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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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A very eventful past month for our U3A, with some new courses leading the way. The BUGS Garden group has generated some additional new members to our ranks, and I would like to welcome them to our great U3A community. There have already been some interesting outings to various garden locations, and some very informative guests.

Speaking of outings, there were 43 very happy travellers after a well timed visit to the Eumundi markets on 12 October. Given it was on a Wednesday, and not school holidays, we thought that it may have been a bit quiet...but quite the opposite...!! There were heaps of people there, and we just added to the throngs. An enjoyable time was had by all, and your committee is more than willing to pursue future bus trips to other locations or events...members' suggestions are encouraged, so please let us know where you would like to go.....(I already know where to go, people tell me all the time!!).

Our webmaster and computer group tutor/facilitator, George Evans, has shown us his secret side by offering to share his passion for croquet with other like-minded exponents of this mysterious game. With the help of our Facebook administrator Rosemary Ryan, a suitable venue for the "Happy Hoopers" was found at Laravale - the old "School of..." Thank you Mark and Wendy Lohmann. George now has about a dozen eager potential players to steer around the court, trying to avoid broken ankles and crushed toes....(just kidding).

Don't forget our FREE to members Christmas luncheon this year on Friday 2 December. If you haven't yet put your name forward to attend, please do so NOW....seats are strictly limited, and there are only a few remaining. (see page 6).

Until next edition.

Andy Fechner

A warm Beaudesert U3A welcome is extended to new members Robert and Susan Topping, Jo Heit, Marilyn Liebke, Catherine Kelly, Vivienne and John Dodson, Olivia Templeman, Darla Templeman.

We trust you enjoy the activities you have chosen for yourselves, where we are sure you will make many new friends.



A Word or Two about this and that Yvonne Berry

Have you had a chance yet to view all the works of art in the local Art of a Hero's Journey exhibition? They are all still on display at The Centre and will be there until 30 November. Some great talent is on display and it is worth you taking the time to have a look at them.

U3A members Bruce Avery and Paulette Watson each created a painting, and Liz Avery's art was a collage. The paintings and collage are available for purchase through a silent auction and funds raised go to Mental Health Networks across the Scenic Rim.

So, visit The Centre, make a bid (or two), you just might score yourself a unique work of art.



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Current courses - term four 2016 4 October-9 December

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.

Acoustic guitar

Tuesdays Centacare rooms 1.30 pm-3.30 pm. Tutor Ken Jurd.
Contact Laurel 5541 2072 email andyfechner@bigpond.com

Afternoon tea - your place or mine?

Meets first Wednesday of each month 1 pm-3 pm alternately at course members' homes.
Contact Tina 0418 780 861 or Laurel 5541 2072

Aqua aerobics

Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.30 am-8.30 am Beaudesert pool. Clean, rubber soled shoes recommended, as well as a sun hat, and sunscreen.
Contact Paulette 5543 1261

Art appreciation

Third Wednesday each month nominal time 10 am-12 noon at Centacare bistro room if not on an outing - usually involving art gallery visits with Tricia.
Contact Tricia 5544 1462

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

Bridge

Meets every Wednesday morning 9.30 am-11.30 am Kurrajong Park Jimboomba.
Contact Elizabeth 5546 9689

Card playing - Beaudesert

Every Monday 1 pm-4 pm at Centacare rooms Enjoy euchre, canasta, samba, 500, and bolivia (focus on 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 group

Mondays 10 am-12 noon at Centacare bistro room. Members may bring their laptop along for assistance by tutors or computer group members with individual tasks or problems.
Contact George 5541 0706

Croquet club

Play Tuesday 9 am-12 noon at Laravale School of ... situated in Christmas Creek Road.
Contact George 5541 0706

Gardening club

Meet third Friday of each month 10.00 am-12 noon at Centacare. Trips away between each meeting.
Contact Liz 5541 1005

Genealogy club

No set days - Tricia 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-11.30 am Beucare Community Room 44 Tina Street Beaudesert. General discussions on any subject the group wishes. Group participation is the key here.
Contact Andy 5541 2072

History of Art

Meets Thursday mornings 10 am-12 noon Centacare rooms.
Contact Jean 5541 3706

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. 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.
Facilitator Beryl/contact Tina 0418 780 861

Nordic walking

Meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 7.00-8.00 am at the soccer field by Beaudesert tennis courts. You will need a pair of poles, comfortable sports walking shoes, bottle of water.
Contact Lawrie 0423 322 975



What more needs to be (or can be) said?
Honourable President proudly wears his Hawaiian shirt

Social lunches/outings

U3A members' and guests' social lunch/outing for November is the Green Frog Hollow café, Yarrabilba. [See page 3.](#)

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

Proposed new groups

Three new groups have been proposed:

- ◆ Croquet
- ◆ Conversational French
- ◆ End of life: alternative options

Details on each of these groups can be found on page 4.

