Friends of the committee

If you would like to join with the following people who have nominated that they will help where they can at occasional events outings and functions, your involvement will be most welcome.

June Carey  Patricia Castles
Carol Castles  Trish Alexander
Denice Knight  Rita Evans
Lise Leatherbarrow  Catherine Kelly
Rosemary Ryan

To register as a friend of the committee, please contact:
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Current courses - term one 2018
22 January-29 March

Acoustic guitar
Thursdays Centacare rooms 1.30 pm-3.30 pm. Tutor Ken Jurd.
Contact Laurel 5541 2072 email andyfechner@bigpond.com

Aqua aerobics
Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 7.30 am-8.30 am, at the Beaudesert pool.
Contact Paulette 5543 1261

Art appreciation
Thursdays 10 am-12 noon Centacare rooms. Contact Mary 5544 3146 or Jean 5541 3706

Art group The Limners
Wednesdays 9 am-12 noon at the Centacare rooms.
Contact Denice 5546 9879

Book club
Meets first Monday of each month 2 pm-4 pm at 151 Cedar Grove Road Cedar Grove. Cheese, nibbles, tea, coffee provided. BYO drinks.
Contact Lynn 5543 1430 or mobile 041 707 8712

Card playing - Beaudesert
Every Monday 1 pm-4 pm at Centacare rooms Enjoy euchre, canasta, samba, 500 or Bolivia.
Contact Pat 5541 2492 or 0413 121 367

Card playing - Jimboomba
Meets every Thursday afternoon 12 noon-3 pm at Dorrington House Jimboomba.
Contact Pat 5541 2492 or 0413 121 367

Croquet club
Play Tuesdays 8.00 am-11.30 am, Everdell Park Gleneagle.
Contact George 5541 0706 or Trish 042 948 9989

Computer group
First and third Mondays 9.30 am-12.30 noon at Centacare bistro room. Members may bring their laptop along for assistance by tutors or computer group members with individual tasks or problems.
Contact George 5541 0706

Gardening group - BUGs
Meet third Friday of each month 10.00 am-12 noon at Centacare. Trips away between each meeting.
Contact Liz 048 815 5506, email brizzie@bigpond.com

General discussion group
Meets Tuesdays 9.30 am-11.30 am Ken Moran Life Centre, 64 Tina Street Beaudesert (behind Beaudesert Hospital).

All course participants must be paid up members of Beaudesert U3A. Most sessions have a minimum fee of $2 towards venue expenses (tea/coffee aircon etc.) If necessary, extra course costs for other requirements will be set by tutors.

General discussions on any subject group members propose.
Contact Andy 5541 2072

Jigsaw library
Select a jigsaw (or a wasgij) to use from the library. For selection and collection contact Sandra 5541 0978

Mahjong - Jimboomba
Meets every Tuesday 11 am-2 pm Dorrington House Jimboomba.
Contact Elizabeth 5546 9689

Mahjong - Beaudesert
Thursday afternoons 1 pm-3.30 pm Centacare rooms. Beginners welcome.
Contact Denise 5541 2801

Mosaics
Meet Mondays 1.30 pm-3.30 pm at 533 Cryna Road Beaudesert. A hands-on course in a fascinating art form.
Contact Beryl 5541 2120

Nordic walking
Meet by the pool/library Monday and Friday, by the showgrounds gates Wednesday, walk 5.30-6.30 am. You will need a pair of poles, comfortable sports walking shoes, bottle of water.
Contact Lawrie 0423 322 975

Social conversational French
Every Monday 1.00 pm-3.00 pm Centacare rooms.
Contact Jane 5541 2321

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Social lunch - February see page 4 for details
Social tennis
Wednesdays 8 am-12 noon venue Beaudesert tennis courts Boonah Road.
Contact Tex 5541 4772

Table tennis
Thursdays 9 am-12 noon held at the Uniting Church hall.
Contact Des or Pamela 5541 2662 or 0448 133 146

New time
Aqua aerobics

Whoopee!! - the promised removable steps into the pool have finally arrived and are in use. Members of the aqua aerobics group are now experiencing no difficulty getting in or out of the pool.

Our grateful thanks to the Scenic Rim Council for providing this invaluable aid for the community, especially for those of our members who have dodgy hips, backs or knees, or who just find it hard to climb into or out of the water.

There is no excuse now for you not to come and join in a session of exercise and fun. The group meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning, 7.30 am to 8.30 am at the Beaudesert pool. Contact Paulette, 5543 1261, for further information.

Discussion group

This group meets at the Ken Moran Centre, 64 Tina Street, Beaudesert, behind the Beaudesert Hospital.

From 9.30 am to 11.30 am every Tuesday morning of school terms, members of U3A discussion group solve the problems of the world and argue the merits of any and all subjects.

Each member is asked to table a subject, give an opinion or statement, and then the rest of the members air their comments and views on the subject. Needless to say there are usually some conflicting points of view, and robust debate, all in a very jovial and friendly atmosphere. No subject is taboo, as we are of the age where any public person or icon is fair game, although there is a fair amount of reminiscing as well...

We have had a couple of new members to the group recently, and now have a pool of around 10, but the usual numbers attending are around eight due to those who may be away on holidays or caught up with medical appointments or babysitting duties, (hence our operation only during school terms).

$2 per session gets morning tea/coffee and cake or biscuits at 10.30 am (provided in turn by attending members, so this works out about once each term for each member). We donate some funds at the end of the year to an appropriate needy cause, and have enough left over to have a small get together at the end of the year.

