



# Newsletter

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## Date Claimers

**2014 Annual General Meeting Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10.00am. (Includes election of new committee members and office bearers for 2014). To be held at Centacare, 25 Petersen Street, Beaudesert.**

**Nominations for Committee and Office Bearers to be received 1 month prior to the AGM.**

## Editorial

Welcome to 2014- a new year just waiting to unfold, (or be unwrapped- it all depends on your outlook on life).

It was great to see so many members (old and new) come along to our first event of the year-our "Sausage Sizzle Sign on Day) - on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. For those who could not make it, keep an eye out for our next round of events, there will be plenty on this year for you to learn, be entertained, and enjoy.

The 2014 course schedule is listed at the end of this Newsletter, and of course is always maintained at our website- [www.beaudesertu3a.com](http://www.beaudesertu3a.com) – thanks to our busy Webmaster and President, Hennie van Dyk. Several new course projects are underway, and we anticipate offering a cookery club, where we have some keen "Margaret Fulton" types ready to share ideas, in operation in the near future. In addition, a Reading Group / Book Club will be ready to start during Term 1- details will be forthcoming shortly. A lot has happened in the relatively short time since we distributed our last Newsletter, and of course the Festive Season lends itself to so much activity. The standouts for me were:

1. End of year school holidays-a quieter time on the local roads and a chance to see more of grandchildren.
2. The Christmas / New Year weeks- a time for giving and celebration, both religious and feasting. Perhaps some over indulgence too!!
3. A hiatus in the business activity in town as many outlets closed down, and tradies took their traditional break.
4. Hot, Hot, Hot! Summer heat still makes us complain every year, though it's not as if it should be unexpected. In addition, those lightning shows from the summer storms are spectacular, even if fraught with danger.
5. Highway congestion- tried to avoid travelling to the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast particularly on

holiday weekends. Dodging the caravans and mobile homes was a challenge.

6. Missing the company of U3A friends, as most courses took their term breaks. Only the Aqua Aerobics kept going through much of the end of year period, with water activity a welcome pastime.

7. T.V. addiction, with sports telecasts of cricket and tennis dominating screen time!!

I hope you and yours had a safe and enjoyable holiday break, and had plenty of smiles and not too many tears.

Again, welcome to 2014, and may you plan to be proactive and "Unwrap" your year, rather than just let it "Unfold"....

ANDY FECHNER.  
CO- EDITOR.

## Membership Fees 2014

Membership fees for 2014 remain the same as 2013- \$25 per single and \$40 per couple.

You are reminded that fees are due and payable as of 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. Participation in courses and activities offered by the Beaudesert U3A is open only to financial members.

Remember, we are a not-for-profit Community Group, and all office bearers are volunteers. We depend on timely payment of fees to fund purchase of equipment for our members use and enjoyment. Help us to help you...please pay your fees promptly.

## Sign On Day 17<sup>th</sup> January

Around 40 U3A members came along at varying times to our recent 'Sign On' day, and enjoyed a free sausage sizzle with tea and coffee also provided. Our thanks go to Kylie and Sister Catherine at Centacare for their help in handling the catering arrangements. They were ably assisted by yours truly who displayed fine barbecuing skills, although I believe that self praise is no recommendation.

Apart from membership renewals, we also had 6 new members join us for 2014, and there was plenty of discussion about the courses on offer this year.

There was some interest expressed in starting a folk art group to run in addition to our Limners. If you are interested in this "crafty" art form, please contact Margaret Kendrick on 5541 0745. At time of publication, Margaret is in New Zealand visiting friends and family, but will be returning to her Course Coordinator duties early in February. (I think she just wanted to dodge the hot weather).

Once again we give a "Thank You" to Councillor Jennifer Sanders who took the time to visit us on the day. As an organization, we appreciate the interest and support shown by Cr. Sanders on behalf of the Scenic Rim Regional Council in the development of the Beaudesert U3A. We will continue to strive to provide an interesting low cost community based selection of courses, studies, interest groups and social activities for those who want to broaden their

horizons and have interaction with others.

I hope you enjoy catching up with old friends, and meeting new ones in 2014.

Andy Fechner.



