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President's piece Andy Fechner

What's that you say? This is the start of the last term for 2015? I can't imagine where the year has disappeared to...obviously I have been having too much fun! Apparently time flies when you're having fun. Get geared up for a great finish to our year; there will be a lot happening between now and the end of this term.

Our monthly social lunch days continue to be popular, with 22 members getting together on the second Friday in September (the 11th) at the Pub Lane Tavern in Greenbank. Our next month's day out on 9 October will be at the Beach House in Browns Plains. (More information is inside the newsletter).

Spring has well and truly sprung, and based on the warmer days we have been having, summer is impatient to appear. Our aqua aerobics group is back in the swim, with the Beaudesert Pool now open for business. Our long time (and inaugural) tutor Trish Fraser is taking a well earned rest, and we extend a hearty welcome to Paulette Watson who has stepped forward to fill those big shoes, looking after the water babies.

Congratulations are extended to all U3A members who contributed entries to the local Beaudesert Show. No matter what the results, you are all winners for having a go and doing your bit to keep our local show alive and thriving.

Finally, just a few words of criticism for the producers of the Beaudesert Times, (and Jimboomba Times for that matter). Fairfax Press has done themselves no favours in the very disappointing presentation of our previously very readable community focused weekly newspaper. The Community News section in the edition of 16 September was a disgrace....everything jumbled together, no contact numbers or headers for the various contact people or areas. Shame on you Fairfax!! (and the Times is not printed in Beaudesert anymore either). My commiserations to Joy Drescher and the other ladies who work so hard to gather this valuable information each week, just to see it presented so poorly.

In any case, we shall hope for better things ahead.

Until next edition

Andy

U3A members' Christmas social lunch day and outing

Get ready for THE social day of the year, happening on Friday 4 December. Beaudesert U3A will be hosting a FREE luncheon for all members at Centacare, Petersen Street Beaudesert, with a Christmas theme, (remember last year??)

Prior to the lunch, there is a very special event on at The Centre in Beaudesert, where that fantastic singer Margy Rose will present "Piaf from the Heart". If you have never heard Margy Rose, you are in for a treat if you combine this with our special luncheon.

The musical morning event at The Centre starts at 10.00 am with a morning tea, and the show commences at 11.00 am, finishing around 12.00 noon. The cost for this show is normally \$16.50, but groups of 10 or more pay \$12.50. As I have been advised that this show is likely to sell out FAST I suggest that you get back to me on 0408 801780 or e-mail to: andyfechner@bigpond.com as soon as you can to secure your seat. I am sure we will have plenty of starters, so at \$12.50 (includes morning tea) it is a great deal.

Afterwards, meet at Centacare from 12.15 pm for a 1.00 pm lunch start. (BYO wine/beer etc, soft drinks and juice provided). We will be offering some lucky door prizes, a \$100 board raffle, and some light entertainment.

YOUR RSVPs ON THESE EVENTS ARE NEEDED NOW !!

Check out all the happenings at Beaudesert U3A on the website - www.beaudesertu3a.com

Andy Fechner, President.

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Current courses - Term four 2015

Tuesday 6 October-Friday 11 December

Acoustic guitar

Tuesdays, Centacare rooms, 2 pm-3 pm.
Contact Laurel 5541 2072, email andyfechner@bigpond.com

Aqua aerobics

Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Tuesday 22 September 7.30 am-8.30 am at the Beaudesert swimming pool. Clean, rubber soled shoes recommended, as well as a sun hat, suntan lotion.

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. A chance to look at and discuss works of art on display in the Scenic Rim and masterpieces from around the world.



