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School holidays are here, marking the end of the third term and once the schools recommence for term four there will only be 11 Fridays left until Christmas Day 2020. Eeeek! Where has this year disappeared to? I know that most are tired of hearing about it, but the coronavirus pandemic has made businesses and organisations look differently at how



to operate successfully. Our group has increased our communication and also established a number of "online" courses which are free to our members. The walkers kept going throughout, and with the help of U3A Network Queensland (our peak State body) we developed a satisfactory covid-safe plan for our groups to follow. This means that all our activities are now up and running, whilst adhering to Government guidelines. We can give ourselves a pat on the back for being one of the few U3As in Queensland which operated in some way throughout the

year to date. In addition, we are also one of the few groups which signed on new members during the same period.

I am so thankful for the efforts put in by the wonderful tutors and facilitators of all our activities. Without their involvement and the time they contribute we would not be able to operate. The same can be said of our committee members too, a number of whom are also tutors. To show our appreciation we will again be providing a luncheon get together for those involved and awarding a certificate to our "Tutor of the Year".

While some of our tutors and facilitators have members who assist them and provide back up if needed, we are always keen to have members volunteer to facilitate a current course or even offer to start one off. All enquiries welcome, and while the pay rate is non-existent, the job satisfaction is fantastic!!

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

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A warm U3A Beaudesert welcome is extended to our new members, Penny Lowe, Delia Chitts, and Debbie Pratt.

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 October:

Helen Abercrombie	Dorothy Anshaw	Bruce Avery	Carmel Carter
Margaret Cannons	Jim Cavaye	James Costello	Sue Estbergs
Rita Evans	Cheryl Folley	Noelle Griffiths	Megan Kenny
Graham Love	Penny Lowe	Terry Moloney	Brenda Moss
Des Pierce	Marlies Seernig	Stuart Simpson	Delia Chitts



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



One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted out to me, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," I replied. "what does it say on your shirt?"

He yelled back, "Manchester United."

And they say blondes are dumb....



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 6 October

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 pensioner
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 third Fridays of the month 1.30 pm-4.00 pm at the Arts & Information Centre Enterprise Drive Beaudesert
Contact Sue 5544 3146

Canine manners and etiquette 8 October

Training course for dogs and their owners, Thursday 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 afternoon 11.30 am-4.00 pm at Dorrington House Jimboomba.
Contact Di 0468 849 448

Computer/other technologies

First and third Mondays, 9.30 am-12.30 pm, RSL sub branch room. All technologies included - mobiles, computers, tablets, drones, TV channels, electronics, backups, etc.
Contact George 5541 0706

Croquet club

Play Tuesdays 8.00 am-11.00 am at Everdell Park Gleneagle
Contact George or Rita 5541 0706

French - two courses in one (beginners and advanced)

Every Monday 12 noon-2.30 pm RSL Sub Branch rooms, 1st floor, corner William and Brisbane Streets, Beaudesert.
Contact Sue 5544 3146 or 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 9 October will be at the Happy Valley Chinese restaurant, Beaudesert from 12 noon. 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 at Jubilee Park 10.00 am onwards.
Contact Ray/Kirtsey raymondarthy@gmail.com 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.

Mosaics

Tina Jones

Debby has transformed her terracotta pot into a work of art using blue and white china plates with contrasting white spring daisies. Meanwhile Jan has been very busy - the leaf trivet, butterfly, cupcakes, and table wow! - don't they look fantastic.

This month we are visiting the Oz Mosaic Studio on 24 September and will no doubt be inspired by the work on display.



Mosaic group meets Monday afternoons, 1.30-3.30 pm at the Arts & Information Centre.

TAG boat cruise

Kirtsey Arthy

On Monday 24 August, 14 U3A members thoroughly enjoyed a cruise on the "Lady Brisbane", a beautiful old wooden hulled boat. Some members left from Beaudesert at 6.30am and others travelled individually to all meet up at Marina Mirage for a 9am departure.

The cruise took us through the Broadwater and Jumpinpin, past many islands plus lots of luxury homes that we could only dream of ever owning. We were supplied with a delicious morning tea, BBQ lunch and afternoon tea. The boat arrived at Hamilton after travelling up the Brisbane River and a bus returned us to Marina Mirage in the late afternoon.

