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## President's piece Andy Fechner

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successful tutors and committee member's luncheon, It would be remiss of me to not offer my congratulations to the winner of this year's "Tutor of the Year" award, Liz Avery. A worthy winner, Liz currently drives the BUGs garden group after being instrumental in the establishment of the activity several years ago. She has been innovative in organising bus trips, guest speakers and garden visits for the group, and generating enthusiastic response from the many members. Perhaps most importantly, given the issues we have faced during the year with covid 19, Liz kept our U3A "alive" by ensuring the Nordic walkers continued throughout, (socially distanced of course).

November on our doorstep, one month away from the formal start of summer, and so close to the end of our fourth term. By the time this edition gets out, our State election will be on the verge of being finalised, and I guess the political football of border closures will have been put to rest. I have been so focused on our general U3A activities and the recent wonderful tutors and committee members lunch and annual award, that I completely forgot about the "race that stops a nation", the upcoming Melbourne Cup. I hope that you are taking the opportunity of the more relaxed restrictions on gatherings to indulge in a little "horseplay" yourself and get involved in one of the Cup activities which will be on offer around the district. For the sporting minded, November also brings the end of football codes' seasons and heralds the start of the likes of cricket, tennis and swimming events.



In closing, we have not forgotten about our traditional U3A Christmas lunch function, though we are facing huge challenges in deciding on a format which can fit within the current guidelines set by our State Government regulations. The final result may be something completely different this year.

Though I am sure you will see plenty of photos and articles about our highly

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.

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

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

- P 5541 2072  
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A warm U3A Beaudesert welcome is extended to our new members, Donna Shotton, Marlene Knights, Christine Franklin, Janelle Sanders, Pauline Le Hir, Elaine James, Wendy Fryer, Joan James, Cheryl Ardrey, Sharyn Clark, Jackeline Tuck, and Joy Smith.

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 celebrating birthdays in November:

- |                    |                 |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Kay Andrews        | Deb Baker       | Peter Cahill    |
| June Costello      | Anne Fawcett    | Bob Fraser      |
| Christine Franklin | Janice Heit     | Anita Mahon     |
| Lyn McCully        | Jayne M'eon     | Bill Robson     |
| Janelle Sanders    | Annette Shirley | Claire Slattery |
| Annie Smith        | Margaret Smith  |                 |



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

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# Current courses - term four 5 October-11 December 2020

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

## Acoustic guitar

Thursday from 12.30 pm-2.30 pm St Thomas Anglican Church hall, Albert Street Beaudesert. Cost \$3. Hall is located behind the church, ample parking on the street. Contact Laurel 5541 2072 email laurel.fechner@gmail.com

## Aqua aerobics commencing

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 7.30 am-8.30 am Beaudesert pool. Suggested wear clean sports shoes/aqua shoes, sun protection, hat, sunglasses. Pool entry \$3 pensioners  
Contact John 0417 073 190 or Trish 0419 006 988

## Art group - all mediums

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

## Calligraphy

First and fourth Fridays of the month 1.00 pm-3.30 pm at the Arts & Information Centre Enterprise Drive Beaudesert  
Contact Sue 5544 3146



## Canine manners and etiquette

Training course for dogs and their owners, Thursdays 9.00-10.30 am, Lions Bicentennial Park, Beaudesert. Please wear closed-in shoes, bring water and bowl for dog, water for yourself, sun protection.  
Contact Karen 5546 0858



## 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 11.30 am-4.00 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

## French

Every Monday 12 noon-2.30 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 Liz 048 815 5506, email brizzie@bigpond.com

## General discussion group

Meets Tuesdays 9.30 am-11.30 am Beaucare Community room, 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 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 Arts & Information Centre.  
Contact Denise 5541 2801

## Meandering through history

DVD presentations and discussion. Arts & Information Centre Thursdays 10.00am to 12.00 noon  
Contact Tricia on 0419 844 409

**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, 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 Liz 0488 155 506

## Scrapbooking

Second Monday of each month, 9.30 am-11.30 am, 360 Lambert Road, Nindooindah. \$10/session for materials payable on the day.  
Contact Anita 0408 452 584

## Social lunch

**The social lunch 13 November will be at Greenbank RSL.**  
RSVP - Di Phone/text 0468 849 448, email candyroxy1946@gmail.com

## Social tennis

Wednesdays 8 am-12 noon venue Beaudesert tennis courts Boonah Road  
Contact Tex 0409 727 970

## Table tennis

Thursdays 9 am-12 noon held at the St Thomas 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 Anglican Church hall, Albert Street, Beaudesert  
Contact Jenny 0439 138 212

## U3A Online

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.

