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Great to see some semblance of normality and common sense returning with Anzac day services once again being held this year. While the dawn service in Beaudesert was again organised and hosted by our local RSL Sub Branch, the Scenic Rim Council failed to provide the wherewithal for the traditional 11.00 am street march and service. This should have been pre-planned six months ago (to be actioned pending covid restrictions of course).

Speaking of covid, I hope that members have been taking the opportunity to get their vaccinations done. As I have just had my flu shot, I am on the obligatory two-week waiting list to get my injection. While we are not suffering in Australia to the extent that so many other countries are with coronavirus, we should not become complacent. Our little corner of the world here in the Scenic Rim has been relatively untouched, and it would be nice to see it stay that way.

With the start of term two, many members of the aqua aerobics group, (and some others) enjoyed the first of our new activity sessions, (exercise for seniors) at Jubilee Park on Tuesday and Thursdays from 7.30 am. Thank you John Leatherbarrow for agreeing to

lead this class, and thanks to the SRRC for approving our park use application. I am sure the start time may be adjusted as the days get shorter. We have experienced a few cool mornings over the past couple of weeks, with the doonas getting an airing!

Another big day in May is of course Mother's Day, falling this year on 9 May. For our members, you may be lucky enough (as I am) to still have Mum with you. For those ladies in our U3A who have borne the burdens, I hope you will have the opportunity to be in touch with your families, or perhaps be pampered in some way.

Our newly elected committee members Stuart Gearey, Peter Venz and Debbie Pratt are finding their feet in their respective roles. If any members out there want to get more involved in our U3A, please call us. Our Publicity Officer Cheryl Folley is still looking for an understudy to help liaise with local press and write articles for publication. 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.

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|---------------|------------------|
| June Carey    | Patricia Castles |
| Denice Knight | Rita Evans       |
| Rosemary Ryan | Carol Castles    |

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

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A warm U3A Beaudesert welcome to our new members - Linda Wilson, Joanne Antcliff and John Williams. We look forward to seeing you at the activities you have chosen for yourself where, we are sure, you will make many new friends.



Best wishes for a very **happy birthday** to our members who celebrate their birthdays in May:

- |                 |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Helen Atkinson  | Dinah Buchanan  | June Carey      |
| Janice Cornwall | Julie D'Andilly | Helga Davidson  |
| Andy Fechner    | Cheryl Gay      | Sarah Grodecki  |
| Pip Harris      | Joan James      | Shirley Kendall |
| Zelma Lowien    | Bev Musk        | Lesley Paton    |
| Rosemary Ryan   | Kerry Stone     | Lynne McKechnie |

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



# Current courses - term two 19 April-25 June 2021

Course coordinator | Tina Jones  
Phone 0418 780 861 | Email t.j.16@bigpond.com

## Aqua aerobics

In recess until term 4 2021. Refer to exercise for seniors.  
Contact John 0417 073 190 or Trish 0419 006 988

## Art group - all mediums

Wednesdays 9 am-12 St Thomas's Anglican Church hall.  
Contact Denise 5546 9879 or 0402 012 267

## Calligraphy

First and third Fridays of the month 1.00 pm-3.00 pm at the  
Arts & Information Centre Enterprise Drive Beaudesert  
Contact Robyn 0439 721 325

## Card playing - Beaudesert

Every Monday 12.30 pm-4.00 pm RSL function room. Enjoy  
500 or Bolivia.  
Contact Di 0468 849 448 to confirm attendance.

## Card playing - Bolivia - Jimboomba

Meets every Thursday 12 noon-3.00 pm at Dorrington House  
Jimboomba.  
Contact Di 0468 849 448

## Computer/other technologies

This group is now an advisory group only, for issues with  
computers - no computer repairs or house calls.  
Contact George 5541 0706, email dreeemboat@iinet.net.au

## Croquet club

Play Tuesdays 8.00 am-11.00 am at Everdell Park Gleneagle  
Contact George or Rita 5541 0706

## Exercise for seniors

Exercise in Jubilee Park, Tuesday and Thursday  
mornings, 7.30 am-8.30 am. Wear comfortable  
(warm) clothing, sports shoes; bring your own hand  
weights if you have them, and a bottle of water. (See  
page 5)  
Contact John 0417 073 190

NEW

## French

Every Monday 12 noon-2.00 pm RSL Sub Branch rooms, 1st  
floor, corner William and Brisbane Streets, Beaudesert.  
Contact Jayne 5463 4841

## Gardening group - BUGs

Meet third Friday of each month 10.00 am-12 noon  
Beaudesert RSL club function room  
Contact Marilyn 0429 006 194

## General discussion group

Meets Tuesdays 9.30 am-11.30 am Beaucare Community  
room, 44 Tina Street. 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 Terry 0428 627 673

## 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 from 12.45 pm \$3 per session The Centre, Brisbane  
Street Beaudesert  
Contact Marg 0422 415 145

## 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 Arts & Information

Centre.

