



O.W.L.S.

OLDER WISER LEARNING SENIORS

Volume 11 Issue 10
October 2021



President's piece Andy Fechner

Management committee members

- President**
Andy Fechner Ph 5541 2072
- Vice president**
Lise Leatherbarrow Ph 0438 754 269
- Secretary/newsletter**
Yvonne Berry Ph 5541 2604
- Treasurer**
Helen Atkinson Ph 0488 411 755
- Assistant treasurer**
Stuart Gearey Ph 0404 861 266
- Membership secretary**
Michele Goucher Ph 5541 3870
- Course coordinator**
Tina Jones Ph 0418 780 861
- Webmaster**
George Evans Ph 5541 0706
- Assistant webmaster**
Peter Venz Ph 0408 588 399
- Facebook**
Debbie Pratt Ph 0435 036 801
- Social activities facilitator**
Di Johnson Ph 0468 849 448
- Publicity**
Cheryl Folley Ph 5544 2024

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 | Carol Castles |

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

- P** 5541 2072
E andyfechner@bigpond.com

October, and summer seems to be trying to push spring aside and make its presence felt. I note the weather forecasters are talking about there being a wetter than usual spring for eastern Australia, but at the time of writing there has been nothing to indicate that in our area. Just be aware that this month brings the start of our bushfire season. Our area has suffered badly in recent bushfire events, so everyone should have a disaster management plan in place to be able to cope with any emergency. Our rural and semi-rural properties in the region are particularly vulnerable.

A little bit of advance notice about our intentions regarding Christmas activities. At last month's committee meeting we discussed our concerns regarding hosting an end of year Christmas lunch given restrictions on venues for capacity and potential Covid issues. Last year we were able to overcome those problems by issuing every member a \$20 meal voucher valid at the RSL Beaudesert, to be spent at any meal during the advertised period in December. Most chose to get together with their own activity groups to enjoy a lunch, dinner (or breakfast) and

generate some Christmas spirit. We have decided to do a similar thing this year, so get planning early for your group's outing. Further details coming soon. This offer will be open to all members who have joined or are financial by the end of October 2021, as vouchers will be printed and issued in November. As per last year, vouchers will not be redeemable for cash, for bar drinks purchases or be transferable. No change will be given, and a set period will apply.

It may seem like a long time away yet, but we need to start thinking about nominations for committee roles which will become vacant in March next year. A number of our current committee members will be retiring from their roles in 2022, after long and satisfying service. Age and health issues are catching up with several of us, and I hope that members who are enjoying U3A will seek committee positions to make their own lives more interesting.

All committee roles will be open for nomination, so please contact our secretary Yvonne Berry if you are interested.

Till next edition

Andy



A warm U3A Beaudesert welcome to our new members Julie Latter and Vanessa Briaes.

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 who celebrate their birthdays in October:

- | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Gigi Ahmat | Dorothy Anshaw | Bruce Avery | Margaret Cannons |
| Denise Carroll | Carmel Carter | Jim Cavaye | Delia Chitts |
| Jim Costello | Sue Estbergs | Rita Evans | Cheryl Folley |
| Noella Griffiths | Lorraine Kelly | Megan Kenny | Graham Love |
| Penny Low | Terry Moloney | Mary Shefford | Jenelle Patrick |
| Keith Musk | | | |

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



Current courses - term four 2021 5 October-10 December

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

Aqua aerobics

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

Art group - all mediums

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

Calligraphy

First and third Fridays of the month 1.00 pm-3.00 pm at the Arts & Information Centre Enterprise Drive Beaudesert
Contact Robyn 0439 721 325

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 12 noon-4.00 pm at the Anglican Church Hall, 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

Exercise for seniors

Now in recess until term 2 2022. Refer to aqua aerobics.
Contact John 0417 073 190

French

Every Monday 11.00 am-2.00 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 Marilyn 0429 006 194

