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

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Member of U3A Network Queensland

School is back - (careful of the 40kmh zones) - and the last term threatens to go by so quickly. I imagine that it will not be too long before our thoughts turn to Christmas and the festive season. Hard to avoid it really with the supermarkets having had Christmas fare on display since the end of September. This blatant "pre-season" marketing is just another thing that I can put on my list of "don't likes". I feel sorry for the young parents who have to navigate up to three months of their youngsters being exposed to the hype of it all.

On a brighter note, great to see the green coming back to paddocks, gardens and footpaths. The BUG's enthusiasts are making the most of it. It hasn't come without danger though, with a storm in October generating a lightning strike on a large gum tree next to the medical centre in William Street. It resulted in damaged vehicles, power lines down and some injuries. Those large gum trees are wonderful in the bush, but given their habit of dropping branches unexpectedly and forming hollows, I do not believe they are suitable for the urban landscape. I would be happier to



have flowering trees like poincianas and jacarandas in the streets.

While I am on the nature trail, I was fortunate last week to see in the paddock opposite my front gate (and fairly close to the road), a huge wedgetail eagle on the ground, with the carcass of an unlucky hare in its talons. The eagle stood about a metre tall when upright and was just magnificent. It is great to know that we have not pushed all the wild creatures out of their habitat, though I am ambivalent about the snakes which have been a bit prevalent lately.

As reported in last month's OWLS a copy of the proposed town plan for future development in and around Beaudesert is on display at the local Council customer centre. You can also have a look at this online. The copy on the front desk is a bit like War and Peace, and I haven't read it through yet, but I'm working on it.

In closing, we are preparing for our annual Christmas lunch, to be hosted again at Centacare on Friday 7 December. To avoid disappointment BOOK EARLY! Details on the back page.

Till next edition

Andy

Happy birthday to



Kay Andrews Peter Cahill Cheree Cooke
Carol Flesser Bob Fraser Erika Johns
Margaret Smith Paulette Watson
who are all celebrating birthdays in November.

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

"Age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying you."

Unknown



We are pleased to welcome new member Sue Terry to Beaudesert U3A.

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

Current courses - term four 2018

8 October-14 December

Course coordinator | Laurel Fechner
Phone 5541 2072 | Email andyfechner@bigpond.com

Acoustic guitar

Thursday afternoons 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. Wear a sunhat/cap, sun block, soft soled sport shoes/aqua shoes.
Pool entry \$4; \$3 pensioners. Commencing 2 October.
Contact Paulette 5543 1261

Art appreciation

Thursdays 10 am-12 noon Centacare rooms. Contact Mary 5544 3146 or Jean 5541 3706

Art group "The Limmers"

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



Social conversational French group facilitators, Sue and Jane

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, 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

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

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.

Jigsaw library

Select a jigsaw (or a wasgij) to use from the library. For selection and collection contact Sandra 5541 0978

Line dancing/dancing

Tuesday 1 pm- 3 pm Uniting Church hall, corner William and Duckett Streets; off street parking available in rear. **Commencing Tuesday 13 November**, for five weeks initially. \$3 per session.
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

Mosaics

Meet Mondays 1.30 pm-3.30pm at Centacare (on verandah), Petersen Street, Beaudesert from 6 August. A hands-on course in a fascinating art form.
Contact Gail mobile 0419 282 110

Nordic walking/walking

Meet by the pool/library Monday, Wednesday, Friday, walk 6.00 am-7.00 am. Nordic walkers will require a pair of poles, comfortable sports walking shoes, bottle of water. Walkers - poles not needed.
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 outing/lunch - Friday 9 November

The November lunch will be at the Logan Village Hotel. RSVP to Di Johnson - phone/text 0468 849 448, email candyroxy1946@gmail.com. See page 4.

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



Two of our facilitators - Trish (line dancing), Pam (table tennis)

Social lunch October



We had 23 members attend the October social lunch which was held at the Thai Restaurant, Beaudesert. By the comments passed, everyone really enjoyed some nice food. An extensive menu was provided with something for everyone.

The restaurant seats around 30 maximum so the staff were kept really busy coping with our group along with several other tables.



Australian Volunteers' Memorial dedication *contributed by Andy Fechner*

Around 60 people attended a dedication ceremony of the Volunteers' Memorial in the grounds of the Beaudesert RSL recently.