Contact Denise 5541 2801

**Mosaics** Meet Mondays 1.30 pm-3.30pm at Arts &  
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  
mornings. Contact Liz for start times. 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, 142  
Lambert Road, Nindooindah. \$10/session for materials  
payable on the day.  
Contact Anita 0408 452 584

## Social lunch

The next social lunch will be held on Friday 14 May 2021 at  
Gleneagle Gables from 12 noon. (See page 3).  
RSVP to Di phone/text 0468 849 448, email  
candyroxy1946@gmail.com

## Social tennis

Wednesdays 8 am-12 noon venue Beaudesert tennis courts  
Boonah Road  
Contact Paulette 0409 898 147

## Table tennis

Thursdays 9 am-12 noon held at the St Thomas's Anglican  
Church hall.  
Contact Glenda 5541 4290, 0418 771 758 or Ken 5541 1498



## Travel and Adventure Group

Meet second Monday each month on the deck, Beaudesert  
Library 10.00 am onwards.  
Contact Ray raymondarthy@gmail.com, ph 0447 554 480

## Trivia puzzling

Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 pm at St Thomas's  
Anglican Church hall, Albert Street, Beaudesert  
Contact Jenny 0439 138 212

## Ukulele

Meets Thursday afternoons St Thomas's Anglican Church  
hall, Albert Street, Beaudesert, 1 pm-2.30 pm.  
Contact Tina 0418 780 861

## U3A Online - see page 5

We now have four online courses available to our members:

- Australia Flora
- The Night Sky
- Creative writing: Genealogy
- Play Ukulele by Ear

If you would like to participate in any of these courses (at no  
cost to you), please contact our course coordinator, Tina  
Jones, 0418 780 861, email t.j.16@bigpond.com.

## Social tennis

Cheryl Folley

## Tennis is the go-to sport for these members

While some of us may be enjoying an extra half hour under the doona these chillier mornings, U3A sports group members are happily assembling, whatever their choice of keep-fit activity.

For our social tennis players, autumn/winter mornings are actually a good time to be outdoors as they like the cooler temperatures when it comes to running around a court. (Not that everyone is a Davis Cup contender... this is a sports group, but the accent is on fun and companionship and the unusual scoring system takes an average age of around 70 into account!)

As group convener Paulette Watson explains, each game is scored but then the server is replaced at the end of a game and a replacement player comes on to the court, meaning that everyone gets a break fairly often.

"It's a kind of round-robin system," she explains. "Really, the accent is on laughter and having fun, although there's the keep-fit element as well. We have members who were once competition players and others who are just turning to the game in their retirement."

The group was started around 12 years ago by Beaudesert U3A's foundation treasurer, Tex White, who handed over the reins this year to Paulette...along with the important bag of mugs he'd collected for the "cuppa and bickie" that follow the sessions.

Paulette would love to hear from any potential group members. For more information, contact her on 0409 898 147.



(L-R back) Ken, Pat, Kerry, Jim  
(Front) Joe, Denise, Paulette



Graham waits for the serve



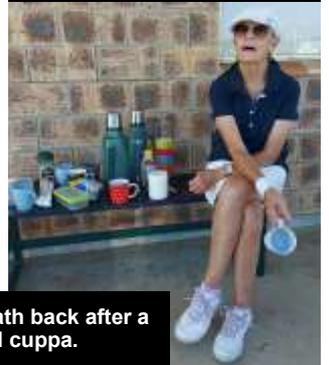
Paulette serves



Ken poised ready to receive the ball



Tex and Paulette take a break



Lani gets her breath back after a well-earned cuppa.

## Social outing April 2021

Di Johnson

We had the pleasure of having our April social lunch at the Jimboomba House Restaurant; thirty four of our members attended.