General discussion group

Meets Tuesdays 9.30 am-11.30 am Beaucare Community room, 44 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 Marg 0422 415 145

Mahjong - Jimboomba

Meets every Tuesday 11 am-2 pm Davidson Road, Jimboomba.
Contact Elizabeth 5546 9689

Mahjong - Beaudesert

Thursday afternoons 1 pm-3.30 pm Arts & Information Centre.
Contact Michele 0459 335 403

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 Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings. Contact Liz for start times. 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, 142 Lambert Road, Nindooindah. \$10/session for materials payable on the day.
Contact Anita 0408 452 584

Social lunch

The next social lunch will be held at the Happy Valley restaurant, Beaudesert on Friday 8 October from 12 noon. RSVP to Di phone/text 0468 849 448, email candyroxy1946@gmail.com

Social tennis

Wednesdays 8 am-12 noon venue Beaudesert tennis courts Boonah Road
Contact Paulette 0409 898 147

Table tennis

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

Ukulele

Meets Thursday afternoons St Thomas's Anglican Church hall, Albert Street, Beaudesert, 1 pm-2.30 pm.
Contact Finella 0439 414 491



U3A Online

We 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.

Our card players are dedicated

Cheryl Folley



The Jimboomba venue



A hand of Bolivia ready to go



Let play commence (from left clockwise) Di, Wanda, Marcia, Trish

Card playing is a serious business... just ask any of the keen players in Beaudesert U3A who meet once or twice a week to follow their passion.

Their latest venue is the St James Anglican church property in East street, Jimboomba, where players gather in a separate, demountable room near the Op Shop every Thursday afternoon from noon until four pm to play Bolivia. It is a quiet and air conditioned space, with plenty of parking in the church grounds and wheelchair access.

"Just what we needed," says the cards coordinator Di Johnson, who also runs our Beaudesert-based card group on Monday afternoons.

The groups were run separately until a few years ago when the Jimboomba branch of U3A amalgamated with Beaudesert and some players turn up at both venues regularly.

Players say they love the mental challenge.

"It's something for your brain. You really have to think about it; that's important," says Marcia Pain, who attends both weekly sessions. And Wanda Slingo, who gets around in a wheelchair, finds it keeps her mind exercised since she can no longer do physical exercise, and says the players become good friends.

Tricia Forse, who travels from Park Ridge for her weekly "fix," grew up playing euchre, bridge and coon-can (which is similar to Bolivia) and has played cards in several countries across three continents with family members.

"Covid has stopped that for the time being but I hope that won't last forever," she says.

When convenor Di realised that the card players were so engrossed that they weren't really socialising, she started what has become our U3A tradition - the monthly social lunches held at various local venues, where, she says, "they

can, and do, talk to their heart's content."

(You've probably attended a lunch as they're open to all members. It's a chance to meet other members whose paths might not cross yours, as we all have varying interests).

If you were a card player in earlier years and want to re-discover it, or a "newbie" who would like to get started, the groups are happy to welcome new members at either weekly game or both, and are happy to teach others. Bolivia alone is played at Jimboomba, while in Beaudesert the two games of choice are 500 and Bolivia. It doesn't matter if a group ends up with an uneven number of players. Di says 500 is particularly flexible and may be played with any number of players between three and six; Bolivia can be adapted to three or four players.

For more information, contact Di on 0468 849 448.



L-R Di, Lynn, Pat, Erika, Pat, Wanda, Marcia all enjoying themselves at cards

Are you still receiving our newsletters?



As most of you will be aware, this newsletter is sent out electronically to our members using the MailChimp bulk email service. Those who do not have a computer receive their copy through the postal system.

One of the requirements of a bulk email system is that the recipients of our bulk emails must have the choice of unsubscribing themselves from the system so they no longer receive emails from U3A. However, once you have unsubscribed yourself, be it intentionally or accidentally, you will not receive any communications from our U3A at all.

