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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.

- June Carey Patricia Castles
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Rosemary Ryan

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

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Winter is not giving up without a fight though as of the first of the month we move into our September spring, (which on my calendar is listed as National Wattle Day). Fierce south westerly winds have brought dust clouds from the interior and some sneaky cold mornings to test our gardeners. It is now six months since we were affected by the restrictions placed on our activities by the appearance of coronavirus. I wonder if we are now living in the new "normal". I believe our U3A has done remarkably well under the circumstances, to continue with some activities during this period. Our walking group did not stop, and we were able to purchase online courses for members to enjoy at no charge. On August 14 our first social lunch day since March was conducted at the Beaudesert RSL, with attending members given a \$10 voucher to spend on lunch, and receive a free sample bag to celebrate the "Show must go on" lunch.



will enable us to continue our boot scooting group on Tuesday afternoons at The Centre in Beaudesert. Also, after receiving a generous offer of help from one of our highly qualified members, we have now applied to use one of the Council parks to conduct a dog obedience training course. More on this later once we get approval to use the venue. Finally, our Beaudesert library is seeking feedback from the public and has survey forms available to be completed. The library has been so supportive of our U3A, hosting three of our groups meetings prior to the covid restrictions. Our trivia, meandering through history and travel and adventure groups all enjoyed their hospitality. Imagine what would be available to us if there was a larger facility with purpose-built meeting and lecture rooms, equipped with advanced technology. Please support the library in seeking upgraded premises for future activities.

Till next edition

Andy



A warm U3A Beaudesert welcome is extended to our new members:

Sherie Rodriques, John Lane, Marjorie Enright.

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 September:

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| Ron Andrews | Warwick Atkinson | John Beswick |
| Anne Beulah | Wendy Bingham | Jim Caswell |
| Pat Caverly | Lyn Colefax | Brendan Dever |
| Cynthia Earl | Brenda Fielding | Glenda Hicks |
| Deb Hughes | Dorothy Kerr | Sandra Maultby |
| Vicki McAteer | Margaret McCombe | David Milton |
| Bronwyn Newman | Gordon Paton | Diane Rewko |



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



Member of U3A Network Queensland



It's been good weather for gardening - pictures from some BUGS' members gardens

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Current courses - term three

13 July-17 September 2020

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

Acoustic guitar

Recommencing at a new location - 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

In recess till term four 2020
Contact TBA

Art group - all mediums

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

Book club

Postponed until further notice

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

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 9.00 am-12 noon 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 Beacare 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 12.30 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 and 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 6.30 am-7.30 am. Nordic walkers will require a pair of poles, comfortable sports walking shoes, bottle of water. Walkers - poles not needed.
Contact 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

Date for the next social lunch is to be advised.
Contact Di text/phone 0468 849 448 or email candyroxy1946@gmail.com

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 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 five online courses available to our members:

- Australia Flora
- The Night Sky
- Creative writing: Genealogy
- Play Ukulele by Ear
- Intro to IT (until August 2020)

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.

Facemasks-R-Us operating in Beaudesert

Liz Avery



they are now exported interstate.

Finella says she enjoys feeling that she is contributing during the dark days that many are experiencing. Her craft room, purpose built by husband, Paul, is a joyful place to visit; full of colour, especially now with the many cheerful masks under construction. There have been several orders for black masks but Finella puts her mark on those with secret colour on the inside, her excuse being "so they know which mask needs a wash".

The pattern Finella uses is one from North Memorial Health hospital in the U.S. and she has donated to the hospital for the use of their pattern. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-vlyLMgUhg>

This has two layers with a pocket for a filter layer inside and Finella has finessed the pattern with adjustable lycra for comfort over the ears. I have used this pattern and it is pretty simple but if you don't feel able to make your own, Finella will sell you one of hers for \$10. Knowing the hours Finella has spent on her creations, this is a bargain. She hopes to soon have them available at Bean To.

This is just another example of the creativity, generosity and thoughtfulness of this special person.



Calligraphy



(Above) U3A members (L-R) Helen, Rosemary, Brenda, and Margaret learning the art of calligraphy with tutor (centre) Sue Bradbury

(Middle) Brenda and Margaret practise their calligraphy skills

Faded Photos

An original poem by Andy Fechner



The dead are gone yet they live on, in the memories of those who knew them. Their laughter, tears, their loves and fears are still there for the living. Their race is run and they have gone alone on their last journey. Those living are still dying, stretching out towards those gone and they will reach them soon enough.

As I walk along my hall I see the faded photos on the wall, of those the way they were before that journey. Generations gone and none remain with memories of their lives and laughter. They too had lived and faced each day, had eaten, slept and prayed for better times.

But those who knew them passed away, and with them died their memories, leaving only stilted poses.

No more laughter, work or tears of joy in smelling roses.

I wonder how long will I live in the memories of those who stay,
Remembering me will let me live until I too become like those now passed away.
A faded photo on the wall, with none left to recall, my loves and tears and challenges all,
A faded photo on the wall

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Social lunch 14 August

The restrictions have been lifted and 48 of our members took advantage of the reinstated freedom to socialise and enjoy our first social lunch since covid entered our lives. The RSL had things running smoothly and the diners did not have to wait too long for their meals. The food was tasty and hot and the helpings were generous. Our Dessert Queen, (right) Laurel, outdid herself, making up for lost desserts! time!