The staff worked extremely hard to provide us with lovely food and the service was amazing. Judging from the compliments I heard, most attendees will be going back there again. Whilst we had a reduced menu due to the large number of people, there were plenty of delicious dishes from which to choose. Everyone I spoke to was very happy, and judging by the conversation buzz, were interacting well - this is what we aim for. Several new members whom I hadn't met before attended which was good to see

The May social lunch is booked at Gleneagle Gables at Gleneagle. They are located on the Mt Lindesay Highway just past the two estates at the traffic lights, coming towards the Glen Eagle State School .



# Introducing ...

... new committee member, Debbie Pratt, who is responsible for the Beaudesert U3A facebook page.



*What is your favourite time of the day?*

If I had to choose it would be either sunset or sunrise, just beautiful times of the day with the shift in light and change of energy.

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

I loved animals, rocks, crystals, minerals and art. I wanted to be in service working in any of those areas that I was passionate about and loved.

*What is your favourite pizza?*

I don't eat regular pizza due to a quite strict vegetarian diet. But my favourite pizza is home-made from cauliflower rice, almond meal, egg and Italian herbs for the base plus whatever vegetarian toppings I have on hand, - yummy !

*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?*

Wilhelm Reich. And the question - what is the real reason the US Food and Drug Administration obtained a federal injunction barring the interstate distribution of your orgone-related devices and material?

*What is the best advice anyone ever gave you?*

My dad said " always trust your first instinct".

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

I had a deep affinity with nature and animals. Watching and observing them, they are / it is inspirational.

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

My view is we do have superpowers, we have forgotten how to use them and just need to awaken them now. But for the sake of this questionnaire I will choose shape shifting. Unlimited possibilities.

## BUGs

Cheryl Folley

### Garden is a dream come true

Having a garden of her own was a dream for our member Patricia Lamb, as she grew up in a Manchester, UK, home with only a few square metres of garden space.



Hostess Patricia



Just how well she achieved that dream was obvious to members of BUGs who recently visited the home of Patricia and husband Maurice on their five-acre property near Jimboomba. It's an incredible joint effort, built up over 42 years from scratch, including the amazing two-storey Spanish style house which Maurice designed and built himself. And the leafy garden, with many nooks and crannies holding mosaic treasures, is a never-

ending surprise.

"We never stop working" says Patricia...and it shows. They have a division of labour. Patricia does the garden – including mowing much of the grass with a pull-start lawn mower! And Maurice, a painter and decorator by trade, continues his marvellous work in making furniture and painting wonderful wall murals, including a giant one of horses on a white wall facing visitors to the property as they enter. This is a place with character!

Patricia has a story for each of the mosaics in her garden, including one of the signs of the zodiac, a work-in-progress which she inherited from a friend who moved to New Zealand. Patricia finished the zodiac figures and fitted them into a flat garden space, then luckily also came across a birdbath featuring two doves, which completed the art work (see photo, below right).

Thanks Patricia and Maurice, and new BUGs coordinator Marilyn Liebke, who demonstrated

how to propagate a range of garden plants including several varieties of hibiscus, bougainvillea, photinia and Rose of Sharon. She also continued the new tradition of a members' raffle, which this time was won by new member Kelly Laing and



Derani Gearey, both with an enviable boxed selection of potted plants.



