

Beaudesert University of the Third Age

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Welcome to New Members

The Management and Membership of the Beaudesert U3A extend a big welcome to the following new members:

Desmond Fox
Stephen Richardson
Dianne Rabjones
Trevor Ross
Tina Jones
Rhonda Moloney
Warwick Armstrong
Ruth Armstrong
Lawrence Simms
Howard Pohner
Denise White
Sylvia Neill
Margaret Canham
Lynette Weckert
Doug Drescher
Lois Maxwell
Daphne Erasmus
Andrew Fechner

Bringing our membership to 77 for 2013.

We hope your association with the Beaudesert U3A will be a long and fruitful one for both you and the group.



Date Claimers

Management Committee:

Friday, 26th April, 10.00am at Centacare, Petersen Street, Beaudesert.

Editorial

A special greeting to all U3A Beaudesert members as we edge a little deeper into Autumn. Easter has just passed, along with all its' mixed blessings of Christian celebration and of course chocolate overload. (Back to the diet and clean living next month for all you over-indulgers!)

I have great pleasure in introducing myself as the

new Co-Editor of the Beaudesert U3A Newsletter, along with stalwart Bernie Brown. My name is Andy Fechner, a new U3A member this year, and I am more than happy to get involved in helping produce some of the communication needed to keep you informed of what is happening in YOUR organization. I believe that it is vital to keep the information flowing so that you can make informed decisions about where and how you would like to be entertained, educated, befriended, heard and amused as we go through the journey of life together.

While the local committee would really like to have another member or two to help develop strategies for the Group at our monthly meetings, we don't seek to harness any member to commitments you are not prepared to make. However, if you have a point to make, an opinion to air, or a suggestion to give, you can contact me at our new "Letters to the Editor" section which will start from our next edition. No obligations- no recriminations- help us to help you..!!
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Annual General Meeting Report

The Annual General Meeting was held at Centacare at 10am on Friday 22nd March 2013. The meeting was well attended although a lack of general members was noticed. However, it is well known that the management of many organisations is often left to a few dedicated people who are willing to take on the tasks in order that the many can benefit.

Apologies and Proxies were accepted and the President welcomed the attendance of local councillor Jennifer Sanders. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were accepted and the President read his report for our 2012 activities. The Financial Report was accepted with the inclusion of the term deposit asset on the report.

After the President thanked the present office bearers for their service in 2012 he handed the meeting over to Joy Drescher for the election of new office bearers and management committee for 2013. Joy gave a vote of thanks to the committee and conducted the elections. The positions are – Hennie van Dyk President; Val Chapman Vice President; Tricia Edward Secretary; Tex White Treasurer; Margaret Kendrick Tutor Co-ordinator with the

management committee of Bernie Brown; Peter Chapman; Trish Fraser; Sharon Redmond and a new member Andy Fechner.

It was decided to leave the membership fees at \$25 per individual and \$40 per couple for 2014 and this was mainly due to the support of Centacare in providing premises for courses. If we had to rent premises our costs would increase considerably. Jennifer Sanders spoke briefly congratulating the organisation on their efforts to provide activities for the people of the Scenic Rim Region and the President closed the meeting inviting general members to remain for the management committee meeting to see how it worked.

Tricia Edward
Secretary



Membership Fees

If you have not already done so, its time renew your membership. Fees for the coming year remain as previously: \$25 single and \$40 for a couple.



Beaudesert U3A Course Outlines 2nd Semester, 2013

Term 2: Monday 15 April - Friday 21 June 2013

*** [Art Group](#) **Art Group "The Limners"**

Wednesdays 9.00 am to 12.00am, starts 17 April at the Centrecare rooms, Peterson Street. Phone Denise Knight 5546 9879 or Margaret 5541 0745

*** [Art Appreciation](#)

Third Wednesday each month, starts 17 April, nominal time 10.00 - 12 noon if not visiting, Centacare Bistro - usually involving art gallery visits with Tricia. A chance to look at and discuss works of art on display in the Scenic Rim and Master Pieces from around the world.
Phone Tricia 5544 1462

*** [General Discussion Group](#)

Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am, starts 16 April. General Discussions on any subject the group wishes. Group participation is the key here. At Kath's House, Dunsinane Street. Phone Peter 5541 3660

*** [Computer Group](#)

Mondays 10am to noon, starts 15 April, at Centacare Bistro room. Hands on Computer Application. Most members bring their laptop along and are assisted by tutors or computer group members with individual tasks or problems.

The aim is helping solve computer related problems through the group. Where the need becomes evident specific additional courses will be held.

Phone Hennie 5541 0745 for more information.