If you have a couple of hours to spare, and would like to share in the interesting discussions that our group throws up each week, give me a call - 0408 801780, 5541 2072 or e-mail andyfechner@bigpond.com.

We will resume activities on Tuesday 23 January for term one of 2018.

Possible new course

There is an opportunity for Beaudesert U3A members to join a new activity that may be starting. It is a scrapbooking course, run by Anita Mahon. The cost is $10 per session, which covers the cost of all materials; sessions will be held once a month on the last Tuesday of each month from 9.30 am. Anita will also provide tea and coffee.

If Tuesdays do not suit the majority of people interested in joining the group, the weekends may be an alternative.

A minimum of four people, maximum of eight, is necessary for this course to go ahead. Please register your interest by email u3abeaudesert@gmail.com, or phone Andy, 5541 2072.

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The Nordic walkers are back into their stride for 2018, albeit walking a little slower after a Christmas break. Due to the very warm mornings, we now commence walking at 5.30 am and finish at 6.30 am, ready to face whatever the day holds for us. We started the year off with a shared breakfast after our Friday morning walk (which was also to celebrate Liz's January birthday) at Muriel Drynan Park.

Social lunch outing - February

The first social lunch outing for 2018 will be Friday 9 February from 12 noon. This time it will be at the Jimboomba Country Tavern, Mt Lindesay Highway, Jimboomba.

The main menu ranges in price from $14-$16 and there is also a seniors’ menu available (with four choices) for $13.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Di:

- Phone/text 0468 849 448
- Email candyroxy1946@gmail.com

Birthdays wishes

Best wishes for a very happy birthday for these Beaudesert U3A members celebrating birthdays in January and February:

- Liz Avery
- Gloria Bremer
- Leshan Bright
- Bernie Brown
- Ann Cahill
- Carol Castles
- Trish Caverly
- Genie Enright
- George Evans
- Shirley Foreman
- Norm Fowler
- Theo Franklin
- Trish Fraser
- Margo Hanrahan
- Janice Hopkins
- Jenny Hughes
- Lindy Johnston
- Dianne Kelly
- Ben Kerrison
- Maurice Lamb
- Duane Leary
- Pat Ryan
- Shirley Schwarz
- Laurie Sims
- Elizabeth Tate

Have you let us know the month of your birthday? If not, send an email to us (address at top of front page) so we can include you in our birthday wishes.

Phyllis Diller-isms

Many of our members will remember this very whacky comedienne who had such a creative way with words, so much so that so many of her sayings are real laugh out loud moments.

- Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.
- Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?
- Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shovelling the walk before it stops snowing.
- The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.
- Best way to get rid of kitchen odours: Eat out.
- A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.
- I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.
- Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.
- We spend the first 12 months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next 12 years telling them to sit down and shut up.
- Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.
- What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.
- I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'
- The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.
- You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type.

Phyllis Diller-isms contributed by Cheryl Folley
The Way it Was

classified by Tex White

They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families had a pot to use them. Once a day it was taken and sold to the tannery. If you had to do this to survive, you were ‘piss poor.’ But worse than that were the really poor folks who couldn’t even afford to buy a pot. They ‘didn’t have a pot to piss in’ and were considered the lowest of the low.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour.

Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women, and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, ‘Don’t throw the baby out with the bath water!’

Christmas raffle winners

Our multi draw Christmas raffle was drawn on Friday 8 December at our Christmas lunch. The lucky winners were:
1. Errol Steinhardt
2. Dianne Monk
3. Margaret White
4. Darla Templeman
5. Elizabeth Tate
6. Jono @ Haymans c/- Di Johnson

Our congratulations to the winners, and a big Thank You to all those who supported the raffle.

Our thanks also to the donors of the raffle prizes, Laurel Fechner, Tex and Margaret White, and the Fechner family of the Gold Coast.

U3A Christmas lunch 2017
classified by Cheryl Folley

Whoever said there’s no such thing as a free lunch?

Members of Beaudesert University of the Third Age (U3A) celebrated with their own annual free gift to members – a full-scale lunch with all trimmings - at Centacare on Friday December 8.

And president Andy Fechner wasted no time in reminding the 100 guests that the lunch, which he instigated three years ago, was a recognition of the yearly input of volunteer tutors and various group members.

U3A could not function without the amazing commitment by volunteers who have a skill to share, and the equal enthusiasm of everyone who attends our U3A courses, he said.

We’ve recently reached 240 members, up from a total of 87 four years ago – that’s a great number for a town of Beaudesert’s size.

He said the U3A Queensland motto Connecting Seniors to Lifelong Learning was relevant across the board of around 20 class offerings. It had proved particularly strong with keen gardeners and members of BUGs (Beaudesert U3A Gardeners, led by Liz Avery) and the twice-weekly aqua aerobics group, taught at Beaudesert swimming pool by Paulette Watson, with numbers well into double figures.

Entertainment during the Christmas lunch was provided by acoustic guitar tutor Ken Jurd, with fellow guitarist Wayne McNiven, (pictured right) plus songs by 12 members of U3A who are also members of A-Chaired Taste, with Finella Loch conducting.

While some classes will continue during the school holidays, others will be in recess until the first week of the new school year (with sign-on for new and current members at the Centacare rooms in Petersen Street from 1.30 pm-4.00 pm on Wednesday, January 24). Afternoon tea will be provided for all-comers and a number of tutors will be on hand to answer questions. Course outlines are on the website, www.beaudesertu3a.com

More photos from the Christmas lunch can be seen on page 6.