.

## Social outing/lunch 10 May 2019

The social lunch on 10 May will be at Greenbank RSL, the Grange buffet room. Cost to seniors \$17.50. If you would like to take part in this activity, please RSVP to Di Johnson prior to the day.

- Phone/text 0468 849 448
- Email [candyroxy1946@gmail.com](mailto:candyroxy1946@gmail.com)

Spouses, partners and friends are welcome to attend this event.

## Book Club

Lynn Lewis

Today we had two new faces join the group taking our number to 12. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate any new people at this time. We discussed many things, **including books**, and usually have a relaxing casual couple of hours with afternoon tea provided.



The book club has been going since the start of U3A in Jimboomba and has continued on with the amalgamation of Jimboomba and Beaudesert U3As.

Initially we tried to all read the same book however, we found this to be difficult getting the



Our group consists of Elizabeth, Gloria, Barry, Pat (Caverly) Denise, Kerry, Cathy, two Jenny's, Margaret (absent), Elaine and Lynn. Everyone contributes to the conversation and talks about what books they have read, enjoyed or otherwise. Everyone also brings along books to be circulated throughout the group. Some books are to be returned to the owner and some, if no one else wants to read them, are given away to a charity.

number of copies needed, so we just read our own choice of books and then discuss those at the meeting.

Thanks to all the book club group members who make the afternoon such a pleasant get together once a month.

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## Mosaics - where passion meets practicality

Cheryl Folley

At a recent committee meeting, OWLS editor Yvonne Berry commented that she'd love to hear news from our various courses. Our "roving reporter" Cheryl Folley volunteered to check out at least one activity per month. She subsequently visited the mosaics group at its new premises at Beaudesert's Arts and Information Centre in Brisbane street, to see how they were settling in.



(L-R) Tina, Janice, Cheryl, Shirley, Angela and Patricia enjoying their spacious new venue at the Arts & Information Centre

First to arrive was Shirley Foreman, who first joined the original U3A mosaic group "way back when Margaret and Hennie (foundation members) were around" and missed the companionship



Shirley works on her latest project - a frog for the garden wall

and interest she'd discovered then. She returned in April and is working on her

first new project, a frog shape in jewel colours to go on a garden wall.

The group coordinator Tina Jones, chatted as she joined us and set out protective table covers and working materials.

"We're still settling down here, but love it... the extra space is really conducive to creativity," she said. "And it's air conditioned, so an excellent place to work indoors in summer."

Tina began mosaics when she found herself looking around at other people's creations and thinking "I can do that!" Her inspiration comes from anything around her - just looking around at home, magazines, gallery displays and even walking down a street and seeing a mosaic installation outside an art shop.

At present Tina is finishing a lamp stand with mirror pieces, a far cry from its origin as a section of plumber's pipe. She already has her next project in mind. It will be three large mushrooms for a garden setting. One will be made from an "ugly" old bowl she will turn upside down to cover in mosaic pieces and create one mushroom, a second looks likely to emerge from an old wok - and the third is yet to be decided!

One of the early mosaic group members was Beryl Lower, who arrived in Beaudesert around seven years ago knowing no-one and then joined U3A. Mosaics was an early course in U3A, held in private houses initially.

"I'd always flirted with the idea of mosaics and decided to volunteer to hold the group at home, once the original coordinator, Margaret Kendrick, had moved away," Beryl said. In the process she "met some lovely people and made lifelong friends." Having now moved house further away, Beryl still attends quite often but doesn't have the organising responsibility.

## Introducing

Vice president Lise Leatherbarrow



Your favourite time of the day?  
Just before sun up and twilight

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Didn't care - so long as I had five acres and a horse.

What is your perfect pizza?  
Bacon and egg

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?

My great grand uncle Peter Lalor (Eureka Stockade); what was the role he played?

What is the best advice anyone ever gave you?  
Be patient!

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



Patricia Lamb is another member who endorses the value of friendships formed through U3A groups. Her husband Maurice is highly creative in a range of art forms and Patricia thought he'd be interested in mosaics: they attended, she returned, he didn't! Patricia is now doing a *Benvenuti* sign to put beside a doorway to welcome visitors. And although Patricia does look Italian, (she's actually very English, as her accent soon testifies) she chose the Italian version of "Welcome" over the English, French or Spanish versions just because she loves everything Italian. But this project is much smaller than her recent coffee table - lugging it to mosaics group every week became a real challenge.



