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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.

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Leaving the political landscape aside, (and I think everyone can make their own judgement calls on where that is headed), the topic in most discussions is the current weather.

At time of writing this article we are still waiting with bated breath for some relief from a long dry spell. A couple of really cold mornings late in August didn't help the trees and shrubs either, and while it was far too dry for a white frost, -5 deg C tends to make young leaves curl up and die.

The westerly winds were right on cue for the last few days of the Ekka, but the crowds still certainly went along (without yours truly). It would be nice to see a strong turnout for our local Beaudesert Show on 7 and 8 September. Our community needs events like these to be successful, injecting not only dollars but also civic pride into our town and district. I have great admiration for the volunteers, competitors and exhibitors who make the effort to be involved.

September heralds the arrival of spring, so our BUGs gardening group is looking forward to new growth. U3A has also subsidised a coach trip to Toowoomba on Friday 21 September to

view the gardens on the opening day of the Carnival of Flowers. I am sure that all who go along will have a day to remember.

As a current sufferer, my commiserations to those members who may be struggling with one of the dreaded bugs which are doing the rounds at the moment. There seems to be a proliferation of coughs, colds, sneezes and flu-like symptoms in the area just now. You can count yourself very lucky if you get through the season unscathed.

On the activities front, our table tennis group is back in full swing, and our walkers are pounding the paths after a well-earned break for Lawrie and Yvonne Berry. The mosaics group has settled into their new location at Centacare, and I should whisper quietly - not too many weeks until aqua aerobics is up and paddling again! Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there....

Till next edition

Andy



Happy birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in September

Ron Andrews
Ann Beulah
Jim Caswell
Pat Caverly
Cynthia Earl
Brenda Fielding



Robin Kelly
Sandra Maultby
Nerida Munsel
Bronwyn Newman
Marilyn Taylor
Judy West
Tex White

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

Welcome We are delighted to welcome Marie Johnston as a new member of Beaudesert U3A.

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

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Current courses - term three 2018 16 July-21 September

Course coordinator | Laurel Fechner
Phone 5541 2072 | Email andyfechner@bigpond.com

Acoustic guitar

Thursdays Centacare rooms 1.30 pm-3.30 pm. Tutor Ken Jurd.
Contact Laurel 5541 2072 email andyfechner@bigpond.com

Aqua aerobics In recess till September

Contact Paulette 5543 1261

Art appreciation

Thursdays 10 am-12 noon Centacare rooms. Contact Mary 5544 3146 or Jean 5541 3706

Art group "The Limners"

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 9.00 am-12 noon 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

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

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.

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 6.30 am-7.30 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 14 September

Lunch at the Beaudesert Hotel. RSVP to Di Johnson - phone/text 0468 849 448, email candyroxy1946@gmail.com.

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

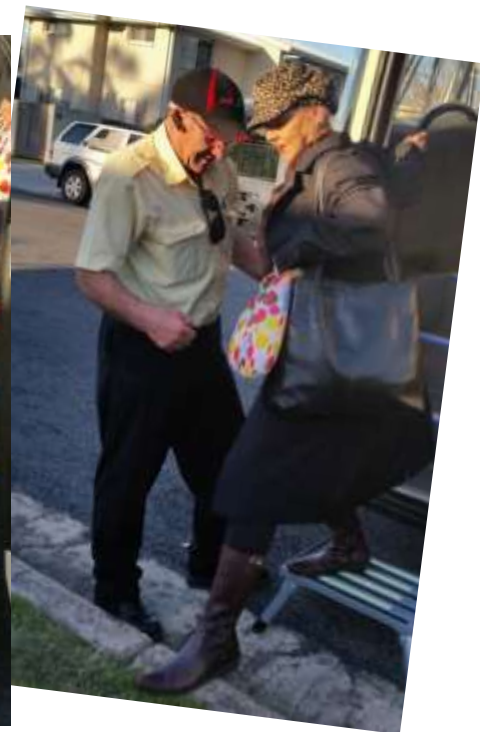
DO YOU HAVE a special interest in a particular hobby or



activity that other members of Beaudesert U3A might also be keen to participate in? - be it photography, drama, creative writing, pottery, spinning, weaving, chess, movies, yoga, science, board games

No formal qualifications are necessary to facilitate a course, just experience in the activity, a willingness to share your expertise, and to teach others.

