

# Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. This year around 550 Australians have lost their lives from which illness?
  - a. flu - The virus has killed 546 people nationally this year. The median age of death is 85. Many believe the influenza vaccine used by health authorities this year wasn't effective enough.
2. A new species of what type of animal has been discovered in Indonesian forest?
  - a. orangutan - The Tapanuli orangutan is the newest species of great ape. It is critically endangered with fewer than 800 remaining in the wild. Like the Sumatran orangutan, the Tapanuli orangutan's habitat is threatened by illegal logging, hunting and construction.
3. A Sunshine Coast biotechnology group believe they have found an antimicrobial which could prevent millions of dollars of fruit and veggies from rotting before it can be used. In which animal did they discover the antimicrobial?
  - b. foxes - The scientists say when they use these microorganisms in a very specific formulation that they have developed, they have been getting between two weeks to 45 days of shelf life extension.
4. A Victorian Minister has been criticised recently for suggesting that people can avoid being scammed by not opening the door to ...?
  - b. anyone with an Irish accent - Consumer Affairs Minister Marlene Kairouz was launching an awareness campaign about dodgy tradesmen when she said, "If anybody knocks on your door that has an Irish accent, automatically ask them to leave".
5. Dictionary publisher Collins, has named the 'word of the year'. What is it?
  - c. fake news- "Fake news" may have become synonymous with statements from US President Donald Trump, but it seems the rest of the world has followed suit, with its use rising by 365% in 2017.
6. Thousands of Australians, including Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, attended a ceremony in the southern Israeli desert to mark 100 years since the Battle of Beersheba. In which war was the Battle of Beersheba?
  - a. WWI - The charge of the 4th Australian Light Horse at Beersheba on 31 October 1917, is remembered as the last great cavalry charge. The 4th and 12th Light Horse casualties were 31 killed, they captured over 700 Turkish soldiers. The capture of Beersheba meant that the Gaza-Beersheba line was turned. Gaza fell a week later and on 9 December 1917, the British troops entered Jerusalem.
7. What has Australian actor Russell Crowe called "a nation's shame"?
  - b. the treatment of the Manus Island asylum seekers - Hundreds of men are refusing to leave the now closed Manus Island detention centre because they believe the alternative accommodation is dangerous. The United Nations have called on the Australian Government, as the party who interned the men in the first place, to immediately provide protection, food, water and other basic services.
8. Who will be the voice of Nala in a remake of Disney's Lion King?
  - b. Beyonce - The remake will be an animated musical, just like the 1994 original. The cast includes several big names including James Earl Jones and Seth Rogen
9. What do the J Awards celebrate?
  - a. music - The J Awards given by Australian youth radio station Triple J. They are judged by the music and on-air teams at triple j, Unearthed and Double J. The awards started in 2005, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the station's establishment.
10. When will visitors be barred from climbing Uluru?
  - b. 2019 - The ban will come into place in October 2019. The Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Board imposed the restriction because of Uluru's cultural significance.
11. Why have two women who were rescued by a navy ship after allegedly spending five months adrift at sea, had their story questioned by experts?
  - a. they had a functioning emergency beacon on board that had not been activated - The Coast Guard conducted a review of the incident, and said the women revealed they had an emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) aboard, but never switched it on.
12. Which bank was in the news last week after announcing the likely loss of around 6,000 jobs as banking is impacted by new technology and digital transactions?
  - a. NAB - The job losses over three years were announced as the bank revealed a full year net profit of \$5.3 billion.
13. What did the University of Canberra introduce as part of a pre-exams stress-less initiative?
  - c. an on-campus petting zoo - The week also featured live music, a market day and mechanical bull rides.
14. Which tennis player has become the oldest male player to finish the year as the world number one?
  - a. Rafael Nadal - The 31-year-old Nadal has become the first player to finish number one 4 times in non-consecutive years since the ATP rankings were introduced in 1973.
15. What did a British adventurer use to travel 25km in South Africa last week?
  - a. a camping chair supported by 100 helium balloons - Tom Morgan, from Bristol, reached heights of 8,000ft (2,438m) while strapped to a camping chair, in scenes reminiscent of the Pixar movie "Up". Describing the experience as "unbelievably cool", Mr Morgan also admitted feeling "somewhere between terrified and elated" as he rose in the air. Authorities have instructed people NOT to tempt any similar feats. For a video of the adventure: [Click here](#)

## VISUAL ANSWERS

1. **a. QLD** - Anastacia Palaszczuk is the 39th Premier of Queensland, serving since the 2015 election.
2. **c. Flemington** - Flemington Racecourse hosts the Melbourne Cup, Australia's most prestigious thoroughbred horse race. The racecourse receives around 100,000 visitors for the event.
3. **a. Northern Territory** - Climbing on Australia's iconic Uluru landmark will be banned from October 2019, local authorities have confirmed. The board of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park voted unanimously to end the climb because of indigenous sensitivities.
4. **Italy**
5. **The White House** - The South Lawn of the White House was open to trick-or-treaters and President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump gave out sweet treats like "Presidential