People born in the 50s have lived in seven decades, two centuries and two milleniums.

We had the best music, fastest cars and happy days.

And we are not even that old yet, we're just that cool.

I went to the Psychiatrist today. She told me I had a split personality and charged me 160 dollars.



I gave her 80 Dollars and told her to get the rest from the other idiot!!

Thank you to Carol Castles

Some days I amaze myself.

Other days, I look for my phone while I'm holding it.

A Police Officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 & 6. He seemed irritated when I answered: "Kindergarten"

I BOUGHT A LITTLE BAG OF AIR TODAY; THE COMPANY THAT MADE IT WAS KIND ENOUGH TO PUT SOME POTATO CHIPS IN IT AS WELL.

Line dancing



Went to my first social distancing Christening last Sunday



Finally, The Centre is open again for our line dancing group to get back into the swing of things. Adrian, Margaret and Glenda look pleased to return to this activity.

ED: The baby was not squirted with the water gun

Mah jong



Denise, Margaret, Rita, and Lesley pitting wits with a game of mah jong.

Mahjong is a tile-based game that was developed during the Qing dynasty in China and has spread throughout the world since the early 20th century. It is commonly played by four players (with some three-player variations found in Japan, South Korea and Southeast Asia). The game and its regional variants are widely played throughout Eastern and South Eastern Asia and have also become popular in Western countries. The game has also been adapted

into a widespread online entertainment. Similar to the Western card game rummy, Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, and calculation, and it involves a degree of chance. The game is played with a set of 144 tiles based on Chinese characters and symbols, although some regional variations may omit some tiles or add unique ones. In most variations, each player begins by receiving 13 tiles. In turn players draw and discard tiles until they complete a legal hand using the 14th drawn tile to form four melds (or sets) and a pair (eye). A player can also win with a small class of special hands. There are fairly standard rules about how a piece is drawn, how a piece is robbed from another player, the use of simples (numbered tiles) and Honors (winds and dragons), the kinds of melds allowed, how to deal the tiles and the order of play. Despite these similarities, there are many regional variations to the rules including rather different scoring systems, criteria for legal winning hands, and even private table rules which distinguish some variations as notably different styles of mahjong.



From the website <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahjong>

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Give aways - and wanted

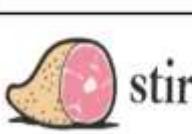
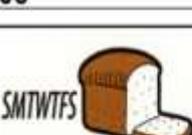
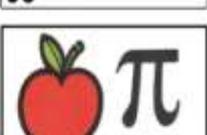
One of our members, Helen, has potted up some cycads and is offering them to anyone who would like them.

Helen also has a request - do any of our members have a purple geranium from which she could get a cutting?

If you would like any of the cycads or if you have a purple geranium from which you would be happy to take a cutting, please contact Helen - 048 841 1755



A dingbats exercise for your grey matter (solution page 6)

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Contributed by Cheryl Folley

Imagine life after a societal collapse. How many of us would survive? Here are 29 skills virtually lost to technology:

Home and farm skills

These would include skills such as:

1. Darning socks and mending clothes.
2. Tying specific knots such as sheepshanks, bowlines and clove hitch knots.
3. Identifying trees, edible plants, flowers and berries
4. Baking from scratch.
5. Knitting or crocheting.

Simple memorization skills

We used to rely on memorization for many things, including:

6. Phone numbers and even complete addresses of family members.
7. Highway names or numbers (Route 2, Highway 101).
8. Recipes and measurements.
9. Personal information, such as driver's licence numbers, ATO numbers, employee numbers, locker combinations, etc.
10. Birthdays and anniversaries of relatives and close friends.
11. Simple math, such as simple division.

Writing skills

Although some people still manage to hunt and peck on their phone or computer, imagine getting most people to:

12. Write a proper letter.
13. Use handwriting or cursive that is legible.
14. Fill out forms or applications by hand.

15. Write a check.

16. Write anything and have most of the words and grammar correct.

Direction skills

Both giving and taking. If you didn't have your cell phone, would you be able to:

17. Understand directions, such as "wait on the southeast corner."
18. Know where north or south is from where you are standing.
19. Tell someone, on the phone, the street names and directions they need to use to find you.
20. Read a paper map.
21. Read a compass.

Everyday life skills

The list is endless, but here are a few:

22. How to change a tyre and/or check the oil and water in a car.
23. Understand pounds and ounces.
24. Look up something in a book or dictionary.
25. Read a recipe or a thermometer (non-digital).
26. Write shorthand.
27. Start a fire.
28. Make small talk with strangers
29. Wait patiently for someone – without looking at a smart phone.

Ed: Methinks our generation would cope quite well - not so sure of later generations.

Dingbats solution

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|----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 Knight cap | 4 Panda car | 7 Clipper | 10 Apple pie |
| 2 Hot potato | 5 Hamster | 8 Facial hair | 11 Lipstick |
| 3 Hand me down | 6 Metronome | 9 Daily bread | 12 Playpen |