Contact the course coordinator Laurel (phone 5541 2072, email andyfechner@bigpond.com) if you are willing, able and available to run a course, be it long term, or short term.



Social outing/lunch August a trip to Pacific Fair

Around 40 of our members enjoyed the lunch/social outing by going on a bus trip to Pacific Fair for a day of sight-seeing, riding the new tram or just shopping.

Pacific Fair is such a large shopping centre and the public are spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing a place to have lunch while there. There are large, outdoor areas with comfy chairs for shoppers to take the time for a break from the retail therapy; there is an abundance of shops to spend, spend, spend time and money in, from the top of the range (Gucci) to the everyday practical Target. Judging by some of the shopping bags that were hefted back on the bus there was some serious spending done.

Gardening group - BUGs *Liz Avery*

Our last group get-together was a chat session, with members raising topics of interest. One such topic was water and Joe Skelton was most informative about the charges those of us on town water are subject to. In his opinion it would be cheaper if there was only one provider instead of SEQ Water and Urban Utilities. Those of you relying on tank water are really feeling the lack of rain. However, I heard rain is expected at the end of August – hopefully sooner.

Another topic discussed was that of black sesame seeds as a drought-proof crop. It can be grown in the home garden and is very nutritious.

For those of you who have your own coffee machine, what do you do with your coffee grounds? Use them on the garden, of course! Alternatively, if you don't have a coffee machine, coffee shops are usually happy to give their coffee grounds away so an approach to the local coffee shops may yield a supply for you. Suggest you take your bucket. Gardening Australia recommends mixing the grounds with sawdust before spreading them around vegies and fruit trees.



Scrapbooking



The scrapbooking group meets once a month on the second Monday of each month at Nindooinbah. Although the group has only been running for a short time, the members have completed some very attractive photo pages. If you would like to join this group, please contact Anita 0408 452 584.

Social outing/lunch September

The social lunch will be held on Friday 14 September from 12 noon at the Beaudesert Hotel. They have a tasty menu and on presentation of your Seniors' card they will give you a 20 per cent discount.

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Di Johnson:

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



U3A Beaudesert outings The planned BUGs outing to the Carnival of Flowers in Toowoomba for Friday 21 September is now fully subscribed. At a cost of \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members, this full day coach trip will be a great opportunity for those with limited access to transport to enjoy the delights of spring in the garden city. Hopefully our next OWLS will be inundated with beautiful photos of all the blooms.

This event follows the recent August social day bus trip to Pacific Fair.

Your U3A Committee is working on ways to improve our offerings to members, and both the above outings have been heavily subsidised from group funds.

Outings and social events are an important adjunct to the courses and activities that our wonderful volunteer tutors and facilitators present every week.

If you have any suggestions of potential destinations for future coach outings or social day lunch venues, please put them forward to Di Johnston on 0468 849448 or email to: candyroxy1946@gmail.com.



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A Word or Two *about this and that*
Yvonne Berry

How many of you are entering/have entered products, crafts, flowers, baking and the like in the Beaudesert Show?

I got the courage this year to enter our wicking garden in the garden bed category and I understand a couple of other BUGs members have also entered their gardens. Quite excited about it, actually.

Rural towns like Beaudesert know how to put on a country

show and it is great to see so many of our U3A members with entries - and doing well with them. Our intrepid president usually scoops the pool with some of his jams and marmalades and I know there are two other members who are competing with their lemon curd.

Be sure to let us know if you have an entry/entries and also if you are lucky enough to be "one of the best" (or even "the best"). Please send your information, with a photo or two of your entry, to u3abeaudesert@gmail.com and we will be proud to share your efforts with our members by including it in the next edition of OWLS.

