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Maybe I should look to some song lyrics:

"I've seen fire and I've seen rain...I've seen sunny days that I thought would never end, but I always thought we'd be in U3A again!"

Welcome to our first edition of the OWLS newsletter for 2020. This January/February edition lists a couple of new activities, and our term one schedule is also available.

At time of going to print we are about to host our 2020 Open day and sign on event. This is scheduled for Friday 24 January at the Beaudesert RSL from 10.00am as previously advertised. I look forward to seeing many of our members there checking out the course offerings and enjoying a free morning tea.

For the over 160 members who came along to our Christmas lunch event in December, I hope you all enjoyed the day. There were many lucky door prize winners, and lots of laughs and chatter. The 3-course lunch was a hit, and there

was entertainment from our guitar duo, choir singers of Christmas carols and our line dancers strutting their stuff. A great outing for \$10 per head!

It is with profound sorrow that I also mention the passing of one of our foundation members, Bernie Brown, late in 2019. Bernie will be fondly remembered and sorely missed. Our condolences go to his wife Janet and extended family. Vale Bernie.

A final reminder to all members that your membership fees for 2020 of \$25 per person are now past due. If you have not paid, please do so right away. If you are not financial you will no longer be able to attend classes, and will be removed from our data base.

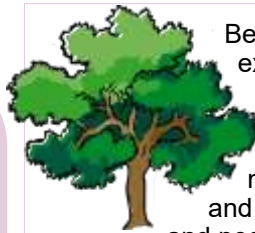
Please advise us if you do NOT wish to renew your membership

A thank you to those who have either done so or have already renewed.

Till next edition

Andy

Farewell Archibald Bernard (Bernie) Brown Tricia Edward



Bernie began his next experience on 27 November 2019 and left behind many people who will miss his knowledge and unique view of life and people. Bernie had

been telling me for the past couple of years that "it is what it is" and I applaud his attitude.

I met Bernie when it was first decided to set up a Beaudesert U3A and I have had the pleasure (and sometimes frustration) of spending time with him since. Many of his ideas were very different from the mainstream and it meant you had to think when

conversing with him. He has contributed to many courses in U3A but my main contact with him was with the Art Appreciation and Meandering Through History.

For this latter course last year Bernie chose a subject for study called "The Black Death". The series of lectures proved very popular with the attendees and the only down was that Bernie was too ill to present most of the lectures but we will always remember it as "Bernie's course".

Even his funeral, held on 5 December, was unique and so like Bernie. It was attended by about 100 friends including U3A members.

Vale Bernie. We shall miss you.

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
Carol Castles Denice Knight
Rita Evans Rosemary Ryan

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

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Welcome



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

- Albert Fawcett Anne Fawcett Coleen Shanks
Greg Hand Lyn Hand

We look forward to seeing you at the activities you have chosen for yourself where, we are sure, you will make many new friends.

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Current courses - term one 28 January-3 April 2020

Course coordinator | Laurel Fechner
Phone 5541 2072 | Email laurel.fechner@gmail.com

Acoustic guitar

IN RECESS term one
Contact Laurel 5541 2072 email laurel.fechner@gmail.com

Aqua aerobics

Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 7.30 am-8.30am
Beaudesert pool.
Contact Trish Fraser 0419 006 988

Art group - all mediums

Wednesdays 9 am-12 noon Uniting Church Hall, cnr William and Duckett Streets
Contact Denise 5546 9879 or 0402 012 267

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 0417 078 712



Calligraphy

First and third Fridays of the month 1.30 pm-3.30 pm at the Arts & Information Centre Enterprise Drive Beaudesert
Contact Sue - 5544 3146

Card playing - Beaudesert

Every Monday 12.45 pm-3.45 pm Arts & Information Centre.
Enjoy 500 or Bolivia.
Contact Di 0468 849 448

Card playing - Jimboomba

Meets every Thursday afternoon 12 noon-3 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 Ken Moran Life Centre, 64 Tina Street Beaudesert (behind Beaudesert Hospital).
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 Lee 0491 046 181

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 12.45 pm-3.00 pm \$3 per session The Centre, Brisbane Street Beaudesert
Contact Trish 0419 006 988 or Helen 0488 411 755

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. Beaudesert Library
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 6.00 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 - February