Beaudesert U3A president, Andy Fechner represented our U3A and there is a U3A plaque on the memorial. This is in conjunction with the centenary of the local RSL. The ceremony was conducted by Major General John Pearn and other speakers were Carol Castles vice president of the RSL sub branch, councillor Michael Enright, and Errol Guilfoyle RS, president.

A fly past of a Blackhawk helicopter coincided with the unveiling.

Line dancing/dancing

- Venue - Uniting Church hall, corner William and Duckett Streets; off street parking available in rear.
- Date/time - Each Tuesday afternoon from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm starting from Tuesday 13 November for five weeks at this time until Tuesday 11 December. (This is the last Tuesday before the end of the school year).

Ongoing activity (and location) will be dependent upon attendance numbers, and there will be a charge of \$3 per

session for members.

Interested? You must contact our course coordinator, Laurel Fechner, on 5541 2072, text to 0417 644506 or email andyfechner@bigpond.com and register so we can proceed with this group.



Social lunch November

The social lunch will be held on Friday 9 November from 12 noon at the Logan Village Hotel. November is the start of the silly season and venues for end of year events fill very quickly. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Di Johnson as soon as possible:

Phone/text - 0468 849 448

Email - candyroxy1946@gmail.com

Partners and friends are also invited to attend.



Clockwise from top left -

Anita (scrapbooking), Sandra (jigsaw library), Paulette (aqua aerobics), Lawrie (Nordic walking/walking), Trish (line dancing/dancing), Pam (table tennis), Jean (art appreciation), Pat (cards), one of the desserts, Beryl (mosaics), Laurel (course coordinator)

Tutors'/facilitators' lunch

At a recent Committee meeting it was decided to acknowledge and reward in some way the efforts of the tutors and facilitators who give so much of their time to Beaudesert U3A.

With that in mind, a lunch at the Beaudesert RSL was offered to all of those valued volunteers who make the presentation of our courses and activities possible. On 5 October there were 18 tutors and facilitators present to enjoy a two-course meal, tea and coffee. A further seven were unable to attend due to other commitments.

All agreed that it was great to be able to have a chat with other members who looked after different activities, and compare notes. Our course coordinator Laurel Fechner, (who organised the day) introduced all attendees, and our president Andy Fechner thanked all for attending while stressing the value of everyone's contribution and involvement.

Most U3A branches around Queensland formally acknowledge their tutors and facilitators in a similar fashion, and following the success of this day, it is planned to present this as an annual event.

Thank you to all of our sponsors

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Table tennis

Pam Fox

Our table tennis group has had a bit of a rough time lately.

The venue where they play their sport has been unavailable for them as it was needed for other community events.

However, they are back in the swing of things now with play resuming on Thursday 25 October, usual time 9 am to 12 noon.

Contact Pam 5541 2662 or 0448 133 146

Ponder these

contributed by Andy Fechner

I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year; not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number?

I find it ironic that the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90 percent of their body ... men are so polite they only look at the covered parts

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.

I think my neighbour is stalking me as she's been Googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

Money talks ... but all mine ever says is good-bye.

You're not fat, you're just ... easier to see.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.



Got any ideas for a new course or activity in which you have some experience and a passion for, and in which other U3A members might be interested?

U3A would welcome you as a facilitator/tutor, whether it be a short term course over a few weeks, or a longer course over a year (or more).

Have a chat with course coordinator Laurel Fechner, phone 5541 2072, email andyfechner@bigpond.com.



THIS GUY

Has this dog, and she can't walk. So he takes her out for a walk every day in a wheelchair... I couldn't find any words for this.

A wonderful poem by the late Spike Milligan about smiling - let's share this around and give out some smiles.

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too
I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him
I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth
So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.

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Friday 7 December 2018

12 noon-3 pm

Doors open 11.45 am

Centacare, Petersen Street
Beaudesert

Christmas lunch

BYO alcohol

Raffles

Lucky door prizes

Live music

Get in the spirit -
prize for the best
Christmas outfit of
the day

Bookings are essential as seating is limited

To book your seat, contact us by -

Phone/text 0409 859 515, or

Email u3abeaudesert@gmail.com



This event is at no cost to current Beaudesert U3A members