*Preparing the Sausage Sizzle*

## Friends of the Library

The initial Annual General Meeting of the Beaudesert Friends of the Library will be held on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014. This is an initiative of the Beaudesert Librarian, Renee Mason, to assist in publicising and promoting the Library and its many services and also to assist in fund raising and helping to set up the book sales which the Library holds periodically. It is also envisaged that the group members will assist in the Library from time to time. Membership costs a nominal \$2.00 per year.

Please come along if you are a bookworm.

## Discussion Group

Every Tuesday morning at 9.30 a lively (and often vocal) group gathers at 'Kath's House' at 27 Dunsinane Street in Beaudesert to air opinions on subjects ranging from International interest right down to very local issues.

Most of the group members are armed with newspaper clippings or lists of items for discussion. As each subject is aired, the group members take great delight in giving their views and opinions on the matter. We often agree, sometimes disagree, but nothing seems to be sacrosanct.

There is usually a story to be told, or an adventure to be recounted and a fair amount of "politically incorrect" banter seems to surface regularly. The most important time is at 10.30am when the kettle is boiled and we have a break for morning tea. Each member (or couple as the case may be) takes a turn to supply the biscuits or cake each week for this welcome break, and then the next hour seems to fly by. We are all done by 11.30am, and go off having had 2 enjoyable hours of (in our opinion) very intelligent chat with friendly like minded people. We have a good range of age groups with diverse

backgrounds, both cultural and life experiences. If you want to have a couple of hours in the company of friendly people, and would like to express some opinions and ideas, then the Discussion Group could be for you. Just come along to "Kath's House" at 27 Dunsinane Street any Tuesday at 9.30am. Cost is \$2 per visit-U3A Members.  
Andy Fechner.

## Art Appreciation

Here we are again all set for 2014. We hope that the talked about hourly bus service from Beaudesert to Brown's Plains will enable the group to easier organise transport to the Qld Art Galleries and Museum.

For our first get together we thought we would stay closer to home and will therefore visit an exhibition of local artist Dave Groom. The exhibition is called Metamorphosis and is a retrospective exhibition.

This will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and it is proposed that the group meet at The Centre in Beaudesert at 10am. Any member interested in joining the group for this experience should let either myself or Mary know.

Unfortunately I will be unable to be there for this get together and Mary has agreed to lead the group. Have a great time.

Tricia Edward Ph 5544 1462

Mary Street Ph.5544 314

## New Course For Term 1, 2014 "Our Aboriginal Heritage"

This course will consist of viewing a DVD with 4 episodes on the Aboriginal People in Australia as well as reference to a book called "The Biggest Estate on Earth" by Bill Gammage which covers how the Aboriginal race managed the country of Australia. There will also be a visit from an archaeologist who has worked extensively in the SE Qld and Northern NSW areas.

The course will cover the environment, anthropology and cultural aspects of the people who have been in our wonderful country for over 50,000 years – longer than continuous settlement in most parts of the world. If you are interested in attending this course please contact Tricia on 5544 1462 or email [shikeo@bigpond.com](mailto:shikeo@bigpond.com)

## Jigsaw Library

The Jigsaw Library is seriously underused and I would love to see more members using this great asset.

We have many Jigsaws and Wasgijs. My favourites are the Wasgijs once tried you will be hooked in a big way. Unlike normal jigsaws the picture on the box is not what you will achieve. The brain gets to get a good workout and your imagination will be stretched.

Give it a go. Just give me a ring on 55410745 to arrange a time to collect one or more. No fees and no set time to return them.

Margaret, 20 Lincoln Court, Gleneagle. 55410745

## Mosaics

The Mosaics Group meet every Monday (term time) under my house at 20 Lincoln Court Gleneagle . We have plenty of space and are able to make as much mess as we like and Mosaics can be a very messy art form.

Some Mosaic members have been coming since we first started classes in 2012 others have come to make 2 or 5 articles and then decided that was enough. Most started with absolutely no previous experience or knowledge but had a wish to give it a go and express themselves. The quality of the work we have achieved is of a very high standard and a credit to all of the members. I am very proud of the Mosaic Group and the laughs and friendships we have made are an extra bonus.

Why not give it a go? Come along any Monday from 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 1.30pm and see us in action. Very little cost is involved as we use mostly recycled materials and there are cutters, snippers etc available to start with. As you progress Hennie is always there to help with the diamond saw and other machinery.