Beaudesert U3A Limners group
Front (L-R) Michael, Paul. Back (L-R) Naomi, Marj, Gwen
(Absent Denice)

Contact Tricia 5544 1462

Art group "The Limners"

Wednesdays 9 am-12 noon at the Centacare rooms.
Contact Denice 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

Cookery group

Meets first Wednesday of each month, 1 pm-3 pm, alternately at tutors' kitchens at Josephville and Gleneagle. Members also offer their kitchens as "guest locations".
Contact Tina 0418 780 861 or Laurel, 5541 2072

Course coordinator - Laurel Fechner

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All course participants must be paid up members of Beaudesert U3A (\$25) per annum (couples \$40) and 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.

Computer group

Mondays, 10 am-12 noon, at Centacare bistro room. Hands on computer application. Most members bring their laptop along and are assisted by tutors or computer group members with individual tasks or problems.

Contact George 5541 0706

Conversational French

Mondays 1 pm-3 pm, at Centacare rooms. Introduction to conversational French.

Contact Jane 5541 2321

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, Beaucare Community Room, 44 Tina Street, Beaudesert. General discussions on any subject the group wishes. Group participation is the key here.

Contact Andy 5541 2072

A History of European Art

Meets Thursday mornings, 10 am-12 noon, Centacare rooms. The course should appeal to lovers of art and/or history.

Contact Jean 5541 3706

Jigsaw library

Select a jigsaw to use from the library. For selection and collection, contact Sandra, 5541 0978.

Mah Jong - Jimboomba

Meets every Tuesday afternoon 11 am-2 pm, Dorrington House, Jimboomba.

Contact Elizabeth 5546 9689.

Mah Jong - Beaudesert

Meets Thursday afternoons, 1 pm-3.30 pm, Centacare rooms. Beginners welcome.

Contact Andy 0408 801 780

Mosaics

Meet Mondays 1.30 pm-4 pm at 533 Cryna Road, Beaudesert. A hands-on course in this fascinating art form which will encourage your imagination to create delightful objects.

Contact Beryl 5541 2120

Nordic walking

Meet Wednesday and Friday mornings, 7 am-8 am at the soccer field by Beaudesert tennis courts. Wear a comfortable pair of sports walking shoes, bring a pair of poles and a bottle of water.

Contact Lawrie 0423 322 975

Social lunches/outings

U3A members social lunches/outings will be held on the second Friday of the month. Next outing 9 October - [see page 5 for details](#)

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

Day
changed

New
facilitator

New
contact

New
day/time

Our kitchens rule

Tina Jones

A challenge was put to the cooking class; make either a slice or biscuit of your choice plus bring the recipe to share for the September session.

With none of the usual preparation for me to do this time round, The table was set, the pretty cups and saucers were out, flower posies in crystal vases adorned the table and the tiered plate stands were waiting to be filled with various slices and biscuits that were about to arrive. Pineapple and passionfruit mocktails were served to each person as one by one they arrived with their plate of goodies and we were headed for a sweet celebration, served with a variety of teas and coffee.

A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all as we chattered about each other's recipes and the usual chitchat. Well done!! Thank you to all of you for a great afternoon it will be remembered fondly.

A reminder that our next cooking class will be held in Tina's kitchen.

The History of European Art

Tricia Edward

At the beginning of term three, Jean Stevens began sharing her immense knowledge of art with a new course called the History of European Art. The course is based on a series of DVDs designed to take us on a journey from the Middle Ages.

We see two DVDs in a session, breaking in between to discuss what we have seen (and have a coffee). We have all found the man who presents the sessions to be extremely personable in his explanations and this, coupled with Jean's extensive collection of art books, had certainly made the course enjoyable so far.

It has been an eye opener for me as I wasn't at all sure I wanted to be so immersed in the earlier mostly religious art, but the lectures have proved even better than travelling to the various places to see items in person as we can view them without the crowds. I am looking forward to many more sessions as there are quite a few to come and the course will be continued for probably another two terms.

My thanks to Jean for providing this course. Perhaps you would like to join us for some fun with art. Contact Jean on 5541 3706.