Like many U3A groups, the mosaics members love to get out and about together and organise coffee, lunches or gallery visits from time to time. This gives an extra dimension which Tina Jones says is valuable to all the members. Tina is passionate about mosaics and with the new premises is now hoping to attract "at least ten" newcomers.

"Come and try," she said. "After all, we now have heaps of space and who could not be inspired simply by looking out of the doorways of the Information Centre, into the park. We have plenty of tables and can easily accommodate extra people."

**If you are interested in taking up Tina's offer, contact her, phone or text, 0418 780 861**

People who were clever and kind with animals.

If you could have one super power, what would it be?

Beam me up, Scotty. Think of the unbelievable plus for the environment.



## Table tennis

Pam Fox

The table tennis group grew like Topsy and welcomed several new members in recent weeks. We hope the newbies have enjoyed their games to date and are feeling the benefit of the exercise and the fellowship which are the main features of our group. Janice, David, Gordon, John, Annette, Terry and Cheryl - welcome. Four other people have expressed a desire to commence playing with the group so we may have to start a waiting list or give consideration to having a second day of play.

We thank the Uniting Church for renting their hall (corner William and Duckett Streets) to us and enabling us to store our four tables on the premises. The group is well supplied with gear so newcomers can give the game a try without having to purchase bats in advance. Everyone is required to wear suitable attire (the footwear is most important).

## Trivia is well received in U3A

Cheryl Folley

Our newest course, trivia puzzling, has attracted so much interest since it began a couple of months ago, that the group has had to move venues to roomier premises at the Beaudesert library.

This weekly quiz held every Wednesday afternoon has the accent on fun rather than cut-throat competition and some members are saying it's actually quite addictive!

"Trivia quizzes are so popular these days that I found myself wondering why U3A didn't have one regularly," says Beaudesert's foundation U3A treasurer,

Tex White. "People are naturally inquisitive and love to beat the experts. That's why some of the most popular TV programs are quiz shows, and why so many local hotels list trivia quiz nights as regular attractions, so it



seemed just a small step to start our own daytime activity."

Each session includes several sets of 25 questions plus a true/false section at the end. The job of quizmaster is being rotated every month so that individuals

have the chance to present their own questions. With heaps of online resources nowadays, that is not as difficult a task as it seems (and no-one has to take on the role of quizmaster if it doesn't appeal).

**QUESTION:** *Where and how did trivia quizzes originate?*

**ANSWER:** *In the UK in the 1970s as a means of local pubs attracting customers on quiet nights. They were introduced by an enterprising young couple as a commercial venture. In 2009 a survey showed that quiz nights were held in more than 22,000 local pubs every week in the UK.*

For more information ring Tex on 5541 4772 or Jenny on 0439 138 212.

## Oh I remember them well - I think (Answers page 6)

- 1 After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man"? Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind". What did he leave behind?
- 2 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle, \_\_\_\_\_'
- 3 After the twist, the mashed potato, and the watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the '\_\_\_\_\_.'
- 4 'The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 5 'Nestle's makes the very best.... \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 6 We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 One of the big fads of the late 50s and 60s was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 The cute little car with the engine in the back and trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about 'the day the music died'. This was a tribute to \_\_\_\_\_.

## A Word or Two about this and that

Yvonne Berry

I recently had an interesting conversation with one of our members who raised a question about "disabilities". There has been quite a lot of talk in the media of late regarding organisations, businesses and the like catering to the needs of people with a disability. Indeed our own Network U3A organisation had a workshop for U3A committee members regarding the

acceptance and attendance of people with disabilities at any of our activities.

This member had been asked by a member of NDIS at the March Savvy day held at The Centre "and how many disabled members did our organisation have"? None that we are aware of - no one in a wheelchair, using a white stick or using sign language, etc. Hang on a minute, aren't most of our members over retirement age and thus by definition probably have one "disability" or another, be it shonky knees making it

difficult to walk, kneel, do daily tasks; or gradual loss of hearing and/or eyesight, or hips riddled with arthritis making every day living a painful task. Ergo, does not our organisation totally cater for people with disabilities?

Does that answer their question?





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Answers  
I remember them well

- 1 Silver bullet
- 2 The lion sleeps tonight
- 3 Limbo

- 4 Protect the innocent
- 5 Chocolate
- 6 Sputnik
- 7 Hula hoop
- 8 Beetle or Bug
- 9 Buddy Holly

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