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Social outing - October

On Wednesday 12 October, 43 intrepid marketeers boarded a Logan Bus Company coach for the 2½ hour trip north to Eumundi Markets.

The day started off fine, and although as we got closer to Eumundi the weather changed to rain, by the time the bus had parked at the markets and we all disembarked, the rain had vanished and we all got on with the

serious business of making a dent in the Eumundi economy. There were plenty of stalls stocking hand made soaps, clothing, jewellery, shoes, bags, and the like, and we were spoilt for choice when it came to buying lunch.

At 1.45 pm we boarded the bus for the trip home - everyone agreed it was a great day out.



Di and Robin Kelly check out one of the woodwork stalls at Eumundi



Rita (left) and George (right) share an ice cream; Pat (centre) sorts out her camera.



Cheryl and Ray take a break from bargain hunting



(Back left-right) Sue and Di, (front left-right) Vicki and Bronwyn wait for the bus home

Social lunch - November

The next social lunch is planned for Friday 11 November, 12 noon. The venue is the Green Frog Hollow Café, Yarrabilba, which is located at 1551 Waterford Tamborine Road, Logan Village.

The café is situated in their garden centre (and there is also a giftware shop), so there will be an opportunity to do a spot of Christmas shopping while you are there.

Bookings are essential so to reserve your place, please contact Di Johnson,

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



BUGs - Garden group

Liz Avery

At the October group meeting, we were visited by representatives of Rocky Point Mulching who brought along samples of some of their products, which were given away as lucky door prizes to members of the group. They promised to return again next year with a further range of their products.

Bob Topping also gave a brief talk on his passion for native plants and recommended books that focus on south east Queensland, *Mangroves to Mountains* and the journal of the *Society for Growing Australian Plants (Qld)*. Bob has also offered to demonstrate splitting a hive of native bees if enough people are interested.

Cheryl Folley then spoke about the seeds she had collected from her vegie patch and there were plenty available for everyone to take home.

If you are a (keen or interested) gardener and would like to join BUGs, contact Liz 5541 1005. Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at Centacare, Petersen Street, 10 am-12 noon.

How is it possible to have a civil war?
If one synchronised swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

Mahjong Beaudesert

Denise Smallwood

"You win some, you lose some"

Our Mahjong group has been going for over 12 months.

We have a small group of stalwarts who have stuck it out through thick and thin, with a lot of laughs along the way.

In the New Year it brings us to a new phase as we now have to start learning the scoring system of Mahjong which puts the game in a new light. It is a change of thinking with each hand having a value. Some hands have a value more than others, so it becomes a little more competitive. We would love to see more people join us, beginners are very welcome and it isn't as scary as it looks, it is a game that really gets you in. We now have some very accomplished players and some members have purchased their own mahjong sets so that they can play at home.

We meet on Thursdays 1.00 pm at Centacare and play through until 3.30pm. If you would like to join this group, please contact Denise on 5541 2801.



Croquet club

George Evans

A keen group of approximately 11 people has indicated their interest in playing croquet, and Beaudesert U3A is overwhelmed at the generosity of Wendy and Mark Lohmann who have allowed our group to use their grounds. The lawns are not quite ready to be played on yet, but with a good mow, and a bit of rain, they will gradually come up to scratch.

The venue is the old Laravale State school (now known as Laravale School of ...) and is situated in Christmas Creek Road, 300 m on the left after turning off the State Highway.

The activity will run from 9.00 am to 12 noon each Tuesday. George Evans and Trish Alexander are the facilitators.

There will be a small charge of \$2 per person per attendance, which will be used to generate a pot towards a small annual donation to Laravale School of... and to cover the cost of paint for line marking, and sundry biscuit, tea, coffee etc.

For further information, please contact George, phone 5541 0706, email dreeemboat@inet.com.au.

Conversational French

Jane Blunck

Bienvenue!

I am seeking expressions of interest for a conversational French group in 2017.

The idea would be to meet perhaps once a month and speak French in a social atmosphere over le fromage, le gâteau et le vin!

