1. What did over 100 people gather to protest against on the steps of parliament last week, including burning a picture of Tony Abbott?
c. they were students protesting against Federal cuts and university fees - Police say about 100 protesters had gathered at the steps of Parliament, before marching through the city, stopping at a number of sites, including the State Library.

2. Which world leader has been named as the world’s most powerful person according to Forbes magazine?
b. Vladimir Putin - It is the first time in three years that the US president has not come in at number one on the annual list and came as US-Russia relations slid to a new low. Barack Obama came second and the Chinese president Xi Jinping came third.

3. The salary of Australian train drivers was a topic of discussion in the news last week. What is the highest annual salary some Pilbara drivers are paid?
c. $250,000 - With some drivers earning $250,000 as an annual salary they are the highest paid train drivers in the World. In the Pilbara, the details of 478 train/tram drivers were recorded. Of those, 388 drivers earned $104,000 a year or more. No other region in Australia has a higher number of train/tram drivers in that salary bracket.

4. Which Australian city has been ranked in the top ten cities in the world to visit by Lonely Planet?
c. Adelaide - The city has been ranked as one of the top 10 cities in the world to visit by Lonely Planet, finishing ninth in the company’s Best in Travel 2014 book. The list is headed by Paris and Cape Town.

5. In which country did a storm nicknamed ‘stormageddon’, claim five lives?
a. Britain - A savage coastal storm powered by hurricane-force gusts is slashing its way through Britain and western Europe, felling trees, flooding lowlands and snarling traffic in the air, sea and land.

6. A newly discovered species of what type of animal has been found off the northern Australian coast?
a. dolphin - A newly discovered species of dolphin has been found swimming off the northern Australian coast. Scientists say the as yet unnamed dolphin is part of the humpback family, which already contains three other species.

7. Which of the following musical acts have cancelled their Australian tour?
c. Fleetwood Mac - Pop band Fleetwood Mac has cancelled its Australian tour because bassist John McVie has been diagnosed with cancer.

8. What celebration is held on the 31st of October? Halloween - also known as All Hallows’ Eve, is increasingly becoming a popular celebration in Australia. Police warn parents to make sure they accompany children while trick or treating.

9. What is the name of the horse that won the Victoria Derby?
c. Polanski - the three year old colt that only cost $4,000, has won the Victoria Derby at Flemington.

10. The Global Gender Gap Report measure the equality of women around the world. Where does Australia rank for 2013?
c. 24th - The report ranks countries on the gap between women and men in key areas including economic participation and opportunity, political empowerment, health and survival, educational attainment, political participation and economic equality. Iceland was first and New Zealand was 7th.

11. In what state or territory is Kakadu National Park? c. Northern Territory

12. What did a Sydney man buy his five year old son which landed him in the news?
c. an inner city apartment - The apartment is a $710,000 inner city apartment with views of the Harbour Bridge. He said his son won’t be moving in until sometime around 2025, but he had to act now to prevent his son being forever priced out of the market.

13. What is the approximate population of the United States?
d. 315 million - Australia’s population is currently estimated to be 23 million

14. Why has the agency in charge of protecting the Great Barrier reef been in the news?
a. some of the board members are linked to mining companies - The board failed to adopt its own experts' recommendation that it ban port developments which threaten the reef. One member earns $250,000 a year working for a coal company, and another owns a one-sixth shareholding in a company called Gasfields Water and Waste Services.

15. In what country would you typically be served biltong? South Africa - Biltong is a snack made from various cured (dried) meats.

**VISUAL ANSWERS**

1. Mt Fuji - the bullet train can be seen here going past the iconic Japanese volcano
2. Warren Truss - he is the Deputy Prime Minister and leader of the National Party
3. London
4. Malaysia
5. Anthony Mundine - the controversial former Rugby League player turned professional boxer

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