Sport and Recreation



A Sport and Recreation evening for volunteers in sports, organised by the Scenic Rim Regional Council, was held recently at The Centre with guest speaker Preston Campbell. Preston is a former NRL football player and is a board member and ambassador of the Preston Campbell Foundation. He gave an interesting talk on the important role of volunteers in the world of sport and he was full of praise for those volunteers who played a part in his sports - originally soccer and then NRL football. Around 100 people enjoyed a two-course meal which was followed by a questions and answers session facilitated by Erin Hatton of Barefoot Sports. Michael Connelly of CPR Group and Preston were part of the panel and shared their views on various aspects of sports, including fundraising.

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The Donald is walking out of the White House and heading toward his limo, when a possible assassin steps forward and aims a gun.

A secret service agent, new on the job, shouts, "Mickey Mouse!" This startles the would-be assassin, and he is captured. Later, the secret service agent's supervisor takes him aside and asks, "What in the hell made you shout Mickey Mouse?"

Blushing, the agent replies, "I got nervous. I meant to shout, "Donald, duck!"

An original idea for a future U3A stall at a community event



Famous people in history Buffalo Bill (William Frederick Cody 1846-1917)

contributed by Barry Owen

Buffalo Bill lived in the old wild west and was a Pony Express rider in 1860. He was a soldier in the American Civil War (1863-1865), a bison hunter in 1867-1868, an army scout 1868-1872 and a showman from 1872.



As a scout in army services in 1868 he carried despatches from Fort Larned to Fort Hays in Kansas, a distance of 350 miles (560 km), the last 35 miles (56 km) on foot, in 58 hours, travelling through hostile Indian territory.

General Phillip Sheridan, Head of Cavalry, assigned him as chief scout for the 5th Cavalry Regiment and Buffalo Bill was awarded the Medal of Honour

for Gallantry in 1872 for his bravery during the Indian Wars. However, the medal "was revoked in 1913 when Congress decided to create a hierarchy of military awards to replace the patchwork that had evolved over time". (*Wikipedia*). It wasn't until 1989 that the medal was restored after objections were lodged by Cody's relatives.

Cody got the name Buffalo Bill because he killed 4,282 bison for meat for the Kansas City Railroad in 1867/1868.

Cody started as a showman in 1872 and formed a touring company "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show" in 1883. They toured Europe in 1887 and stopped performing in 1908. Among the people who worked for him were Annie Oakley (sharpshooter) and Sitting Bull, Chief of Indians who killed General Custer in 1876 in the Battle of Little Big Horn.

He was born in Le Claire, Iowa and died of kidney failure in Denver, Colorado.



WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS Police in Oakland, CA spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, 'Please come out and give yourself up.'

THE GETAWAY! A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.

Smiles

contributed by Cheryl Folley

My husband and I divorced over religious differences - he thought he was God, and I didn't.

I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.

I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

Don't take life too seriously; no one gets out alive.

You're just jealous, because the voices only talk to me.

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.

I'm not a complete idiot -- some parts are just missing.

Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.

NyQuil: the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room- spinning medicine.

God must love stupid people; He made so many.

The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!

Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.

Procrastinate now!

I have a degree in Liberal Arts; Do you want fries with that?

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.

Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!

They call it PMS, because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.

He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.

Ham and eggs... A day's work for a chicken; a lifetime commitment for a pig.

The trouble with life is there's no background music.

The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.

I smile, because I don't know what the hell is going on.

Letters to the editor

Sydney Morning Herald

contributed by Tex White

Age-old deficiency

IT'S about time the authorities did something about older drivers on our roads.

For far too long older drivers have caused havoc as they hog the left lane, stick to the speed limits (even the road work limits) and stop at stop signs, causing great inconvenience and often preventing others from doing whatever they like.

Another major concern is that by avoiding fines and demerit points, they are not doing their bit for the revenue of our state, and are therefore placing a further burden on younger drivers.

Until older drivers can prove that they are proficient at weaving in and out of traffic, driving while texting, tailgating, using drugs or doing burnouts, they must be banned from holding a licence.

Doug Money, Oak Park

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