If you have unintentionally unsubscribed yourself, please let the secretary know - secretaryu3abeaudesert@gmail.com - and you can be put back on our emailing list to receive all emails that are sent out to our members.

(Movie Dingbats (solution on page 6))



from the website www.quizmasters.biz

BUGs

Marilyn Liebke

The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers trip was hugely successful with 66 people on the trip. We went to the Japanese garden first then it was on to the grand champion garden at 112 Neale Street.

Next we visited Laurel Bank Park, Queens Park and lastly on the way home we called into Pete's hobby native nursery at Lowood. All the gardens were special and individual in their own way. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves with the mask wearing not too much of a pain. We arrived home a bit late to Beauy with passengers collecting their plants and bags when it was nearly dusk. You have heard of a pub crawl, well we had a garden crawl. Fantastic day. As you can see from some of the photos our trip we had a super time – special thanks to everyone who helped keep the garden therapy alive.

The garden club wants to thank Mitre Ten for the items they donated for our trip, we are thankful for their ongoing support. They are so generous and have given products many times before.

Please remember them when you are looking for tools, plants, seeds, garden ornaments, etc for your garden (or for gifts). I want to thank Margaret Collins for her assistance and advice in making the day such a success and help with general club activities. Our next BUGs meeting will be at the RSL function room Beaudesert on Friday 15 October, 10.00 am. Our guest will be Mick Kajewski to speak on basic first-aid as this is so important for all. It will help us to recognise potential problems before they escalate into a more serious problem. Should be helpful for accidents in the home or garden.

For further information on this group, contact Marilyn 0429 006 194.



Covid dampened the celebrations for truckie Ray

Cheryl Folley



Kirtsey and Ray with their current transport Bluey, reconstructed by Ray from an outback fire service vehicle

If you have been feeling a bit "over" the covid situation, spare a thought for one of our members, Ray Arthy, who for two consecutive years has missed out on the celebrations surrounding his nomination

for a national award. Last year, after more than half a lifetime in the trucking industry, Ray was nominated for inclusion in the Australian Truckies' Hall of Fame in Alice Springs. Then covid lockdowns forced the cancellation of the weekend of celebrations with industry representatives from all over Australia.

So it was exciting for the family when this year, again, Ray was nominated and a number of past, current workers and family planned to join Ray and his wife Kirtsey in Alice Springs for the weekend of August 28 and celebrations including a street parade and dinner, plus the actual award ceremony.

Then covid struck again!

Ray is pretty philosophical about the double whammy... his attitude being broadly "life is what happens."

It was his approach as a young man when he and Kirtsey founded their family business, Arthy Rural Services, at Laravale in 1972 with a borrowed Bedford truck and grew it over time: its current size is multiple prime movers and tankers, 13 trailers and a number of loaders, fertiliser spreaders, dozer, excavator and laser level grader.

Every addition was simply another step along the way. As a local need grew, Ray worked to fill a gap. Then daughter Marion and second son Stuart became partners and have continued the growth into the future.

Ray's first truck was used to haul molasses from Rocky Point Sugar Mill to Scenic Rim dairy farmers, whose demand for molasses in around 100 district farms was enough on its own to sustain the business.

Kirtsey recalls:

"And then every Saturday, vehicles would be lined up along our road and on to the Mt Lindesay Highway for molasses - all the farmers who didn't have tanks to store it and instead needed to fill up 44-gallon drums regularly.

"Marion as a young girl would often be helping Ray with the valves on the tank, getting covered with molasses in the process!"

Today the business has 10 employees and supplies services to the poultry, beef and dairy industries, horticulture, composting, turf and hobby farms.

Ray has "officially" retired but is always busy, often making children's wooden toys and using his welding skills on mechanical tasks, plus he and Kirtsey turned their love of travel into sharing with others as convenors of Beaudesert U3A's Travel and Adventure Group (TAG) - which itself has had to adapt to covid-circumstances and postponements, although one suspects that this won't faze the Arthys. They'll simply keep on keeping on!