Many of us learnt French at school and this would be an

opportunity to get the grey cells working and have fun remembering our French classes. There would be some work involved, eg revising vocabulary, verb conjugation and tenses, but this would be done in a friendly, non threatening atmosphere with lots of laughs, as well as helping our fluency in French. It is surprising how the language

comes back to you after all the years since school or Uni.

If you are interested, please contact me by email: janeblunck@yahoo.com.au.

If there are starters we can have a meeting early next year to work out a programme.

A votre santé.



Possible new course

End of life: alternative options

limited to either burial in a coffin, with optional embalming, or cremation. Both of these options are governed by a funeral industry which is geared to maximising the benefit to undertakers at the expense of the bereaved and usually with a great deal of anguish for the bereaved. Both methods carry a high environmental cost. The deceased is likely to have not been involved in choosing his/her funeral arrangements and those who are left, are vulnerable to pressure to provide "the

In the West, the options for end of life disposal of our remains are usually

best" for them at inflated prices. I, for one, find this a totally unsatisfactory situation.

With this in mind, I have begun to investigate alternatives to traditional end of life arrangements, and, for those who are similarly interested, to share what I have found. Also, I am hoping to go further and perhaps establish a group to help implement one or more such alternatives to enable members of the group to make their end of life arrangements to suit their spiritual and financial needs.

If you are interested in joining the group, please phone Bernie Brown, 0429 952 592.

Just for a laugh

Several years ago, we had an intern who was none too swift. One day she was typing and turned to a secretary and said, "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?" 'Just use the paper from the photocopier', the secretary told her.

With that, the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five blank copies.

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

Whose cruel idea was it for the word 'lisp' to have 's' in it?

Recently, I went to McDonald's and I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets.

'We don't have half dozen nuggets,' said the teenager at the

Birth~~day~~ Burnt offerings

Andy Fechner

Monday 10 October was Bruce Avery's birthday.

Wife Liz, our garden group facilitator, decided to make a pavlova to serve as a dessert at the family get together that evening to celebrate Bruce's birthday. After carefully making the pavlova, it was left to finish cooking in a turned off oven to take advantage of the dropping heat...

Enter Bruce....."Ah what a good idea, I think I will make myself a toasted melt sandwich in the oven", says he, cranking said oven up to maximum to make the grill more efficient. Turning away to prepare the sandwich ingredients, it was not too long at all before the pavlova, (made with love and care), reacted badly to the volcanic heat of the oven and became an inferno in its own right.

I forgot to ask if the smoke alarms worked.....



counter.

'You don't?' I replied.

'We only have six, nine, or twelve,' was the reply.

'So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?'

'That's right.'

I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets.

(Unbelievable, but sadly true...)

(Must have been the same one I asked for sweetener and she said they didn't have any, only Splenda and sugar.)

Seeking a travel companion

I am a Beaudesert U3A member, who is wanting to travel overseas next year and I am looking for a travelling companion.

So, if you are longing to travel but are unable to find a suitable person to go with, I am looking for a travel companion for an overseas trip, possibly in March or April next year.

If you are fun-loving and have a sense of humour, please call me - Dianne - on 0409 053 761 or 5543 3391 anytime, or text me to leave your details and I will get back to you.

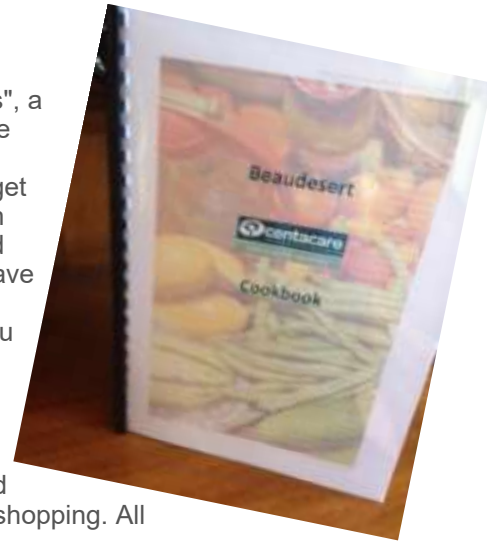


Tuesday Friends

Liz Avery

Bernie Grodecki facilitates "Tuesday Friends", a social group at Centacare for people who are socially isolated. She manages to make an interesting and fun day on a shoestring budget but to fund further activities, a cookbook with recipes contributed by Centacare clients and staff has been developed. U3A members have had a mutually beneficial relationship with Centacare so it would be great if some of you would consider purchasing a cookbook for \$10. I can recommend the ginger fudge!

