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# Beaudesert U3A Inc. Newsletter

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## *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:

**Brian Hamlyn**  
**Daryl Gardner**  
**Marjorie Gardner**  
**Annete Dowie**  
**Robert Fraser**

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



### **Date Claimers**

**Members Day:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Where: Centacare, Petersen Street. Come along and enjoy a Christmas afternoon tea and guest speaker to be advised.

#### **Management Committee Meeting**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00am,  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 10.00am,  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00am.  
All welcome.

#### **Art Appreciation Group**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October,  
Afghanistan Hidden Treasures,  
Queensland Museum.  
Contact Tricia Edward 5544 1462

### **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

SPRING HAS SPRUNG ! THE GRASS HAS RIS..  
I WONDERS WHERE THE BIRDIES IS..??  
THEY SAY THE BIRDS ARE ON THE WING....BUT  
THAT'S ABSURD..  
BECAUSE THE WINGS ARE ON THE BIRD...!!!  
(Apologies to Percy Shelley).

Well, winter in our region didn't really take much of a grip this year, and I have it from a local gardener person that the mild season has helped the weeds and bugs to proliferate in even greater numbers than previously. (Nothing like good news to brighten the day)...

We are gearing up for the fourth and final term of the U3A year for 2013. (I can't believe that the time has gone so quickly, and the next thing we will be talking about will be Christmas)..

The local Beaudesert Show has had another successful 2 days...there seemed to be more commercial exhibitors displaying their wares around the grounds than ever. The cookery and produce displays appear to be attracting fewer entries, as could be said for the needlework area too. Do we have less time to get involved, or is it a dwindling of traditional skills?

I would hate to think that apathy and a lack of pride in community involvement could be taking root in our beautiful country town.

Federal Election... 'T.G.I.O.' (Thank goodness it's over).. However, I guess it will be a little while before the dust settles and the scandals and recriminations come out of the woodwork.

**We'll be friends until we are old and senile...  
Then we'll be new friends..!**

## Centacare Official Opening

The official opening and blessing of Centacare's building took place on Tuesday, 27 August 2013. The blessing was performed by Bishop Brian Finnigan assisted by Father Bernard Gallagher. The sprinkling of 'Holy Water' reached every nook and cranny of the building.

Beaudesert U3A was represented by Tex and Margaret White, Margaret Kendrick and Hennie van Dyk. U3a was acknowledged by Centacare official speakers and the Hon. Jon Krause.

The refreshments were excellent, not the least the punch. There was a large attendance, and the ceremony was enjoyed by all.

Margaret, Hennie.

## Combined Beaudesert And Jimboomba Luncheon

Lavender Blue Dilly Dilly...Lavender Green,  
When I am King Dilly Dilly, You'll be my Queen...!!  
I hope you are old enough to remember some of the lyrics of this song....I may really be showing my age...!!

Around 40 U3A members and guests, 18 from Beaudesert and over 20 from Jimboomba enjoyed a drive in beautiful weather to the Mt. Alford area to Kooroomba Lavender Farm and Restaurant / Winery on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> August...the venue for the Jimboomba U3A monthly social luncheon outing. I am not too sure how many got lost or side-tracked on the day, but there were 2 sisters-in-law who seemed to travel more distance than anyone else to get there, after having to do U-turns and back track. Carol and Patricia vowed that the written directions were to blame..!!

In any case, we had a lovely outing, and it was nice to have local Councillor Jennifer Sanders and her Mum Lyn Dickman, Musical Director of Glad's Girls along on the day. I thought that the President of the Jimboomba U3A, Pat Caverly was very brave to be there, given she has an allergy to lavender..!! The 2 course meal of roast beef main and then dessert for \$16.50 per head kept the cost reasonable, and of course our car pooling made travel arrangements easier.

Beaudesert and Jimboomba U3A Groups enjoy reciprocal rights, so if you are interested in taking part in any Jimboomba course or event in addition to those offered by Beaudesert, you will be made welcome.



## Members Day

Around 40 members and visitors enjoyed an interesting and informative presentation from a wonderful guest speaker, Patricia Varnum, a local Practice Nurse, on Wednesday 14th August at Centacare.

Patricia's subject was "Health Care during Ageing", but in reality, the items discussed could (and should), be applied to personal health care at any time. One of the major discussion points was the importance of having a personal health plan set up by your local G.P. which in turn gives access to other health professionals such as dietitians, podiatrists and optometrists for fully funded visits during the year, to help manage any chronic health problems. Patricia's powerpoint presentation was supported by a huge variety of brochures covering a multitude of conditions, and the audience was engaged with a great question and answer session.

In addition, U3A members of current course groups set up a fabulous display of some of the excellent work done over recent months. These included the Limners Art group, the Mosaics Club, the relatively new and successful Card Making class, the Jigsaw library and the fledgling Chess Group. Many thanks to all who contributed their time and effort to the display.