Robert asked the televangelist to pray for his hearing. After 3 minutes of violent shaking and trying to push him over backwards the preacher ask, "how's your hearing"? Robert replied, " I don't know. It doesn't take place until Tuesday at the courthouse."



Springtime **ESSENTIALS**

\$9⁹⁹ ea
SAVE \$2.96*



Flo# Sinus Care Starter Kit 12 Sachets

\$8⁹⁹ ea



Dimetapp# 12 Hour Nasal Spray 20ml

\$26⁹⁹ ea



Zyrtec# Hayfever & Allergy Relief 50 Mini Tablets

SUPER VALUE

SUPER SAVER

\$47⁹⁵ ea
SAVE \$32.00*



Optifast# VLCD Shake Chocolate or Vanilla Flavour 18 x 53g Sachets**

\$12⁹⁹ ea



Cromo-Fresh# Allergy Eye Drops 10ml

SPECIALS ON SALE FROM 8TH SEPTEMBER- 12TH OCTOBER 2021. FAILURE BY SUPPLIER TO DELIVER OR OTHER UNINTENTIONAL CAUSES MAY RESULT IN SOME ITEMS IN THIS ADVERTISEMENT BEING UNAVAILABLE. PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CORRECT PRINTING ERRORS. ALL PRICES ARE GST INCLUSIVE. *SAVINGS CALCULATED BASED ON SUPPLIER SUGGESTED RETAIL AND NOT NECESSARILY PREVIOUS IN STORE PRICE. ALWAYS READ THE LABEL, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FOR USE. THIS MEDICINE MAY NOT BE RIGHT FOR YOU, READ THE LABEL BEFORE PURCHASE. IF SYMPTOMS PERSIST, TALK TO YOUR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL. **NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS MAY ONLY BE OF ASSISTANCE IF DIETARY INTAKE IS INADEQUATE. +CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR OR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL FOR ADVICE BEFORE EMBARKING ON ANY WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM.

- ✓ FREE Deliveries
- ✓ Discount Medications

- ✓ Medication Packing
- ✓ NDSS Access Point

- ✓ Medication Reviews
- ✓ Discount Vitamins

Scenic Rim Discount Drug Store

8/47 William St, Beaudesert QLD 4285
Phone: (07) 5541 2019 Fax: (07) 5541 3780
Email: scenicrim@discountdrugstores.com.au

FOLLOW US ON

@ScenicRimDDS

U3A Queensland Arts competitions 2021

To recognise the talent expressed in the art classes offered by U3As across Queensland, the Network is launching an annual Arts competition to showcase the skills demonstrated in the following categories:

- Choir Poetry Painting Drawing Photography
Mosaics Ukulele Dancing Creative writing

The categories shown for 2021 are
Creative Writing and Photography
The theme for both is - "Still Learning"

Prizes for each competition

- 1st prize - \$300
- 2nd prize - \$150
- 3rd prize - \$50
- Opens 1 October 2021
- Closes 31 October 2021
- Entry fee \$10 (limit of two entries per member)
- Winners announced 3 December by Zoom event
- Invitations sent to all entrants
- Each year there will be two categories selected from the Arts group with a different theme
- Most entries will be via email
- Judging will be by a panel of three
- Winners will have their work posted on the Network website

Conditions and entry forms - www.qld.or.au under *Events*
Email quac2021@gmail.com
Phone 0431 579 870

Leaf carvings - contributed by Johnny Estbergs



Dingbat solutions

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Westside Story | 2 Back to the Future |
| 3 Wizard of Oz | 4 The Silence of the Lambs |
| 5 The Naked Gun | 6 The Jungle Book |
| 7 Canonball Run | 8 Tango and Cash |
| 9 Field of Dreams | 10 Flash Dance |
| 11 Crouching Tiger
Hidden Dragon | 12 Brokeback Mountain |

Thank you to all of our sponsors

