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Beaudesert U3A Inc. Newsletter

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Date Claimers

Members Day: Thursday 19th December, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Where: Centacare, Petersen Street. Come along and enjoy a Christmas afternoon tea and the guest speaker Renee Mason.

Management Committee Meeting

Friday 1st November, 10.00am,
Kath's House 27 Dunsinane Street, Beaudesert.
Friday 29th November, 10.00am at Centacare.
All welcome.

Computer Group

The tutors of the Computer Group are interested in hearing from members in regard to expressions of interest in extending the scope of our group to include learning how to use tablets and smart phones.

Any members interested please contact Hennie on Ph. 5541 0745 or Val on Ph. 5541 3660 to discuss ways in which the group can assist, perhaps with professional help from either Telstra or Optus.

Editorial

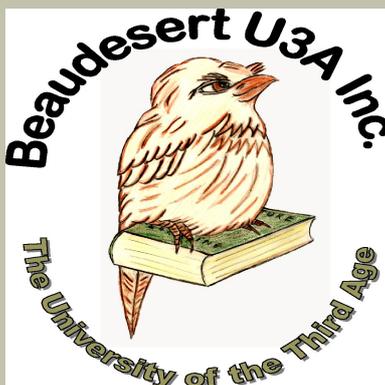
A change of pace for this month's editorial.....

I count myself fortunate to have decided to take the time to go to the Beaudesert Library event on Friday 18th October called "Conversations". This initiative is designed to have a (usually) local person share a story from or about their life with an audience.

On this occasion, the speaker was not strictly local, but originally from Brisbane. Don Tate, author of "The War Within", and now a second book "Anzacs Betrayed", gave a personal narrative of part of his life story, particularly focusing on his experiences as an infantry soldier in the Vietnam War. He was subsequently wounded in action and was hospitalized for a long period. He continues to carry the legacy of those wounds, both physical and mental.

He showed graphic footage from film he took personally during his time in Vietnam, which is now archived at the Australian War Museum.

As one who lost a cousin (a National Serviceman) who was called up through the "Lucky Birthday Lotto" "which was in place at the time, I found Don Tate's



address both personally moving and disturbing.

This man deserved to be heard by far more than the 5 local residents who sat spellbound for an hour listening and watching his presentation. I bought a copy of his book, and Scenic Rim Libraries have a copy to loan out—"The War Within".

I for one will be looking for the next offering of a "Conversations" morning at the Beaudesert Library.

Andy Fechner.

Scenic Rim Council Community Groups Meeting.

On the 17th October representatives from the U3A committee joined other Community Groups at The Centre in Beaudesert to discuss and consider proposals being put forward by the Scenic Rim Regional Council for 2014.

The Council is proposing to support several "whole of community" events next year.

These will include:

A National Volunteers Day event, designed to thank all volunteers in all Community organizations for their efforts.

A "Savvy, Wise and Well" seminar, hosting local guest speakers from the finance sector, law enforcement and healthcare areas. Members from community groups will be invited to attend, along with any interested persons.

A Community Services Expo where local community groups and organizations can come together in the one venue to showcase their offerings.

The Beaudesert U3A supports these initiatives, and it is heartening to see the Scenic Rim Regional Council being so proactive.

MORE NEWS AS THIS DEVELOPS.

Aqua Aerobics U3a Style

Aqua Aerobics started with a big splash on Wednesday 10th October at the local pool. A beautiful day with bright sunny sky, the water was lovely and that comment comes from me a non-swimmer who likes to see the steam coming off any water I would put my body in. Anyway a good workout was achieved and a lot of fun had.

Come Friday the sky was very overcast and it was spitting rain. Once in the water it was very warm and we managed the workout and fun. But only half our team had turned up!!!! I know we start early (7.30 am) but really that and a little bit of rain and no sun is no excuse. So listen up you big soaks, you are U3A members ready and willing to show up come rain,

hail or shine. I will be asking for notes and a doctors certificate if it happens again.

We have two new members Annette and Tina. Like me Tina is a non swimmer but I have assured her we will not let her drown. I have been pretending my feet are off the bottom of the pool since we started Aqua Aerobics and have only had one ducking (make that 3 on the same morning) and I am still turning up every Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 am (come rain, hail or shine).

See all you brave souls next Wednesday.

Margaret.

Genealogy

Because the nature of this subject is highly individual I have decided to offer my services to assist anyone interested in starting their family search and to this end I am available by either emailing or phoning for an appointment.

There may be times when a group can visit places to assist in the research but I feel more can be achieved by this method and look forward to hearing from you.

Tricia Edward
Ph. 5544 1462
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Art Appreciation Group

On Wednesday 16th October a trip was organised to the Qld Museum to see the Afghanistan Treasures Exhibition. The trip was not very well attended but those who came along enjoyed being able to see exhibits from excavations in north/eastern Afghanistan. I was particularly interested in the mixing of the cultures from the general area which no doubt came about because of the use of the Silk Road by those cultures. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day.

For our last get together for the year on the 20th November we have decided to meet at Centacare for a report by Mary Street and myself on our visit to Canberra to see the Turner Exhibition earlier in the year. Mary and I purchased DVD's of Turner's work and Mary bought the book of the exhibition so you will have plenty to see of this artist's work. The get together will be from 10am to noon. I look forward to seeing members there on that day.

[Tricia Edward](#)

Art Appreciation Excursion

On Wednesday 18th September seven members of the art appreciation group and a guest member from Boonah U3A made their way to the Logan Art Gallery for an exhibition of the works of Lloyd Rees. We were greeted by Michael Wardell who gave us a very extensive background on this artist. Some members knew of Lloyd Rees life and works but for those of us who were not as familiar Michael's talk was most informative and made the exhibition that much more interesting.

