

Beaudesert University of the Third Age

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Happy New Year
To All Our Readers



Welcome to New Members

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

Wendy Monk
Jennefer Richardson
Naomi Wheatley
Dianne Kelly
Robin Kelly
Jo Weymouth

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

Editorial

Welcome to Beaudesert U3A for 2012. Lots of great new courses have been introduced in addition to the regular ones from last year. Our courses cover a wide range of subjects and interests, so make your selections and get your enrolments in. Don't forget to renew your membership for 2012!

Our course list is limited only by the willingness of members to run courses on their favourite subject or a subject that piques their interest. It doesn't matter if you a beginner yourself – we can all learn as we go. This is particularly true for the U3A Online courses which have their own notes and tutor. All that is needed locally is a coordinator to arrange the presentation, etc for the Beaudesert Group. There is lots of support available from the management team and other tutors, so take the plunge. You will be pleasantly surprised by the experience. The best way to learn a subject is to try to teach it.

And now for a personal plug from the editor: The Art Appreciation Group excursions are a great way to enjoy and learn about art with a lively group of like-minded members. The excursion to the Matisse exhibition at the Queensland Gallery of Modern Art next month promises to be another great day out in the city so phone Jean and get on board.



President's Report

My first duty for 2012 is to wish all U3A members a happy and healthy New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Committee Members and our U3A Tutors for all their efforts and hard work throughout 2011.

On behalf of all U3A members I would like to thank Sharon Redmond and Centacare for their support throughout 2011 and look forward to a mutually successful 2012.

The highlight of 2011 was without doubt our first anniversary celebrations on November 28th. Most of our courses were successful and I look forward to new and stimulating courses for this year.

I would like to keep this report short but I cannot stress enough the importance of our need for Tutors, for without Tutors Beaudesert U3A will not function.

Carol Rustichelli, President

Membership Renewals

Members, please take note that 2012 membership fees are now due for payment. These fees are now \$25 each or \$40 per couple. Please contact the Secretary on 5544 1462 to arrange this payment.

Please also be notified that the Annual General Meeting of the Beaudesert U3A will be held at 10am on Friday 23rd March at Centacare. At this meeting all positions will be declared vacant and elections will be held for new members of the Management Committee, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations for these positions will need to be received by the Secretary by 23rd February. Nomination forms are available at Centacare or by contacting the Secretary on the above number.

Proxy forms are also available for the AGM by contacting the Secretary.

Please note that to be eligible to nominate and vote at the AGM you will have to be a financial member.

Tricia Edward, Secretary

Membership and Signing-On Day

On 23rd January the Treasurer, Tex White, and Secretary, Tricia Edward, were present at Centacare to enable members to renew their membership for 2012 and to accept applications from new members.

5 New members were signed up and some members renewed their membership.

We expect that most of our 2011 members will renew their membership at the commencement of their particular course. Have a great year.



Tex White signing up new member Robin Kelly

Tutor's Meeting

On 23rd January Beaudesert U3A commenced its 2012 operation with a meeting of Tutors to discuss the courses offered over the coming year. A list of these courses appears in this newsletter. Also discussed were some new courses for which we hope to attract tutors. If you would like to assist in these endeavours please contact Margaret Kendrick or Tutor and Course Co-ordinator on 5541 0745.



A selection from our fine range of tutors



Successful Grant Application

Just before Xmas I checked our mailbox and received a very pleasant surprise. Our Grant's Sub-Committee had made a submission to the Scenic Rim Regional Council and a lovely letter informed me that we had been granted the sum of \$916 towards the cost of a laptop computer. I couldn't wait to give our President the good news and believe me it did lift her spirits. The Management Committee will acknowledge this grant and put it to good use early in 2012. Congratulations to our Grants Committee.