Jean Stevens, Margaret Arnold, Cheryl Folley, Mary Street, Tricia Edward enjoying looking through books on art from the Middle Ages

Nordic walking

Yvonne Berry

Changes are afoot for the Nordic walking group. The group has decided they would like to continue walking over the summer months and will meet to walk on Wednesdays and Fridays (note change in day) beginning at the earlier time of 7 am before the day gets too hot; as the mornings do get warmer, an even earlier start time is likely.

Like most physical activities, the more you put in the more you get out and the level of fitness of the members is becoming very evident as the group walks further and faster than when the group first began.



Lawrie pointing out the benefits of Nordic walking at the recent adult learners event at the Beaudesert library

Mahjong

Denise Smallwood

A game played with a lot of luck, but with a great sense of achievement when players call out "Mahjong"

We started Mahjong on 23 July 2015, with some beginners and two players who had played before. We played the game using the rules of Max Robertson.

To start, we only played Pung and Kong hands with Winds and Dragons to get everyone used to the different tiles and to have some fun before we got down to the hard yards. The last two lessons were played with Goulashing, Chows were introduced, and being able to call "Fishing" for the last tile needed.

The beginners have really put a great effort in and have all purchased "The Mahjong Players Companion", which has all the hands displayed.

We have started slowly and we were so lucky to have some players who knew the basics of the game and had played before, as they could help with the new players.

We look forward to seeing some new faces in the next term which starts back on 8 October 2015.



Art by Beaudesert U3A Limners group
Gwen Elliott

The Beaudesert U3A Limners group is a small group; we all help one another, and enjoy what we do. It is more like a social gathering plus it keeps our minds active, and gives us a chance to get out for the morning.



Washing line by Paul - pencil



Beach scene - Marj's first attempt - acrylic



Dog @ Boot by Naomi - acrylic



Horse - work in progress by Michael - oils



Scenic Rim - work in progress by Gwen - oils

The Limners

from the website www.historyofpainters.com/limner

The itinerant American limner was usually an unidentified painter who roamed the countryside in search of commissions.

For the most part these artists were untrained and lived hardscrabble lives, often trading sign painting, a small portrait, interior mural for a bushel of potatoes or a few chickens. Limners often made their own pigments from the raw material they found along their way.

The painters used crushed burnt walnuts, ground chicken bones, boiled eggshells, blueberries and even local clays and mud.

Social lunch September

Andy Fechner

A group of 22 U3A members found their way through road works to the Pub Lane Tavern on the second Friday in September to enjoy each other's company at this reasonably new hotel. Never having been there previously, I was looking forward to the visit, as several members had voiced their recommendations.

Parking was very convenient, (close outside the bistro entrance), and the dining area was well laid out. We occupied two long tables, and there were only a smattering of other patrons in for lunch. The menu was very comprehensive and was competitively priced and offered senior's discount. The

drink prices were also realistic. After queuing for perhaps a little too long to place and pay for our orders, the service was quite prompt and efficient. All enjoyed their meals, and the servings were very generous. The lambs fry and bacon in onion gravy was well supported and my beef stroganoff with potato bake was tasty.

Several ladies saddled up for dessert, and those offerings were also big serves - (not for me, I was replete).

Unfortunately my camera was left at home, so I am afraid that I have no photos of anyone dancing on the tables or getting arrested!!



Social lunch October

Our next social day and lunch outing will be on Friday 9 October, and will be at the "Beach House" at Browns Plains, front of the Grand Plaza shopping Centre. Why not go there earlier in the morning and have a look around the Centre, or catch a movie at the cinema complex? The Beach House is on the site of the old "Lone Star" eatery, and we plan to be there around 12.00 noon. RSVPs as usual to Di Johnson on 0468 849448 or e-mail candyroxy1946@gmail.com. Our thanks to Kerry Ambrose and Di for organising this event.

Parlez-vous francais..??



Our small but dedicated French class will have a new tutor/facilitator from term four (starting 12 October - Monday 5 is a public holiday).

