

Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. The organisers of the Tokyo Olympics have announced that ...?
c. the medals will be made from discarded smart phones and other digital gadgets - The Tokyo 2020 Olympics open in just over 500 days and all medals will be made from bronze, silver and gold retrieved from discarded smart phones, digital cameras, and other handheld games and laptops.
2. Statistics New Zealand have said Kiwis are benefitting from milk prices dropping to a 19-month low. How much did an average two-litre bottle of blue top milk drop to last month?
b. \$3.49 - Supermarket milk prices are highly influenced by the price farmers receive for the milk they produce. Even though milk prices went down yoghurt prices rose 14 per cent and cheese prices rose 4.6 per cent. The price of butter also rose to 2.4 per cent.
3. There have been concerns that a recent decision by the Government about the rollout of a 5G network has upset New Zealand's relationship with which country?
a. China - NZ intelligence services cited "significant national security risks," for their reason for banning the telco Huawei from being involved in the 5G rollout. Jacinda Ardern is playing down China's decision to pull out of an event in Wellington celebrating Chinese tourism. Earlier in the week a New Zealand flight was turned around after being denied landing clearance in China.
4. Which singer didn't turn up to collect their Grammy Award last week after a public argument with the show's producer?
b. Ariana Grande - Grande accused Grammy telecast executive producer Ken Ehrlich of lying about discussions with the superstar singer about performing at Sunday's ceremony. Grande won the best pop vocal album trophy for "Sweetener."
5. Why has a recent National Party advertisement been criticised?
a. some think it is sexist - The video depicts a man explaining Labour's KiwiBuild scheme missing its target of 1000 homes in the first year, to a woman. Some people have criticised the ad a "patronising" towards women and outdated.
6. What has caused a six month delay in the build of SkyCity's \$700 million convention centre?
c. some of the material used in the construction was a fire hazard - SkyCity recently announced another six month delay to its \$700 million convention centre due to having to remove aluminium panels made of the same material that was partly responsible for London's Grenfell Tower fire. The Grenfell Tower fire took the lives of 72 people.
7. Which bird population could be under threat in New Zealand because of massive population declines?
c. seagulls - There are just 27,800 breeding pairs left across the country and the population of the major breeding colonies offshore have plummeted by between 80 and 100 per cent since the mid-1960s.
8. In which year was Google founded?
c. 1998 - Google was founded in 1998 by Larry Page and Sergey Brin while they were Ph.D. students at Stanford University in California. Best-known for its search engine, Google has grown and developed a range of tech products and has become one of the highest valued companies in the world.
9. More than a hundred top scientists have been in New Zealand as part of the Arachnology Congress. Arachnologists are experts in what?
b. spiders - Scientists descended on the Banks Peninsula's Hinewai Reserve which is home to a number of eight-legged species, including an extremely rare small red spider called *Periegops Suterii*, which is only found in that area.
10. What did the Hawke's Bay District Health Board announce last week?
a. patients may have had unsterilised equipment used on them - While the batch of equipment was cleaned under hot water and dried, it did not pass through a final sterilisation process before being distributed for use. Patients who were treated with the equipment will be given blood tests.
11. What was found in an abandoned house in Texas last week?
c. a tiger in a cage - Officials say the tiger was well fed, but the cage was only secured by a nylon strap and screwdriver.
12. Who went on strike again last week?
a. junior doctors - Junior doctors walked off the job again as they protested proposed roster changes. The only region not affected by the strike was Nelson, where young doctors said they recognised the emergency situation happening in the area due to the fires.
13. A New Zealand teen is considering going to the Human Rights Commission after his school ...?
b. asked him to cover his traditional tattoo - The boy says he has been made to feel ashamed of his Pasifika tatou, which tells the story of his Samoan and Fijian culture. The school says like many other schools, it doesn't allow visible tattoos.
14. In which country is Manila the capital city?
c. Philippines
15. What is Hungary doing to combat the country's declining population?
b. allowing women who have at least four children to be tax free for life - Hungary's government is offering a lifetime personal income-tax exemption for women who have at least four children; a subsidy of 2.5 million forints (NZ\$13,089) toward the purchase a seven-seat vehicle for families with three or more children; and a low-interest loan of 10 million forints (NZ\$52,356) for women under age 40 who are marrying for the first time.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. **The Chase** - Shaun Wallace made a surprise appearance at numerous quizzes when he visited recently. While the staunch Chase figure appears tough on camera, everyone who met him said he was an extremely friendly guy.
2. **Italy** - The Leaning Tower of Pisa is one of the most photographed buildings in the world. It has had a great deal of remedial work to prevent it falling over from subsidence.
3. **b. Venezuela** - The United States has organised aid for desperate Venezuelans, however, Maduro believes this is an effort to destabilise his authority, so has blocked the border roads with trucks and shipping tankers.
4. **South Africa**
5. **c. promoting mental health issues** - Mike King has toured New Zealand on a scooter and made dozens of media appearances to help young New Zealanders and others who're struggling with mental health issues.