Tricia



Courses for First Term, 2012

New Courses

Art Group 2 – The Limners

Wednesdays 9.00 am to 12.00am, starts 8th February at the Centcare rooms, Peterson Street, we welcome new members for this second course. Phone Margaret about this course 5541 0745

Mosaics

Starts Monday 6th February 1.30 to 3.30pm at 20 Lincoln Crt, Gleneagle. A hands on course in this fascinating art form which will encourage your imagination to create delightful objects.

I only have a little knowledge of Mosaics. A friend on the Gold Coast got me interested about four years ago. Her work is beautiful and I just might be able to get her to join us at Gleneagle some time in March. I have lots of tiles (glass, teracotta, and ceramic) as well as china, beads, sea shells and bits and pieces and odds and ends all under my high-set home and they are waiting to be used.

I see our course starting with a good discussion about what we personally would like to create, a good look at books and material available, different glues, grout, dyes etc.

If we each start with a simple project we will succeed and progress on by helping each other
Phone Margaret 5541 0745.

Writing family history

The course will be held at Centcare commencing on Tuesday 7th February from 12.15pm to 2pm.

About 12 years ago my son in America had his first child. Maybe he was feeling isolated from his family in Australia or a visit to Denmark to look for his wife's background but he became interested in his roots in Australia. He tried for a couple of years to interest me and eventually I succumbed and have spent the last 10 years digging out facts and stories etc. on my family. My mother told me I was a stickybeak and she couldn't see why I wanted to dig up these things but I was hooked.

In these 10 years I have travelled to Victoria twice and to the UK once to follow up dates etc. and then to write up the stories of those I have found along the way.

When I joined U3A and found they had an online course in Writing Family History I made myself a promise that would be a future commitment and I now have pleasure in offering this course for those of you who may be interested.

The course consists of 6 sessions – Preparing a Plan; Recording your Story; Descriptive Writing; Story Structure; Bringing it all Together and a Revision Session.

Contact Tricia Edward for details. Phone 5544 1462
Email: shikeo@bigpond.com

Our Violent Earth

The class will be held at Centcare commencing on Tuesday 7th February from 2.15pm to 4pm. As I get older I find I am drawn to ponder on more serious subjects. Perhaps it is because I have more time. In any case I have found myself drawn to the wonders of the planet on which we live. In studying the history of man on this planet I have become aware of how insignificant we are in the overall scheme of things. Many times I have looked at a rock formation and wondered how it came to be – perhaps you have also had periods of wonder.

I hope to attract those of you interested in meeting to discuss some of the more fascinating things about our world and some of its features.

The course will run for 8 weeks and discuss a different subject each week – Yellowstone National Park; Tsunamis; Asteroids; The Hawaiian Islands; San Andreas Fault; The Driest Place on Earth; Loch Ness and Iceland. Each subject consists of a 45 minute DVD followed by a discussion on the subject. Hand outs will be available.

It should be fun so contact Tricia on 5544 1462 or email shikeo@bigpond.com if you would like to take part.

Self Publishing Workshop

Dates and times to be announced. Starting end of February.

This is a short course designed to aid self-publishing whatever form it takes.

Following up on requests for help with member publications, I am planning a short course or workshop on self publishing. Book projects may include Poetry, Short Stories, even Novels or Family Histories.

Some members have had experience with publishing their own books, and I hope they will share their experiences. We will also look at how to put a book together - time and costs involved with printing, binding etc.

We will also look at professional publishing – including, hopefully, publications by the Beaudesert Times
(continued)

A further extension to this project is to publish books on the website, and possibly generate ebooks for downloading of members works. At least one member has some experience with ebook publications.

If members produce works using the U3A printer, we will need to cost out paper, cartridges, maintenance and so on realistically.

If you are interested please contact Jean on 5541 3706



Continuing Courses

Art Group 1 - The Fellowship of Artists

Tennis Club House: Tuesdays 9am - 12 noon

Facilitators: Rose Duffy, Christine Purtle

Self-help artists meet to practice art and share experiences. Continuing members only. No new enrolments due to current membership, restricted space and resources.

The group is planning an art exhibition this semester. Dates and Venue to be announced. Submissions from other U3A members are welcome along with a small contribution towards cost of exhibition.

