Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. In what country were a group of Australian trekkers attacked on Black Cat Track?
   c. Papua New Guinea - The group, which included seven Australians and a New Zealander, had set up camp for the night and were in their tents sheltering from rain when the attack happened.

2. Which political leader came up with the proposal to remove Syria’s chemical weapons rather than taking military action against them?
   b. Vladimir Putin - US President Barack Obama, whose efforts to gain public and congressional backing for US military action in Syria made no headway, so he cautiously embraced Russia’s diplomatic proposal in a prime-time White House speech on Tuesday.

3. Which country wants to buy one million hectares of Australian farmland, a plot four times the size of the ACT?
   a. Indonesia - Beef prices in Indonesia have hit record prices over the past year as local production fails to keep pace with domestic demand. Indonesia has moved to solve its beef supply problems by raising young cattle on an Australian property and then taking them to Indonesia to be fed until they are ready for market.

4. A man from Uruguay was found alive after being lost for four months in which mountain range?
   a. the Andes - The 58-year-old was found alive after he spent a brutal winter eating rats and raisins to survive. He was trying to cross the mountains from Chile to Argentina on foot because his motorbike broke down.

5. Which Australian pop star will replace Jessie J as a coach on UK’s The Voice?
   c. Kylie Minogue - Pop star Kylie Minogue will replace Jessie J as a coach on The Voice, joining will.i.am and Tom Jones for the third series.

6. True or false, it is planned to make it illegal for people to provide birth services in South Australia unless they are a registered midwife or medical practitioner?
   True - People who offer themselves as midwives without registration could face a fine of up to $30,000 or up to a year in prison.

7. Flash flooding unleashed by torrential downpours in Colorado killed at least three people and forced thousands to flee to higher ground. Which country is Colorado located in?
   a. United States

8. An Australian man has just become the fastest person to what?
   c. circle the world on foot - Australian Tom Denniss has become the fastest person to circumnavigate the world on foot after an epic marathon that saw him chalk up 26,000 kilometres in 20 months. Denniss began his journey on December 31, 2011, and went through 17 pairs of shoes while running the equivalent of a marathon a day for 622 days.

9. Why was Prince William in the news last week?
   c. he has announced he will be quitting his job to concentrate on royal duties - the second in line to the throne, has been working as a search and rescue helicopter pilot with Britain’s Royal Air Force in north Wales and has spent 7½ years in the armed forces.

10. What is currently ranked number one in the list of Australia’s most risky jobs?
    b. commercial fishing - Truck driving comes in second on this year’s list, followed by farming, mining and construction. In sixth place are tree loppers and rounding out the top ten is military work, firefighting, airline pilots and garbage collectors.

11. If someone had 100 British Pounds and changed it into Australian Dollars, approximately how much would they get?
    a. AUS$170 - In the past, they would have got as much as $300, but in recent years, the Aussie dollar has been strong, so overseas currency ‘buys’ less.

12. What is the name of Canberra’s famous flower festival that opened last weekend?
    a. Floriade - Last year’s Floriade attracted 442,243 visitors, with more than a quarter of those people coming from interstate or overseas. The crowds delivered a $27 million boost to the ACT economy, a figure the ACT Government hopes to expand on this year.

13. Which state or territory had the best results in this year’s NAPLAN tests?
    b. ACT - The NAPLAN report, released on Friday, is based on this year’s testing of children in years three, five, seven and nine. The ACT results are the best in the country, with students’ mean scores exceeding the national average in all years and subject areas.

14. Which of the following is true about Apple’s latest iPhone release?
    a. two new iPhone designs will be released at the same time - The 5C will be a cheaper option in bright colours and plastic casing, while the 5S will be faster available in polished gold, silver or black aluminium.

15. What type of spill has led to health officials in Honolulu to warn people to stay out of the harbour waters?
    c. molasses (a syrup extracted from sugar cane) - Health officials have warned people to stay out of the waters in Honolulu harbour after 1,400 tonnes of molasses leaked from a cargo ship into the water. The spill has killed hundreds of fish, which could potentially attract sharks.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. Rafael Nadal - Recently won the US Tennis Open

2. The September 11th terror attacks - the ceremony was marking the 12th anniversary of the event

3. James Bond - The car cannot be driven on the road, although it is said to be a fully operational submarine

4. Greece

5. The Blobfish - the ‘World’s Ugliest Animal’ list aims to raise awareness for endangered animals that are considered ‘less cute’ than other well-known species

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