Margaret, 20 Lincoln Court Gleneagle. Phone 55410745

## Current Courses

**Term 1: Tuesday 28th January - Friday 4th April 2014**

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

Wednesdays 9.00 am to 12.00 am, starts 15th January at the Centacare rooms, Petersen Street.

Phone Denise Knight 5546 9879 or Margaret 5541 0745

\*\*\* [Art Appreciation](#)

Third Wednesday each month, 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

\*\*\* **Card Making**

First and third Thursday each month, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, starts 6th February, at Centacare rooms. Phone Maxine Vincent 5541 1449

\*\*\* [Computer Group](#)

Mondays, 10am to 12.00 pm, starts 3rd February 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. Phone Hennie 5541 0745 for more information.

\*\*\* **Conversational French**

Mondays 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm, starts 3rd February at Centacare. Introduction to Conversational French Phone Bernie 5544 2042

\*\*\* **Genealogy Club**

No set days as yet, but Tricia Edward is still willing to help out anyone who is interested, or wants to start a project. Phone Tricia 5544 1462 or via Email: shikeo@bigpond.com for information.

\*\*\* **General Discussion Group**

Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am, starts 28th January. General Discussions on any subject the group wishes. Group participation is the key here. At Kath's House, 27 Dunsinane Street. Phone Peter 5541 3660

\*\*\* **Mosaics**

Mondays 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm, starts 3rd February at 20 Lincoln Crt, Gleneagle.

A hands on course in this fascinating art form which will encourage your imagination to create delightful objects. Phone Margaret 5541 0745.

\*\*\* **Our Aboriginal Heritage**

Thursdays 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm, starts 6th February, duration 7 weeks. Course will cover environment anthropology and cultural aspects of the people who have been in our wonderful country for over 50 thousand years.

**Social activities**

\*\*\* **Aqua Aerobics Class**

Wednesdays and Fridays - 7.30 am - 8.30 am, starts 8th February at the Beaudesert Swimming Pool. Phone Val 5541 3660 or 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.

\*\*\* **Line Dancing**

Tuesdays 2.30pm to 4pm, starts early March, 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 5541 3660 or Trish - Mobile: 0417 440 584

\*\*\* **Table Tennis**

Thursdays 9.30 am to 11.30 pm, starts 30th January held at the Uniting Church Hall. Phone Des or Pam 5541 2662 or Trish: mobile 0417440584

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 any extra Course costs will be set by Tutors.

Course Co-ordinator: Margaret Kendrick  
Phone: 5541 0745 Mobile: 0416950670  
Email: [margaretnorah@gmail.com](mailto:margaretnorah@gmail.com)

## Members' Day – December 2013

Over 40 U3A members enjoyed our last afternoon tea and guest speaker event on the 19<sup>th</sup> December – our Merry Christmas offering.

Beaudesert Branch Librarian, Renee Mason, gave an informative and well received presentation which detailed some past history of library practices, and compared them to the modern format now available.

Once again the Centacare bistro staff provided an excellent afternoon tea which was appreciated by all. A raffle on the day helped raise funds for the Centacare staff Christmas fund.



Hennie van Dyk thanks Guest Speaker Renee Mason



Members enjoying Afternoon Tea

## For Sale

Child's BMX Bicycle, Black. Includes Safety Hat. In good condition. Would be great for use by visiting grandchildren or a gift for them. Price \$40.00. Please ring Val or Peter on 5541 3660.

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You may also wish to consider notices such as 'Help Wanted' or "Services Available" or similar items. Our U3A Newsletter reaches many parts of the wider Beaudesert community in addition to our current membership base.

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## Late Addition:

Confirmation has been received that the 'Cookery Club' will commence on Wednesday the 5th February 2014.

This Group plans to meet twice a month on Wednesday afternoons between 1.00pm and 3.00pm, initially on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

This Group will jointly be hosted by Tina Jones and Laurel Fechner, with the proposed venues alternating between their residences.

Fees will be \$4 per session, and this will cover the cost of all ingredients used in the preparation of the 'Recipe of the Week'. Sufficient quantities will be prepared so that each attendee can enjoy the offering, and a copy of the recipe will be provided.

This group will have strictly limited numbers due to obvious space restrictions, so be quick to register your interest in this 'Hands On' experience.

Join in the fun by contacting Tina Jones on 0418 780861 or Laurel Fechner on 5541 2072.

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