Contact Rose Duffy: 5541 0579

Art Appreciation

Third Wednesday of each month. Nominal time: 10am - 12 noon, Centacare Bistro if not visiting a gallery or other venue.

First Meeting for this semester, 10.30am, Wednesday 15 February Gallery of Modern Art - **Matisse**

Exhibition - Concession \$15 Please contact Jean if you would like to car pool, offer to drive, need further information.

Anyone who enjoys visiting art galleries, discussing art, and sharing ideas are welcome. Trips planned for the future include the wonderful Prado Exhibition in July, at the Queensland Art Gallery, a visit to a private collection, a study of Lionel Bode's masterpieces of the Scenic Rim, and many other activities in the planning stage even a possible bus trip to the Tweed Valley Art Gallery to see the Archibald Prize Portraits. Proposals from members are welcome. Phone Jean 5541 3706

Book Lovers Discussion Group

Last Wednesday each month 9.30 am to 11.30 am. Starts 29th February. This group is a little different so bring along your favourite book and share and exchange with others.

Phone Peter 5541 3660

Camera Club

3rd Monday each month 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Starting February 20th.

New format: a set topic for each month. February topic – any subject.

March: Scapes. April: Nature. May: People.

June: Night. July: Animals. August: Macro

September: Monochrome.

October Through a Window. November: Birds.

Please bring two photographs to each meeting in hard copies or on your computers for discussions and critiquing.

Phone Carol 5541 0352

General Discussion Group

9.30am to 11.30am. Starts Tuesday 7th February.

General Discussions on any subject the group wishes. Group participation is the key here.

Phone Peter 5541 3660

Computer Group

Mondays 10am to noon. Starts 6th February

Monday 6 February **Open Meeting for all U3A**

Members - U3A website

Hands on Computer Application. Most members bring their laptop along and are assisted by tutors or computer group members with individual tasks or problems. Members without a laptop are assisted via access to Centacare desktop computers.

New Format: The group session commences with a short period, all members participating and contributing, discussing computer matters of any kind, exchanging views and information, raising questions.

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.

Jigsaw Library Exchange

Fridays noon to 4.00 pm. Bring your jigsaw along for use by other members and select one to use from the library. Phone Margaret or Hennie on Thursday 5541 0745

Line Dancing

Tuesdays 2.30pm to 4pm with Trish Fraser held at the Uniting Church Hall. First term starts 6th March.

This is a great form of exercise, helps balance, movement and is great fun. Come along and have a go.

please phone Trish late February.



Recipe club

Monthly get together trying out samples of a "Theme" meal at members homes third week of each month. Starts Friday 17 February 2012. Phone Val 5541 3660 or Margaret 5541 0745

Still On the Table Courses

Myths and Legends

To stimulate interest in these stories which have been an important part of the lives and cultures of those who have believed in them. Phone Bernie 5544 2042

Shoe Ships and Sealing Wax.

Calls for contributions to the Creative Arts Magazine will be made at the beginning of the second semester (**July**), so start thinking, writing and creating so we have plenty to draw on. The 2011 publication was extremely well received, and Hennie did a wonderful job with the web production. Any questions, suggestions, submissions please contact Jean. 5541 3706

History of the British Railways

Looking at railways in Great Britain from their creation until nationalization in 1947 with a detailed look at the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway.

Card Making – Another hands-on course for a very popular craft form.

Creative writing:

Do you want to write your life history, your family history or just write, are you interested to do an on line course through the U3A Queensland Network?

Sharing Knowledge and Skills:

For prospective Tutors:

Monthly Luncheon.

Scenic Rim food experiences

Monthly Theatre/Movies Lovers outings.

Phone Carol 5541 0352 or Val 5541 3660

**Please register your interest with
Margaret, 5541 0745**

Submit any subject you would like to share your knowledge of.



All courses are held at the Centacare rooms, 6–12 Peterson Street, Beaudesert, unless otherwise indicated.