The group are planning to visit the Qld Museum on Wed. 16th October to view the exhibition of Afghanistan's Hidden Treasures and we would welcome anyone interested in attending. As this trip is into the city it is necessary to have a firm idea of those wishing to attend and their transport requirements well before the date.

Please contact Tricia Edward on 5544 1462.



Art Appreciation Group at Logan Art Gallery

Beaudesert Library "New Residents Meeting"

Along with other Community groups, U3A representatives were invited to give a brief overview of our services to interested "New" residents of our local area at an 'Open night' at the Beaudesert Library on 17th October.

The evening was well supported by the Scenic Rim Council, with both the Mayor John Brent, and Councillor Jennifer Sanders attending.

Close to 15 community groups were represented, and it was heartening to see several new residents taking advantage of the opportunity to learn more about what is on offer in the Scenic Rim.

The Beaudesert Library plans to run up to 3 of these events each year. A light supper was provided, and I think that each community group member enjoyed hearing what their contemporaries had to offer.

I am not sure what the criteria are to be classed as a "New" resident- it was suggested that anyone who has lived in the area for less than 20 years qualifies....!!

Beaudesert U3A Course Outlines 4th Semester, 2013

Term 4: Monday, 8th October – Friday, 13th December 2013

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

Wednesdays 9.00 am to 12.00am, at the Centrecare rooms, Peterson Street. Phone Denise Knight 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

*** [General Discussion Group](#)

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

*** [Computer Group](#)

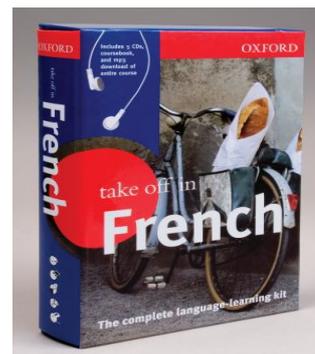
Mondays 10am to noon, at Centacare Bistro room. Hands on Computer Application. Most members bring their laptop along and are assisted by tutors or computer group members with individual tasks or problems.

The aim is to help 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](#)

Continuing Conversational and written French. Text required costs \$31 approx. Every Monday, 1.00 pm - 3 pm

Phone Bernie 5544 2042



*** **Genealogy Club**

Meetings and excursions arranged as appropriate.
Phone Tricia 5544 1462

*** **Mosaics**

Mondays 1.30pm 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.
Phone Margaret 5541 0745.

*** **Card Making Group**

Lively group of creative people meet at Centacare,
Thursday at 10.00am. Contact Margaret, 55410745.

*** **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.

*** **Aqua Aerobics**

This popular class will begin on 15th October. Call Margaret for details, 5541 0745.

Social Activities

*** **Line Dancing**

Tuesdays 2.30pm to 4pm, 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

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
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Beware of Scams

As we age, medical evidence has proved we suffer from reduced physical and mental ability to perform normal everyday tasks.

It is this reduced mental function some scammers will target to take advantage of us. While it is not only senior people scammers will zero in on, we are some of the most vulnerable. Scams come in various forms and formats. From the so called "tradies" who cold call at your residence, and try to talk you into work you may not require and demand you pay up front, or drive you to your bank for the money after

the job has started. You will probably finish up with a very substandard job or uncompleted work. Other methods used are cold calling on your phone requesting donations to so called charities or some obscure organisation of whom you have never heard.

Then there is the internet, and this is a scammer's paradise. You have probably received via E-mail requests for your name, address and other personal information. You may have received advice that you have won or been left a large amount of money or other valuables in a will or other. While I don't know about you, I don't have any rich relatives past or present.

If you have experienced any of the problems above, **DO NOT REVEAL ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION** to these people! Not only are they after your cash and property, they will use your private information to forge drivers licences, passports, credit cards and obtain money from lending institutions in **YOUR NAME**. While you may be able to get these sorted out it is quite a problem. Please do not give out any of this information if you have **ANY** doubts.

If you have been involved in a scam, you can report same to the following. The Federal Government has a special web site set up for this purpose. Go to www.scamwatch.gov.au and complete the online form, or you can phone 1300 795 995 office hours Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.00pm. closed Weekends and National Public Holidays. If you require immediate assistance phone 000. Police Link is another State Crime number you can ring at 131444, Web Site www.police.qld.gov.au, or phone Beaudesert Police on 55421155.

Above all stay alert and stay safe.

Tex White, Treasurer

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**Beaudesert U3A Time-Table:
Term 4 - 8th October – 13th December 2013**

Day	Morning Session	Venue	Afternoon Session	Venue
Monday	COMPUTER GROUP Weekly 10.00-12.00	Centacare	MOSAICS weekly 1.30-4 pm CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH Weekly 1.00-3.00 pm	20 Lincoln Court Centacare
Tuesday	DISCUSSION GROUP Weekly 9.30-11.30	Kaths House 27 Dunsinane Street	LINE DANCING Weekly 2.30-4 pm	Uniting Church Hall
Wednesday	ART GROUP "The Limmers" Weekly 9-12 noon	Centacare		
Wednesday	ART APPRECIATION 3 rd Wednesday of each month 10.00 am-noon	Centacare/ Excursions		
Wednesday	AQUA AEROBICS Weekly 7.30- 8.30	Beaudesert Swimming Pool		
Thursday	TABLE TENNIS Weekly 9.30-11.30	Uniting Church Hall	CARD MAKING Weekly 10.00 – 12.00 pm	Centacare
Friday	AQUA AEROBICS Weekly 7.30- 8.30	Beaudesert Swimming Pool		

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