*** **Conservational French**

Introduction to Conversational French. Starts 15 April, Mondays 1.00 pm - 3 pm
Phone Bernie 5544 2042

*** [Genealogy Club](#)

Every second Thursday 10.00 am - noon. Meetings at Centacare and Excursions, starts 18 April.
Phone Tricia 5544 1462

*** **Natural History of the Australian Continent**

Every second Thursday 1.30pm to 3.30pm, starts 2nd May. A 4 weeks DVD series.

First Session Kath's House Dunsinane St
Contact: Tricia Edward 5544 1462

*** [Mosaics](#)

Mondays 1.30pm to 3.30pm at 20 Lincoln Crt, Gleneagle. Starts 8 April 2013.
A hands on course in this fascinating art form which will encourage your imagination to create delightful objects.
Phone Margaret 5541 0745.

*** **Jigsaw Library**

20 Lincoln Crt, Gleneagle. Come along and select one to use from the library. Phone Margaret or Hennie 5541 0745 to arrange selection and collection.

Social activities

*** [Line Dancing](#)

Tuesdays 2.30pm to 4pm, starts 16 April, held at the Uniting Church Hall. This is a great form of exercise, helps balance, movement and is great fun. Come along and have a go.

Phone Val or Trish - Mobile: 0417 440 584

*** [Aqua Aerobics Class](#) at the Aquatic Centre, Telemon Street.

Wednesdays- 9.00am-10.00am. Starts 11th April.

Indoor heated pool. Cost is \$5.00 casual visits, or 10 visits for \$40.00 (\$4.00 per visit), \$76.00 for 20 visits (\$3.80 per visit).

Phone Val- 5541 3660 or Trish – 0417 440 584

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All participants must be paid up members of Beaudesert U3A (\$25.00) per annum (couples \$40.00) and each session has a minimum fee of \$2.00 towards Centacare expenses (tea/coffee, aircon etc). If necessary extra Course costs for photocopying will be set by Tutors.

Course Co-ordinator: Margaret Kendrick

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Tutor/Course Coordinator Report – First Semester

Term one is over, what a quick term that was but as I was away for three weeks, no wonder.

First I would like to thank Val and her right hand man, Peter, for filling in the gaps for me. I knew she would do better than I usually do so did not even think of U3A while I was away. Never even sent her (or anyone else) an email. Thanks Val.

Tricia has already handed me her 2nd Term timetable for Genealogy and Art Appreciation as well as "Natural History of the Australian Continent" which is her new DVD series, "The History of the British Isles", which Mary Street is presenting, is very popular.

I hear that Bernie's Conversational French is really popular and there is talk of wine and cheese so as soon as I find out what date this is happening I will visit them in my capacity as Coordinator.

The Computer group have survived without Hennie for 3 weeks thanks to Val (once again) Bernie and Tricia, and interest is still high.

Aqua Aerobics and Discussion groups have had good attendances and relaxed a lot because I was not there.

Mosaics under my house survived without me thanks to Val and our great group of keen artists. My very own Limners are very sad. Two members (great artists) have moved out of the area and gone to the "Wild West" (Redlands & Tweed). But we are sure to gather new members.

Our Line Dancers are back in business and creating a storm each Tuesday afternoon. Did you know they have banned me????? (Two left feet and a club foot.)

Margaret Kendrick
Tutor and Course Coordinator
22nd March 2013.

Genealogy Field Trip

On the 14th March members of the Genealogy Group took a field trip to the State Library of Qld. in Brisbane. Some of the group made their way by car and bus and I took Val and Peter Chapman in my car. On the whole, the day was a success starting with an orientation talk by Kirsten and then members got down to the business of researching. For a couple of members this was not so successful, but others found information to extend the knowledge of their family. The main purpose of the trip was to familiarize members with the facilities available through the State Library of Qld.

With our heads spinning we had a lunch break for most, with a couple of members choosing to visit Southbank prior to catching the bus back to Browns Plains. After discussions during the lunch break we decided to call it a day and take our spinning heads home and absorb the information that had been found.

Peter, Val and I got in my little car and set out for home. On the journey in to Brisbane my car had played up by seeming to almost stall when stopped at traffic lights for any length of time. But on the return journey we only made it as far as the Qld Conservatorium when my poor little Sassy (car's name) just gave up the ghost. I managed to pull off the very busy Grey Street and parked behind the Conservatorium in a space clearly labelled "No Parking – Tow Away Area". RACQ came after not too long and could find nothing that should cause the problem but the serviceman took the car for a test drive and decided there was a problem. A call to his workshop came up with a computer problem and this meant that the car had to be towed to a repair shop. I

chose to have it towed to Toyota at Browns Plains and a tow truck with a large cab arrived and loaded us all on board.