It was a wonderful day, enjoyed by all who went. Unfortunately, as we were all having such an enjoyable time no one remembered to take any photos!

September social lunch

Di Johnson



The lunch at the Beaudesert hotel was attended by 28 of our members and their guests. The food was great and a 20 percent seniors discount, was well received. Coupled with a reasonably short waiting time for food to be selected and delivered, it made for a very enjoyable social function.

October's lunch is planned to be at the Happy Valley Chinese restaurant, Beaudesert. (See page 2)

(Top row) Marlene Jamieson, Brendan and Verlie Dever, Wendy and Peter Venz, Sandra Grieve

(Middle row) Miriam and Dan Ryan, Catherine and Joe Kelly, Maurice Lamb, Tina Jones, Patricia Lamb

(Bottom row) Lesley and Gordon Paton, Laurel and Andy Fechner

Thank you to all of our sponsors



Here's one of our most unusual courses yet

Cheryl Folley

Thanks to our U3A art group member Michael Goebel, we are able to offer an eight-week course, *Canine Manners and Etiquette*, for members from October 8. Michael's wife Karen is a dog trainer and judge of many years' standing, and having retired pretty much from her responsibilities last year, was happy to agree to Michael's suggestion of a dog obedience course.

Karen has an extensive background as a dog obedience judge for the Australian National Kennel Council and was a member of the Canine Control Council (Queensland) for more than 50 years. For over 35 years she choreographed and presented many dog obedience displays at school fetes and agricultural shows, including the RNA.

Says Karen: "a happy and well-trained dog is a pleasure to own and agreeable to the neighbours and visitors."

The first question that Karen asks everyone who enrolls in her dog obedience courses is "Why do you want to do this course?"

"The answers will always include some variation of the dog

annoying the neighbours, not coming when called, jumping up at visitors or general misbehaviour."

Karen alternates some simple and fun tricks for both owners and animals to learn, in between basic good manners including *Come, Sit, Stay* plus advice on emotional attachment.

The course will be limited to members of U3A and will be held over eight weeks from Thursday October 8, from 9.00 am till 10.30 at the Lions Bicentennial Park in town. Participants will need to bring water for themselves and their dog (plus a bowl for the dog!), wear closed-in shoes and sun protection.

If you are interested, contact course coordinator Tina at 0418 780 861 or Karen at 5546 0858. But be quick to register your interest. When this course was mooted at our last committee meeting, two members immediately put up their hands. (However, if there is plenty of interest, Karen is willing to repeat the course in the New Year).



(L-R) Tillie, Ollie, Michael with Tillie, Karen with both dogs, Karen with Ollie

BUGs - the winners

Liz Avery

I was so proud of the BUGs who entered this year's garden competition. The champion garden was hotly contested and judges said that there was very

little between them all.

Overall winner was Marilyn and Col Liebke with Joe and Jan Skelton in third place. Skeltons also won the spring garden. Bernie Grodecki won best garden feature while I was third and then I won best hanging basket with Andy Grodecki second. There will be pictures on the Ironbark Gardens Facebook page.

Commiserations to avid gardener, Cheryl Bizzell, who unfortunately fractured her ankle when she fell in the garden. Our thoughts are with her for a speedy recovery.



(L-R) Joe Skelton, Jan Skelton, Marilyn Liebke, Colin Liebke

Brain exercise - solution on page 5

TOFFEE TOFFE TOPHY TOFFIE 01	PEEP 02	 03	DAISY TULIP PANSY DAFFODIL 04
BOB 05	FUZZ FUZZ FUZZ 06	BEST S T 07	IN IN 08
AGE A G E AGE 09	RUE 10	GO RIDE 11	 EMOTION 12

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A Word or Two about this and that

Yvonne Berry

My 18 year old grandson was involved in a car smash recently and when social media got word of it, it was published on facebook. I was gob-smacked by some of the downright destructive comments made by people who were not even there at the time. They saw themselves as judge, jury and executioner.

When do platforms like facebook, twitter and all other internet-based sites take responsibility by blocking the absolute garbage some people post, especially when it is attacking other people? There is a place for facebook when it is used to keep families and friends in touch with each other; it certainly should not be not a platform to humiliate, judge, condemn, put down, or ridicule others, yet there are some low-lives out there who think that is exactly what it is for. Anonymity makes people real brave!