The first social lunch for 2020 will be on Friday 14 February at the Park Ridge Tavern. 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 Uniting Church hall.
Contact Glenda 5541 4290, 0418 771 758 or Ken 5541 1498

Travel and Adventure Group

Meet second Monday each month at Beaudesert Library from 9.00 am onwards
Contact Ray or Kirtsey raymondarthy@gmail.com

Trivia puzzling

Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 pm at Beaudesert library.
Contact Tex 5541 4772





Best wishes for a very **happy birthday** to our members celebrating birthdays in January or February:

Gary Ahern
Carol Castles
Shirley Foreman
Jean Hansen
Dianne Kelly
Alison Mackenzie
Laurie Sims

Liz Avery
Trish Caverly
Thea Franklin
Jenny Hughes
Ben Kerrison
Gay Robson
Ryan Thomas

Margaret Bingley
Genie Enright
Trish Fraser
Pat Hughes
Maurice Lamb
Kathy Rouse
Elizabeth Tate

Gloria Bremer
George Evans
Keith George
Glenn Johnson
Bernadette McCabe
Pat Ryan
Margaret White

Ann Cahill
Lyndall Ferguson
Joan Gray
Lindy Johnston
Pat Millard
Shirley Schwarz
Pam Williams

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

Mahjong is the name of the game

Cheryl Folley

Mahjong is a word we hear around U3A - we have games each week

at both Beaudesert and Jimboomba. But what do you know about the game? The coordinators of both our groups, Denise and Elizabeth, say they are happy to welcome some curious beginners so if you've wondered, now is the time to find out.

Wikipedia says that Mahjong is a "game of skill, strategy and calculation with a bit of chance as well." It is played with a set of 144 tiles and as is indicated by the name, is a game of Chinese origin although it is played in various forms including westernised versions. The aim is to get all the tiles into four sets and one pair by the end of the game. And it may sound complicated, but Jimboomba coordinator Elizabeth says it's really quite simple once you've tried, and card players especially would have no trouble in adapting. And if you are "hooked," be prepared for a lifelong passion!

The Beaudesert group meets on Thursday afternoons from 1 pm-3.30 pm at the Arts and Information Centre, Enterprise Drive and the Jimboomba games are on Tuesdays from 11 am-2 pm at Dorrington House.



Trip to Fort Lytton



Back in November, Probus organised a day trip to Fort Lytton and some of our U3A members enjoyed an informative day there.

Thanks to Lise Leatherbarrow for the photos.



Social lunch - February

The first social lunch for 2020 will be on Friday 14 February (yes St Valentine's Day) at the Park Ridge Tavern, from 12 noon.

To reserve a place, RSVP to Di text/ phone 0468 849 448 or email candyroxy1946@gmail.com

So, are you keeping in touch?

Cheryl Folley

Our U3A website is aimed at both our members and any interested members of the public. But how often do you check it? Or the Beaudesert U3A Facebook pages? Apart from the chance of seeing yourself on screen, there are always interesting snippets about our activities. You will find the addresses for both at the top of p1 of OWLS.



The following are results from an OZ-words competition where entrants were asked to take an Australian word, alter it by one letter only, and supply a witty definition. Clearly, you need to be an Aussie to understand.

<i>Bludgie</i>	a partner who doesn't work, but is kept as a pet
<i>Dodgeridoo</i>	a fake indigenous artefact
<i>Fair drinkum</i>	good-quality Aussie wine
<i>Flatypus</i>	a cat that has been run over by a vehicle
<i>Yabble</i>	the unintelligible language of Australian freshwater crustaceans
<i>Crackie-daks</i>	hipster tracksuit pants

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Just over 2 years ago Casey, Donna & Gabby bought the Beaudesert Medical Centre Pharmacy and re-branded it Scenic Rim Discount Drug Store

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End of year celebrations for two of our activities: (above left) aqua aerobics and (above right and below) nordic walking





U3A Beadesert Christmas function held at the RSL function room. Looks like everyone had an enjoyable time

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Contact

Judith Zaugg, 0431 016 703, email judithzaugg@yahoo.com

Looking for furniture?

U3A members Pam and Des Fox are relocating and have several pieces of furniture they are wanting to quit prior to their move.

They have available:

- timber indoor day bed
- three-seater, fabric covered lounge (dark blue)
- study desk and computer station
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