All members and visitors enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea catered by Sharon Redmond and the Centacare Bistro team, funded by the U3A. We were also fortunate to have Councillor Jennifer Sanders attend the afternoon event. Jennifer continues to be a fine supporter of U3A activities, and is working very hard in her role in the local community, with a growing profile in the region. Last, but not least, 2 visitors on the day applied to join our U3A Group after seeing some of what we had to offer.

**\*Please note, despite her willingness to demonstrate, we were unable to set up a pool big enough in the room for Trish Fraser to engage in Aqua Aerobics....(I am told she did bring her bathing suit). Line dancing and Table Tennis Groups were also unable to provide demonstrations for similar reasons...!!**



Patricia Varnam addresses members

## Beaudesert U3A Course Outlines 4th Semester, 2013

Term 4: Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013

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

Wednesdays 9.00 am to 12.00am, at the Centcare 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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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## **New Membership Joining Fee Restructure**

In order to make things fairer for new members who may want to join the Beaudesert U3A during the course of the calendar year, it has been decided to adopt the following new membership fee payment structure:

1. New members joining in the first quarter through till 31<sup>st</sup> March pay full year fees.
2. New members joining in second quarter 1<sup>st</sup> April till 30<sup>th</sup> June pay 75% of annual fees.

3. New members joining in third quarter 1<sup>st</sup> July till 30<sup>th</sup> September pay 50% of annual fees.
4. New members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> October each year pay full fees which then covers the end of that year, AND the following year.

Currently our fees are \$40 per couple or \$25 per single annual membership.

- NOTE. This structure applies to NEW JOINING MEMBERS ONLY.
- Existing members are reminded that annual fees are due and payable from the 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. Any member not paid up by 26<sup>th</sup> January each year will be regarded as unfinancial and will be unable to vote at any subsequent meeting until fees are paid.
- Members are also reminded that Insurance cover carried by the Beaudesert U3A extends only to financial members for course attendance.

## **Member's Survey**

In an ongoing effort to improve the course content of the Beaudesert U3A, and ensure that we have maximum appeal to all our members, the Committee will be conducting a survey over the coming weeks seeking your feedback.

We plan to keep this survey as simple as possible, but still provide us with meaningful information which we can use to benefit our members.

Should you wish, your feedback can remain anonymous, but we accept any and all comments with an open mind, and a determination to make the Beaudesert U3A a leading Community Group in the Scenic Rim area.

**PLEASE PARTICIPATE AND GIVE YOUR RESPONSE IN DUE COURSE....**

## **Letters to the Editor.**

Dear Editor, Beaudesert U3A

I agree with the concerns voiced in last month's letter to the Editor. I have also noticed that the price of fuel is uniform among all the Service Stations in Beaudesert. This is because the Service Stations are all controlled and owned by the same Company. Until we get an independent operator in Beaudesert, nothing will change. I have also noticed that when the supermarkets increase the size of the discount vouchers the bowser price rises in accordance with the larger discount. All we can do is endeavour to purchase our fuel in an area where there is some competition, but unfortunately this is not always practical.

Name and address supplied.

## **CENT AUCTION**

### **TUESDAY FRIENDS EVENT.....NOT TO BE MISSED!!!**

A gold coin donation secures both your entry on the day, plus a great morning tea supplied.

Come along to the clubhouse at 6-12 Petersen Street on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October for a great morning of fun and good company.  
Time: 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there...all welcome..!!

## **A Centacare Sponsored Event**

### **Bams Theatre....” Beauty And The Beast”**

A timely reminder to all members that the BAMS Theatre Group will be presenting the spectacular production “Beauty and the Beast” at The Centre in Beaudesert commencing with the Red Carpet Premier Performance on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at a curtain time of 7.30pm.

For all performance times and dates go to “liveatthecentre.com.au” or phone 5540 5050.

## **Thanks to Our Sponsors**



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

Day	Start Time	Morning Session	Venue	Start-Time	Afternoon Session	Venue
<b>Monday</b>	10.00 am 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>COMPUTER GROUP</b> Weekly 10.00-12.00	Centacare	1.30 pm 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>MOSAICS</b> weekly 1.30-4 pm	20 Lincoln Court
				1.00 pm 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH</b> Weekly 1.00-3.00 pm	Centacare
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30 am 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>DISCUSSION GROUP</b> Weekly 9.30-11.30	Kaths House 27 Dunsinane Street	2.30 pm Starts 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>LINE DANCING</b> Weekly 2.30-4 pm	Uniting Church Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00 am 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>ART GROUP "The Limners"</b> Weekly 9-12 noon	Centacare			
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>ART APPRECIATION</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month 10.00 am-noon	Centacare/ Excursions			
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.30 am 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>AQUA AEROBICS</b> Weekly 8.30- 9.30	Beaudesert Swinning Pool			
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>TABLE TENNIS</b> Weekly 9.30-11.30	Uniting Church Hall	10.00 am 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>CARD MAKING</b> Weekly 10.00 – 12.00	Centacare
<b>Friday</b>	0.00	<b>FREE DAY</b>	<b>SHOPPING</b>	0.00	<b>FREE DAY</b>	<b>RELAXING</b>

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