What happened to empathy, understanding, support or encouragement?

Great learning experience for our garden group

Cheryl Folley



(L-R) Genie and Ailsa enjoying the day; a goanna carved out of wood by local chainsaw artist, Matt Bird; Catherine takes a break in the wood yard



(L-R) Bill with some off-cuts of wood; Mavis discovers purple sugar cane; Sonya offers Liz some compost made on site "couldn't you just eat it?"; owl carved by Matt Bird

There was just one problem with the BUGs group's recent visit to a sustainability farm at Kerry: owner Bill O'Sullivan gave us so much information that we were all a little bedazzled! (And quite tired, after three hours touring the property on a warm day: as Bill said, with a significant number of members in their 70s and 80s, we were a little older than many of his other visitors).

The property on Duck Creek Road is Tullamore Farm, 306 acres of natural bush and what was prolific lantana before the O'Sullivans, Bill and wife Carol, moved in six years ago. Today it is a thriving concern, hosting workshops and tours on a number of topics including the A to Z of banana growing, organic vegetables and sustainable living.

The farm is named to honour Bill's great-great grandfather William O'Sullivan, who left his home in Tullamore, near Dublin, and emigrated to Helidon many years ago.

Today's William O'Sullivan was an accountant and financial planner in a previous life, and picked up information on permaculture, organic gardening and sustainability through his own research into topics that interested him. Today an

amazing transformation has taken place at the farm, which had only one shed in place six years ago, but now boasts numerous outbuildings, dams, water tanks, house and extensive gardens. But you won't find flowers – vegetables and fruit trees are the Word!

There are 110 different varieties of trees, including multiples of bananas and citrus, and the property is certified organic. Bill and Carol get 90 per cent of their food from the property, with Carol keeping up with preparing and freezing innumerable containers full of fruit and vegetables for times when some are out of season.

They've also developed a business selling products made of wood sourced on the property, almost all dead timber and some of it burned in a bushfire last December. With four casual employees and unending jobs to do, there is never an idle moment at Tullamore Farm!

Thanks Bill, and our BUGs organiser Liz Avery, for a great morning. We've all taken home ideas to use in our own gardens.

Solution to dingbats

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Can't spell for toffee | 2 Look both ways |
| 3 Slice of life | 4 Bunch of flowers |
| 5 Bob up and down | 6 Just for fun |
| 7 Honesty is the best policy | 8 In black and white |
| 9 Middle age spread | 10 Are you ready |
| 11 Go along for the ride | 12 Feeling under the weather |



Senior drivers



Two elderly women were out driving in a large car - both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to a major crossroad. The stop light was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light."

After a few more minutes, they came to another major junction and the light was red again. Again, they went right through.

The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous.

At the next junction, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh! Am I driving?"

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Heteronyms

For all of you who wonder why people from other countries have a bit of trouble with the English language. This is a clever piece put together by an English teacher, who else?

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym. You think English is easy ...?

- 1) The bandage was *wound* around the *wound*.
- 2) The farm was used to *produce produce*.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to *refuse* more *refuse*.
- 4) We must *polish* the *Polish* furniture.
- 5) He could *lead* if he would get the *lead* out.
- 6) The soldier decided to *desert* his dessert in the *desert*.
- 7) Since there is no time like the *present*, he thought it was time to *present* the *present*.
- 8) A *bass* was painted on the head of the *bass* drum.
- 9) When shot at, the *dove dove* into the bushes.
- 10) I did not *object* to the *object*.
- 11) The insurance was *invalid* for the *invalid*.
- 12) There was a *row* among the oarsmen about how to *row*.
- 13) They were too *close* to the door to

close it.

- 14) The buck *does* funny things when the *does* are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a *sewer* fell down into a *sewer* line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his *sow* to *sow*.
- 17) The *wind* was too strong to *wind* the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the *tear* in the painting I shed a *tear*.
- 19) I had to *subject* the *subject* to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I *intimate* this to my most *intimate* friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in a pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, two geese. So one moose, two meese? One index, two indices? Doesn't it seem

crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'? AND If a male goat is called a ram and a donkey is called an ass, why is a ram-in-the-ass called a goose?