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
Phone 5541 0745
Email: margaretnorah@gmail.com



Beaudesert U3A Web Site


Hennie continues to expand our web site. There are new documents about computer applications from the U3A Network, downloadable forms, tutors' pages and other improvements. Well worth a visit.

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Beaudesert U3A Time-Table: Term 1 2012

Day	Start-Time	Morning Session	Venue	Start-Time	Afternoon Session	Venue
Monday	10 am 6 th Feb	Computer Group Weekly 10 – noon	Centa care	1.30 pm 20 th Feb	Camera Club 3 rd Monday of each month. 1.30 – 4 pm	Centa care
				1.30 pm 6 th Feb	Mosaics Weekly 1.30 – 4pm	20 Lincoln Court
Tuesday	9 am 10 th Jan	Art Group 1 Fellowship of Artists No new enrolments	Tennis Club	2.30 6 th Mar	Line Dancing Weekly 1.30 – 4pm	Uniting Church Hall
	9.30 7 th Feb	Discussion Group Weekly 9.30 – 11.30	Centa care	12.15 7 th Feb	Writing Family History Weekly 12.15 – 2pm	Centa care
				2.15 pm 7 th Feb	Our Violent Earth Weekly 2.15 – 4pm	Centa care
Wednes day	9 am 8 th Mar	Art Group 2 The Limmers Weekly 9am-noon	Centa care			
	10 am* 16 th Feb	Art Appreciation 3 rd Wednesday of each month Nominally 10-12 noon*	Centa care/ excursi on			
	9.30am 29 th Feb	Book Lovers Group Last Wednesday of each month 9.30 – 11.30 am	Centa care			
Thurs day	tba	Self-Publishing Workshop	Centa care			
Friday	tba 17 th Feb	Recipe Club Third week of each month	Mem- bers homes	12 noon 10 th Feb	Jigsaw Library Exchange Phone in advance	20 Lincoln Court



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U3A Online Web Site

The new U3A Online Web Site is here!! The address for the new site is www.u3aonline.org.au - the same as is the current site but because it will direct to a different server you will need to **reset your bookmarks/favourites** for the new site. Best to do this the first time you go there.

An Alternative Book Club

On Thursday 19th January I attended a meeting at the Beaudesert Library with a group of people forming a Book Club using the Library facilities. The group was gathered by Marion Sawyers, a young and enthusiastic lady, who has already organised a selection of books. It is intended that the group will meet at the library at 1pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next meeting to be on 16th February. Six other people attended this first get together plus

myself. I went along to enable me to pass on to U3A book lovers the details for any of our members interested in joining this group. In the early of our formation interest was expressed in forming a book club but it proved difficult to access the required books and I considered this group could be the answer to those problems.

Marion would like to limit the group to ten members so there are a few vacancies. If you are interested in this activity please contact Marion on 5541 2849 or email: marionarthy_25@hotmail.com

Home Exchange Website

In late November we received an email from a group introducing a website offering home exchange with particular emphasis on over 50's.

The concept of home exchange is not new and has been operating successfully for some time giving members the opportunity to spend time in another part of either Australia or other countries by exchanging with other like-minded people. As accommodation is a large part of the expense of travelling this could be of great benefit.

The site is free to join and use and is designed for the older traveller. Anyone interested in this offer should contact Brian and Catriona Luckhurst on their website – www.homeexchange50plus.com.

Overseas Tours

U3A Melbourne City has forwarded details of 2 tours they are organising for 2012. They are a French Study Tour in France in the Loire Valley in July 2012 and a UK Universities Tour in August 2012.

The French Tour is designed for students of French and will include classes for 3 hours each morning followed by an afternoon tour of highlights of the Loire Valley with leisure time.

The UK University Tour has an historical emphasis and includes visits to main centres of Canterbury, Oxford, Chester, Edinburgh, Cambridge and London staying in university colleges in single rooms with en-suites.

If you are interested in either of these tours brochures are available from our Secretary, Tricia Edward.



Bye Folks!

