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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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One of our members said to me very recently that she could not believe how fast the year had gone. Spring is well and truly here and I think we will be seeing some of the summer weather before too much longer. We usually get a blast of heat during October as a prelude to what is to come.

I am getting a little philosophical here, but the sands in our individual hour glasses do seem to run away quicker when there is much more already in the bottom than what is left in the top. There is no doubt that we are all in that position.

Here we are now at the start of our last term for calendar 2018, and as usual there is a lot happening in term four. Aqua aerobics starts in the first week of October with Paulette keeping the heads above water. We also welcome back an old favourite - line dancing/dance to be hosted at the Uniting church hall from Tuesday 13 November for a limited season (which will be extended if there is enough interest). Our dance tutor, Trish Fraser, has a claim to fame. She was asked to show some of the cast of the TV miniseries "Grace beside Me" some of the more complicated line dancing steps for use in this production which

was shot locally. We have so many talented people in our membership base.

No rain at all for weeks and weeks, and then the main day of the local Beaudesert Show attracts enough showers that some of the ring events have to be cancelled.

Disappointing for organisers, but welcome for the gardens and paddocks, though still far short of what is needed. Speaking of the Show, my congratulations to those members who competed or entered exhibits, and a special "well done" to those who were successful in their endeavours.

For those who may be interested, (and that should really be everyone) a copy of the proposed town plan for future development for Beaudesert is now on display at the local Council customer centre. If you would like to see what is proposed, and make comments before it happens, now is the time to drop in and inspect the proposal. Better to speak up before it happens than to complain after the event....

Till next edition

Andy



Happy birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in October

Trish Alexander
Carmel Carter
Rita Evans
Noella Griffiths
Col Liebke
Brenda Moss



Bruce Avery
Sue Estbergs
Cheryl Folley
Brian Hamlyn
Graham Love

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

Welcome We are delighted to welcome Keith and Margaret George, Mark and Bernadette McCabe, Gary Ahern, Jayne and Jacques M'leon as new members of Beaudesert U3A.

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

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Current courses - term four 2018

8 October-14 December

Course coordinator | Laurel Fechner
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Acoustic guitar

Thursdays 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

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

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.

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

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 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, Nindooindah. \$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 12 October

October lunch will be at the Thai Restaurant in Telemon Street. 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 Paulette 5543 1261/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

Social lunch September

There were 23 of our members who attended the September social lunch held at the Beaudesert Hotel. All agreed that the food was very good, and great value for money. Members were able to take advantage of the Senior's discount on offer, and even though there were some late withdrawals due to sickness, we all enjoyed ourselves.

It's always nice to catch up with friends at a social occasion.



Riding to the carnival of flowers with my dad

Gardening group - BUGS

Marilyn Liebke for Liz Avery



Friday 21 September saw a bus-load of U3A BUGS group members off on a trip to the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers. We left Beaudesert at 7.20am with bus driver George who treated us to some interesting commentary during the tour. We picked up more people at Jimboomba and then we were on our way.

We had morning tea at Picnic Point, then drove on to the Reserve Champion garden and another garden before lunch, which we had at Laurel Bank Park. Then it was on to a much larger garden at 17 Ward Street, Highfields which was crowned the Grand Champion Garden. Next, came the beautiful native garden in Smythe Drive where you could also purchase plants. We finished the tour at Spring Bluff Railway Station.



Considering the dry weather they have been experiencing, the gardens were a credit to the owners. The flowers were amazingly beautiful, so colourful and well placed in special themes.

The raffle, a \$40 gift voucher from BeauView Hardware was won by Gloria Bremer. The U3A garden group is such a happy group and we had a wonderful day.



Toowoomba 2018



Line dancing/dancing is back!

Line dancing and some other dance moves are coming back to U3A!

Our favourite line dancing tutor/facilitator, Trish Fraser, has decided that the time is fast approaching to put a little music and activity back into her life (and yours) by starting back with some boot scooting action in the near future. This will also be joined by some other dance moves as time and experience permits.

Trish will be offering a short five-week season initially to gauge interest from

members.

- 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.

Trish is looking for a couple of helpers who can make things easier, and Barbara Love has kindly offered her services. However, another body would be great. "Many hands make light work etc" and also helps keep the group going.



Social lunch October

The social lunch will be held on Friday 12 October from 12 noon at the Thai Restaurant in Telemon Street, Beaudesert. It is located between The Spar and the Main Roads building. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Di Johnson:

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

Partners and friends are also invited to attend.

If you are going to town this week, menus are available from outside the restaurant - help yourself so you can see what is on offer.

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.

Aqua aerobics

The pool is open and aqua aerobics will begin on 2 October for the 2018/2019 summer. Slip into those togs, slap on the sunblock, don the sun hat and get yourself down to the pool for an hour of fun and exercise.

Activity commences at 7.30 am and finishes at 8.30 am, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

There are now portable steps to help you get in and out of the pool so no excuses!

Contact Paulette 5543 1261.



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Some advice on ageing

for those of us aged over 65

1. It's time to use the money you saved up. Use it and enjoy it. Don't just keep it for those who may have no notion of the sacrifices you made to get it. Remember there is nothing more dangerous than a son or daughter-in-law with big ideas for your hard-earned capital. Warning: This is also a bad time for investments, even if it seems wonderful or fool-proof. They only bring problems and worries. This is a time for you to enjoy some peace and quiet.

2. Stop worrying about the financial situation of your children and grandchildren, and don't feel bad spending your money on yourself.



You've taken care of them for many years, and you've taught them what you could. You gave them an education,

food, shelter and support. The responsibility is now theirs to earn their own money.

3. Keep a healthy life, without great physical effort. Do moderate exercise (like walking every day), eat well and get your sleep. It's easy to become sick, and it gets harder to remain healthy. That is why you need to keep yourself in good shape and be aware of your medical and physical needs. Keep in touch with your doctor, do tests even when you're feeling well. Stay informed.

contributed by Andy Fechner

A question of logic

A brilliant law student, having failed his exam, goes up to his crusty old professor, who is renowned for his razor-sharp mind.

Student: "Sir, do you really understand everything about this subject?"

Professor: "Actually, I probably do. Otherwise I wouldn't be a professor, would I?"

Student: "Ok. So I'd like to ask you a question. If you can give me the correct answer, I will accept my marks as they are. If you can't give me the correct answer, however, you'll have to give me an 'A'."

Professor: "Hm-mm. Ok, so ask the question."

Student: "What's legal but not logical, logical but not legal, and neither logical nor legal?"

The professor wracks his famous brain, but just can't crack the answer. Finally, he gives up and changes the student's failing mark to an 'A' as agreed, and the student goes away very pleased.

The professor continues to wrack his brain over the question all afternoon but still cannot get the answer. So finally he calls in a group of his brightest students and tells them he has really, really tough question to answer. "What's legal but not logical, logical but not legal, and neither logical nor legal?"

To the professor's surprise (and embarrassment) all the students immediately raise their hands. "All right", says the professor, and asks his favourite student to answer. "It's quite easy, sir," says the student. "You see, you are 75 years old and married to a 30 year old woman, which is legal but not logical. Your wife has a 22 year old lover, which is logical but not legal, and your wife's lover failed his exam but you've given him an 'A' which is neither legal nor logical".



contributed by Kirtsey Arthy

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How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a typo.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

When chemists die, they barium.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

contributed by George Evans

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