Jane Blunck will lead the group, as Bernie Brown has other commitments that will mean

he cannot be there every week. Jane has asked us to send out

her request for any others who might be interested in joining the group to contact her on 5541 2321.

In addition, and most importantly, Jane wants to know if there is anyone in our ranks who might be reasonably fluent in French, and who would be willing to come along, (at least on an occasional basis) to speak with the group.

Can you help???

Introducing -

George Evans, U3A Beaudesert webmaster extraordinaire

Your favourite time of the day

First thing in the morning on a beautiful cool sunny mid-winters day

If you ran away and joined the circus, which act would you most like to be?

Lion tamer

Your favourite TV programme

Anything to do with sailing.

Who was your role model when you were growing up?

Peter Blake NZ Whitbread around the world yachtsman/Americas Cup skipper

Pet peeves?

People who don't keep/honour their word.

Which animal would you best describe yourself as?

Big cuddly bear

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

A fireman

Favourite food

Abalone/paua

Glad's Girls

Eve Poole



Glad's Girls' next concert will be held at The Centre on Tuesday, 6 October. The \$8 entry fee provides a delicious morning tea from 9.30am with the concert beginning at about 10am. The theme is *Round the British Isles* with songs from England, Ireland and Scotland.

There is a lucky door prize and numerous raffle prizes will be drawn during a break in the concert.

All funds raised will go to Chicks Conquering Cancer.



Thank you

Beaudesert U3A sincerely thanks Cr Trevina Schwarz for the help she has given us in finding venues for some of our activities, providing resources, and for contributing calendars and information on activities at the Logan library. Not-for-profit organisations such as U3A deliver invaluable services to the community and could not be as effective as they are without assistance from our Council and Councillors.

Welcome
to our new members

- Susan Estbergs
- Terri Willis
- Jenny Hobson
- Ken Johnstone

We look forward to meeting you and trust you enjoy the activities you have chosen for yourselves.



Cr Trevina Schwarz

Independent Councillor for Division 11
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A Word or Two

about this and that
Yvonne Berry

Most community organisations rely quite heavily on donations and subscriptions from their members or the local council or from the various grants offered.

Beaudesert U3A is no different and to this end there will be a multi-draw raffle being run in October. Tickets are available from members of the committee and are \$2 each or three for \$5; the prizes being offered are:

- First draw \$50 meat voucher
- Second draw Bottle of Jameson Irish whisky
- Third draw Pasta maker
- Fourth/fifth draws Hand crocheted knee rug
- Sixth/seventh draws Hand made quilted wall hanging

All funds raised will go towards running costs of some of the U3A activities. The draw will be made on Friday 30 October and the winners will be notified by phone, so get in, buy some tickets and support Beaudesert U3A; you never know, you just might win one of the prizes.

Contributed by Pat Millard

These sentences appeared in church bulletins, or were announced at church services:

The Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the

Toowoomba Festival of Flowers

Pat Millard



U3A Beaudesert members *Back* - Pat Caverly
Front (L-R) Pat Millard, Sue Manning, Di Johnston, Norma Turner take a break from admiring the flowers at the Toowoomba Festival of Flowers

addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



Thank you to all of our sponsors



Beaudesert U3A

Members' Day

Two exciting events

Friday
4 December 2015

Come and hear Margy Rose present "Piaf from the Heart" at The Centre
10 am morning tea
11 am concert
finish around 12 noon.

Tickets \$12.50 for groups of 10 or more
Tickets selling fast so please RSVP immediately.

Followed by free lunch at Centacare, Petersen Street for Beaudesert U3A members

- * 12.15 pm for 1 pm lunch
- * Christmas theme
- * BYO wine/beer, soft drinks and juice provided
- * \$100 board raffle
- * Lucky door prizes
- * Light entertainment

Please select event and advise the number of people who will be attending

- * Margy Rose concert followed by lunch at Centacare
- * Lunch only

RSVP NOW to Andy Fechner

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