Tuesday Friends will also be having a market day on Tuesday 29 November. A variety of stall holders will be there with hand made goods. An opportunity for Christmas shopping. All welcome.

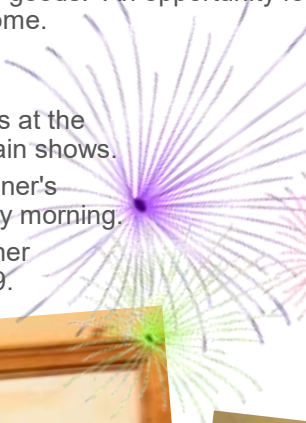


Braggers' corner

Congratulations to Michael Goebel on his highly successful achievements with his paintings at the recently-held Beaudesert and Tamborine Mountain shows.

Michael is a member of the Beaudesert U3A Limner's group, which meet at Centacare on a Wednesday morning.

If you would like to join this group or find out further information, please contact Denice on 5546 9879.



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What are the benefits and pitfalls of retirement villages?

Cheryl Folley

At the OWLS stage of life, many of us will be considering the options for how we spend the coming years. If you are considering a retirement living option such as a retirement village, you'll be interested in a presentation to be made by a senior lawyer at the **Beaudesert library** from **10 am-noon on Thursday November 10.**

This comes via the Park and Village Information Link (PAVIL) which is part of Caxton Legal Service (a free community service).

Below is some information on the presentation which will be given by their principal lawyer Catherine Stallard. Ms Stallard will bring self-help kits to the library for distribution and will be happy to answer questions. Also below is some background on PAVIL.

Community education program

A significant part of our role is to provide community legal education about parks and villages and how they operate in Queensland. To do this, we have set up a program of community talks called 'Retirement Living Options' at libraries across Queensland throughout 2016. We want to ensure that people make decisions "with their eyes open." Reaching people with relevant information at the early stages of considering retirement living options will give them tools to:

- compare their options
- highlight questions that they need to ask before signing up
- better understand the type of commitment they are about to make

Information we discuss

We talk about a number of different retirement living options in our presentations, but focus our attention on retirement villages and manufactured home parks. We compare the similarities and differences between the various parks and villages and talk generally about what it is like to live in a park or village.

Frequently asked questions include:

- *If you are considering moving into a village or park, what should you do before signing up?*
- *How are fees charged?*
- *Where can I get the advice I need?*

BOOKINGS FOR THIS PRESENTATION ARE ESSENTIAL

so please ring the library on 5540 5142 to reserve your place.

Divine intervention ?

Ray Folley

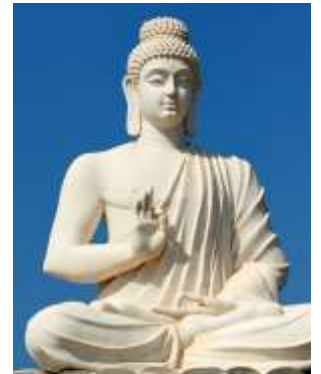
The following story is contained in a note I had back from an old friend who lives in Wellington, Florida, USA, in response to my query of whether he was affected by the recent hurricane. He responded that they missed the worst and, in fact, fared very well. Then he shared the story of his Buddha. Here it is:

"Years ago (about 18) we bought a cement Buddha statue for a tack room display. He was blessed by a real Buddhist Monk visiting us. That year a tornado hit the horse show. The tents on both sides of us were taken away. A 10' tent stake landed right behind one of our stalls - nothing happened to us.

We left the Buddha at the house while we went to Sweden; a hurricane came through - water came three meters to the house, no damage. He came to Sweden and we were one kilometre from the epicenter of a 4.6 earthquake. I thought a plane had crashed from the cracking noise I heard; the quake was 10 miles deep in the ground and I still heard it.

Buddha is back here at our house in Lake Worth. The storm was supposed to hit right there and at category four strength. The last two hours before we were going to be hit there was a sudden move north instead of the north west direction it was travelling - no damage!

I will let you decide if he is real or not."



You are invited to the

Beaudesert U3A
Christmas lunch

Friday 2 December 2016

12 noon

Centacare, Petersen Street

Raffles

Live music

Lucky door prizes

- ◆ Bookings are essential as seating is limited
- ◆ If you have not already booked, please do so by -
Phone/text 0408 801 780
Email u3abeaudesert@gmail.com

This event is at no cost to current Beaudesert U3A members