## TAG activities

On Friday 25 September some members of Beaudesert U3A travel group visited the Beenleigh Historical Village. A brilliant display of all things historical that our elders used in their day-to-day lives. A time of simpler but harder living when small luxuries were rare and truly appreciated. You have to take your hat off to the folk of those days.

It was interesting to see all the names of the pioneering families, some of whom filtered off to the Beaudesert area - the likes of the Radke, Thwaites, and Daniels families, and many more whose descendants live in Beaudesert today.

There are 20-plus restored buildings, all furnished in period style and many more undergoing restoration. The old

Beenleigh railway station with its patio deck for dining makes a great place for breakfast, or morning tea, or lunch.

Remember, everyone is welcome to TAG meetings held on the deck at the Beaudesert library on the second Monday of each month, commencing at 10.00 am. Bring your own tea or coffee and fresh travel ideas for all to share.



## Card playing - 500 and Bolivia



(L-R) Barbara, Margaret, Andy, Lise, Thea



(L-R) Helen, Sue, Marcia, Margaret



(L-R) Graham, Jenny, Jim



Lyn, Shirley, Wendy and Peter, Brendan and Verlie, Ellen

## October social lunch at Happy Valley Chinese restaurant \*



(L-R) Helen, Margaret, Margaret and Jeff, Bronwyn, David and Janice



Laurel and Andy showing their skills with chopsticks



Coleen watches Sandra enjoy her BIG banana dessert



(L-R) Colleen, Lynette, Margaret and Gordon, Di, Marcia, Pat, Sandra



Lyn, Sandra and Doug

## Thanks for a job well done Cheryl Folley

members were treated to a two-course lunch at the RSL bistro last week as a "thank you" for the hours they've put in to their various activities.

And we also heard the announcement of Liz Avery as Tutor of the Year for her work in organising both BUGs (the garden group and one of our largest) plus Nordic walking (one of the smallest!) Liz was able to keep the walkers going through the COVID lockdown with appropriate social distancing....

This annual free lunch looks set to become a tradition since its introduction by president Andy Fechner three years ago when he and the committee cast around for a way to recognise the uncounted hours that key members devote to running U3A.

"Our tutors and organisers are responsible for keeping U3A in operation," he says. "They're the ones who create a great opportunity for friendship and learning within the senior community in and around Beaudesert.

Yes, there is such a thing as a free lunch! Our tutors and committee

"And it's not just them, but also our committee, which is one of the best I've come across. Every single member has a specific responsibility and it's amazing that we all have a different skill set and virtually no disagreements."

Andy says he's proud that Beaudesert was almost alone among Queensland's U3A groups in continuing to operate during the COVID shutdown, and that it was recognized by the State U3A body as "a progressive and vibrant branch." This was achieved through our innovative use of online courses, newsletters, supportive emails and phone calls.

## Mosaics

Tina Jones

This mosaic wall art piece was recently finished by mosaic group member, Rosemary - a stunning work in 3D.



See page 4 for photos

\* November social lunch

The next social lunch will be held on Friday 13 November at Greenbank RSL. See page 2 for RSVP details.



The "thank you to our facilitators and committee" lunch



Tutor of the year 2020, Liz Avery, accepts her award from president Andy Fechner



## Canine manners and etiquette



The canine manners and etiquette group meets Thursday mornings from 9.00 am at the Lions Bicentennial Park, which is opposite Jubilee Park.  
 Contact Tina 0418 780 861 or Karen 5546 0858 if you would like to join this group or would like further information.

Lois with Lucy, Linda with Jet who are about to be rewarded for a task successfully completed

Karen rewards Missy

Lois getting Lucy ready to walk on the long lead

# TAG silo art trail

Denise Martin

It was an excited group of travellers who arrived one by one at Millmerran tank mural in Millmerran on Monday afternoon where we were happy to see the distinctive Arthy vehicle. After looking around we met again for happy hour at 5.00 pm and decided to meet each day to get the general plan for the following day.