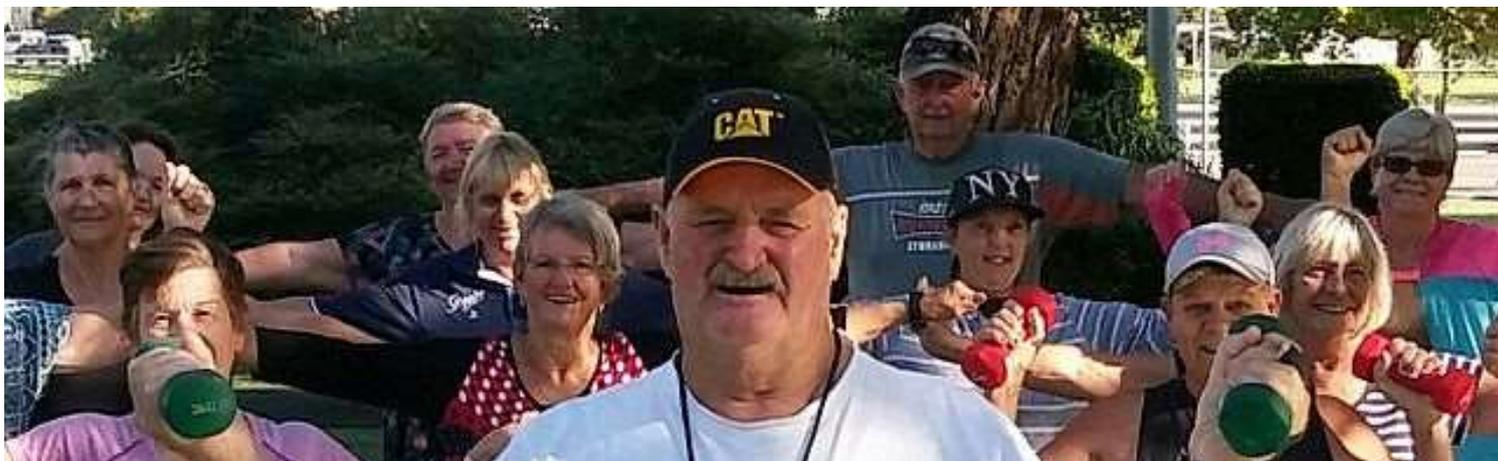
## Exercise in the park



### From pool to park

When one season finishes, another begins – with a variation - for U3A's keep-fit exercisers. The keen members of John Leatherbarrow's aqua aerobics group have made a short move from the Beaudesert swimming pool to Jubilee Park, where they have begun twice-weekly sessions of "Exercise in the Park." Reports are that the new venue works well, with the same mixture of camaraderie and yes, a certain amount of work!

The group will continue to balance their time between summer sessions while the pool is open, and on-land exercise otherwise, on the same days (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and time (7.30 am). Contact John if you're interested in joining in, mob - 0417 073 190.



## U3A On-line courses

Cheryl Folley

### And there's more....

If you're reading this, you have probably already joined one or more of the activities offered by Beaudesert U3A. But wait, there's more!

Let's  
study at  
home



During the COVID 19 lockdown, Beaudesert U3A joined U3A Online and we were able to offer several courses for our members to study at home: Australian Flora, The Night Sky, Creative Writing and Play Ukulele by Ear. These courses are still available under our agreement with U3A Online but will cease in May, although there is the option for any or all to be renewed if enough people request them.

However, there are many other online courses which may attract our members. For a look in depth, go to the website [www.u3aonline.org.au](http://www.u3aonline.org.au) to see a full list. In the meantime, our secretary Yvonne Berry has been busy and chosen a few samples of topics which she thought could be attractive. These include:

- WORLD AFFAIRS AND HISTORY
  - China in transition from Mao to 2011
  - Droving and herding around the world
  - History of espionage
- WRITING AND CREATIVITY
  - Writing family history
  - History of mystery
  - Autobiography and journaling
- LIFESTYLE
  - Photography: improving your camera skills
  - Train your brain
- SCIENCE
  - Climate change
- SHORT COURSES
  - Picnic at Hanging Rock – a film and novel short course

There is no charge for these courses, providing that a minimum number of members choose any specific topic. Our course coordinator, Tina Jones, is the person to contact to register your interest, at [t.j.16@bigpond.com](mailto:t.j.16@bigpond.com).

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## Out of the mouths of babes ....

Can you imagine the teacher sitting at her desk grading these papers, all the while trying to keep a straight face and maintain her composure! The students were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following statements about the bible were written by children. The statements have not been retouched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

- 1) In the first book of the bible, guinessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree.
- 2) Noah's wife was joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
- 3) Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
- 4) The jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
- 5) The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
- 6) The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
- 7) Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
- 8) The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
- 9) The first commandments was when eve told adam to eat the apple.
- 10) One of the opossums was st Matthew who was also a taximan.
- 11) Moses died before he ever reached canada then joshua led the hebrews in the battle of geritol.
- 12) The greatest miricle in the bible is when joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- 13) David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
- 14) Solomon, one of david's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- 15) When mary heard she was the mother of jesus, she sang the magna carta
- 16) St Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached hole acrimony, which is another name for marraige
- 17) Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.
- 18) St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
- 19) Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
- 20) It was a miricle when jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

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