When this decision was made we had the problem of getting from Browns Plains to Beaudesert and a phone call to our trusty President Hennie solved this dilemma. Of course, unbeknown to us, Hennie had already had an eventful day dealing with a dental problem causing Margaret much pain and he had already driven to Browns Plains and other parts of Brisbane to relieve Margaret's pain and had made it home with the patient only to turn around and drive back to pick us all up. Definitely calls for many thanks from the stranded travellers. Val & Peter kindly drove me home to Rathdowney and then took me back to Browns Plains on Saturday to retrieve the repaired Sassy. I don't know about Hennie, Margaret, Peter & Val, but I spent Friday getting over our very eventful Genealogy Trip.

Tricia Edward

Shopping Excursion to Pacific Fair



As we mentioned in the last Newsletter a trip to Pacific Fair was arranged using the free bus service supplied by the Scenic Rim Regional Council. This took place on Saturday February 16th. Ten members of U3A were booked in and at 8.55am seven of us were outside the Library as arranged ready for a great day out. We were becoming very concerned about our missing threesome as they are usually very reliable to turn up or at least make contact. Attempts were made to contact them to no avail. No answer on either home or mobile phones.

The bus took off 5 minutes late, (as our driver gave them the opportunity to be a few minutes late), without them. As the bus went up the hill towards the coast it stopped briefly outside Beaudesert Fair, our missing trio who were waiting at the regular bus stop realised they were at the wrong place. Unknown to us they attempted to run up the hill to catch the bus, alas to no avail.

By now you must be wondering who the missing trio were. Not wanting to embarrass them BUT it was our esteemed President, Hennie and Course Co-Ordinator, Margaret along with their friend, Tina. They then raced to their car and took off to try to catch the bus at Canungra. Unfortunately, they were held up behind a slow moving truck and arrived at Canungra as the bus was pulling away. Not to be daunted they decided, what the heck, let's go anyway and drove to the Gold Coast. They didn't meet up with the rest of us but had a good day anyway. Meanwhile the rest of us also had a good day. Unfortunately the weather was not the kindest so we spent the day at Pacific Fair, some of us venturing out to Jupiters for lunch.

We hope that our next outing to Musical Mornings on 19th April will be as successful. We may have to pick up our trio to make sure they go to the right venue!!



Art Appreciation Group



The exhibition at The Centre, Beaudesert was titled "A World of Wildlife" and was the 30th Anniversary Exhibition by Queensland Wildlife Artists Society members. On Wednesday 20th March the Art Appreciation Group met at The Centre and saw some brilliant works of art and much discussion took place. I had only one negative on the exhibition, and that was that the winning work was an excellent painting of an African Painted Dog, but it was hung in the passage making viewing restricted to a small area. Personally, I felt that the work should have been hung in a position allowing viewers to stand back and really see the work.

The group then made its way to Boonah for lunch and to view the exhibition at the Boonah Art Gallery. I

have to say that the lunch was less than a great experience with 3 members ordering chicken fillos which proved to be disappointing to say the least.

We then made our way to the gallery to view an exhibition by Sue Dryden called "A Moment in the Bush". The group was hard pressed to see the relevance of the title of the exhibition to the works on display, and the fact that there was no information on the artist available. Our group likes to support local artists whenever possible, but would like to know a little about them.

Finally we made our way to Art & Soul to view the works on display there. A lovely way to finish off a great day.

Our next get together will be on the 17th April when we will look at the second episode of "Baroque" examining Baroque works in Spain. The first episode was enjoyed by members, even those who were not particularly fond of this period of art. We will meet at Centacare at 10am. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tricia Edward

Thanks to Our Sponsors

Many thanks to our sponsors for their ongoing support:



Beaudesert U3A Time-Table: Term 2 2013

Day	Start-Time	Morning Session	Venue	Start-Time	Afternoon Session	Venue
Monday	10 am 15 th April	COMPUTER GROUP Weekly 10-12 noon	Centacare	1.30 pm 8 th April	MOSAICS weekly 1.30-4pm	20 Lincoln Court
				1.00 pm - 3.00 pm 15 th April	CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH	Centacare
Tuesday	9.30 am 16 th April	DISCUSSION GROUP Weekly 9.30-11.30	Kaths House 27 Dunsinane Street	2.30 pm 16 th April	LINE DANCING Weekly 2.30-4 pm	Uniting Church Hall
Wednesday	9 am 17 th April	ART GROUP "The Limners" Weekly 9-12 noon	Centacare			
Wednesday	10 am 17 April	ART APPRECIATION 3 rd Wednesday of each month	Centacare/ Excursions			
Wednesday	9 am - 10.00am	AQUA AEROBICS Weekly	Aquatic Centre Telemon Street			
Thursday	10 am 18 th April	GENEALOGY Every second Thursday. 10am-noon	Centacare/ Excursions	1.30 pm Every other Thursday 2nd May	NATURAL HISTORY OF AUSTRALIAN CONTINENT 1.30-3.30	First meeting only at: Kaths House 27 Dunsinane Street
Friday	00.00	FREE DAY	SHOPPING	00.00	FREE DAY	Relaxing

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