Day 2 saw us travel to Inglewood for morning tea and a bit of a look around before heading for Yelarbon to check out the newest of the Silo Art - and isn't it fabulous? Penny caught up with us there and made our group 18: Ray and Kirtsey, Anne and Peter, David and Janice, Shirley and Gordon, Brendan and Verlie, Robyn and Paul, Jim and June, Lyn and Greg and me, Denise. We overnighted in Goondiwindi.



Day 3 we were off to Thallon, probably the most well-known of the silos which was very much a working site. The Wombat was then visited, we had morning tea in the park, then on the road again for the much anticipated lunch at Nindigully pub. We had a very nice overnight stay in St George where the caravan park had their own happy hour with pizza so we joined them. We ran into a couple of Beaudesertites there, Graham and Diane Moss who were off to Charlotte Plains.

Days 4/5, Thursday/Friday, our first stop was Bollon. We had morning tea at the famous Deb's café, and Brendan Dever had some connection through a relative so they opened the Heritage Centre for us. At Bollon we said goodbye to the Costellos then it was off to Cunnamulla where we were spending two nights.



It turned out to be a maintenance spot - I had my windscreen patched, Robyn had the caravan door attended to, Shirley and Gordon got called back to Beaudesert and Anne and Peter found out they had an "injector" problem and it would take a few days to get the part so they are staying in Cunnamulla.



Day 6 It is hard to believe it is our final day and we would have our farewell dinner at the hotel tonight.

We all travelled separately, some stopped in at Wyandra then onto Charleville and finally Augathella.

It was a fabulous trip; each day started with a general plan and it was very relaxed; from the comments that are following you can see it was all appreciated.

Ray and Kirtsey had a great idea and some experience, having been on tag-alongs before, so we hope this won't be the last one.



Comments from the travellers - left to right in the picture (below)

- Greg and Lyn: "Mateship is alive and well when you're doing a tag-along."
- David and Janice: "We really enjoyed it and we hope to join another tag-along."



- Kirtsey and Ray: "To make it any better would be impossible."
- Penny: "Wonderful, wonderful trip and everyone was so friendly."
- Robyn and Paul: "It was well organised and it was good to be with like-minded people."
- Verlie and Brendan: "A first for us and hope it'll be the first of many."
- Denise: "A wonderful fun time and the happy hours were as good as the art."

And a poem by Peter and Anne Cahill:  
 Tonight we say goodbye and thanks to the tag-along crew  
 Where some I've known a while and some are new  
 Except Ray, who I've known since '51 or '52  
 When he was 'Frosty' and I was 'Will'  
 While being educated at the school on the hill  
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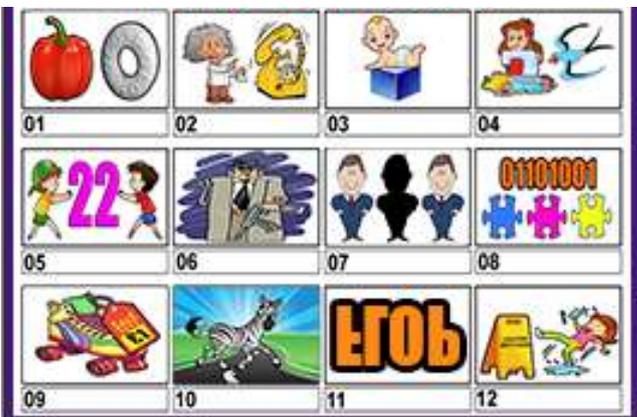
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### Ding bats - a brain exercise

(solution below)



From the website [www.quizmasters.biz](http://www.quizmasters.biz)

Our cleaning lady just called and told us she will be working from home and will send us instructions on what to do.



### Solution to dingbats

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Peppermint               | 7 Cut out the middle man |
| 2 Smart phone              | 8 Bits and pieces        |
| 3 New kid on the block     | 9 Cheap skate            |
| 4 Taylor Swift             | 10 Zebra crossing        |
| 5 Put two and two together | 11 Flip flop             |
| 6 One armed bandit         | 12 Slippery when wet     |

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