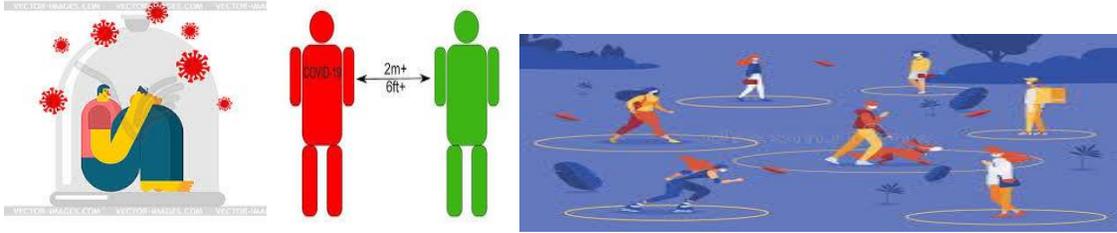


*Keeping minds and bodies active****GREY MATTERS*****END OF MAY 2020****A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT****Hello to everyone again**

I hope that everyone continues to be busy, safe and well as restrictions begin to ease. Please abide by all of the government's regulations and continue to keep safe.

Below you will find a summary of our first lockdown Committee meeting.

We are indeed looking at a numbers of areas of our recommencing programs but are aware of the governments' directives and know that activities will be 2-3 months away from resuming. Please be assured that we will not take any risks with our activities as your health is of the utmost importance and will not be compromised.

So that we can keep up this newsletter fortnightly, we would like you to send us any celebrations please – anniversaries, birthdays including special ones - so we can all celebrate instead of a quiet day of celebration at home for you! Photos can be sent as well please.

Also, if you'd like to send us something unique you're doing through the virus crisis, we'll put it in the bulletin also.

## U3A COMMITTEE MEETING 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY - SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

This meeting was at the home of the Secretary and was held in accordance with Victorian regulations on groups (+5) and social distancing requirements were maintained. This meant that four Committee members were unable to attend in this group but as three were an apology for the meeting, the remaining Committee member was brought into the meeting on telephone speaker.

- ✚ ***Treasurers Report:*** capitation fees for 2020 have been paid to U3A Network Victoria
- ✚ ***U3A Network Victoria:*** discussion on a request for comments on the draft revised *Terms and Conditions of Membership of U3A Network Victoria*
- ✚ ***Resumption of U3A Activities:*** it was agreed that it is too early to consider a resumption of even a small group of activities (possibly July at the earliest) and that it could be early next year before all events are offered to full capacity.

A major issue is that many of the venues currently used for U3A events are not appropriate under the current restrictions that would allow them to resume at their location (e.g. Cobdenhealth Education Room)

Committee members were asked to send ideas for potential new venues to the Secretary and there will be further discussion at the next Committee meeting.

- ✚ ***Use of Zoom video-conference platform***

Over the period of the virus lockdown, there have been several suggestions that the Committee use Zoom video-conferencing for its meetings but concerns had been expressed by some Committee members about security aspects of the system. However, some other Committee members indicated a positive experience with its use.

It was noted that U3A Network Victoria via its Go Online Project is very keen to encourage U3As to use Zoom but a range of alternative video conferencing platforms was mentioned - Google DuO, CiscoWebex and in particular Microsoft Teams - and it was agreed to investigate details of these platforms for the next meeting.

- ✚ ***Corangamite Shire: Community Grant Program***

The Committee agreed to submit an application via the Corangamite Shire's Community Grants Program for a Zoom license.

However, as it appears that cost for a Pro Zoom license is only \$251.88 per year, at this stage it does not appear to be apt to submit an application to the Shire for \$126 when a full refund for the first year cost of the license can be obtained from U3A Network Victoria should the Committee decide to proceed with Zoom.

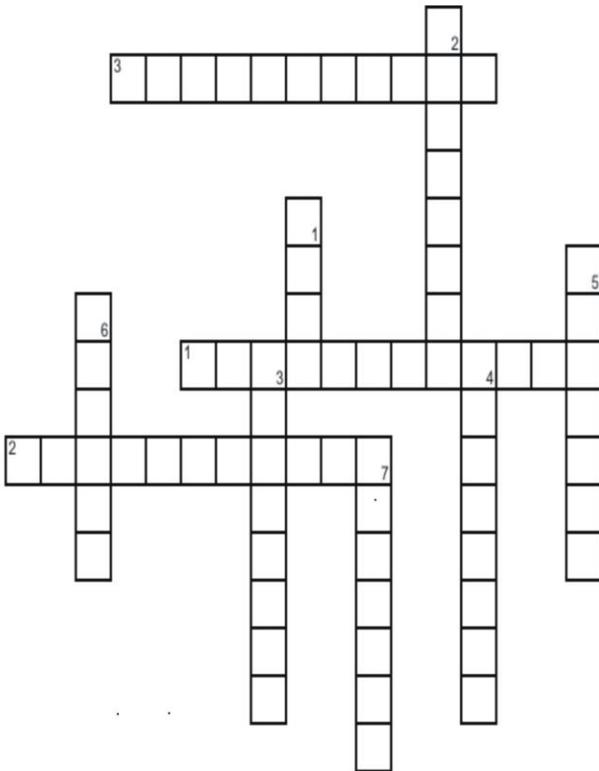
## Your Australian Quiz

Answers at the back of this news sheet – no peeking!

### *Coat of Arms, emblems and flags*

1. What is Australia's floral emblem?
2. What is Australia's animal emblem?
3. What is Australia's bird emblem?
4. What is Australia's national gemstone?
5. When did Advance Australia Fair become the national anthem?
6. What is Victoria's floral emblem?
7. What is Victoria's animal emblem?
8. What is Victoria's bird emblem?
9. What is Victoria's marine emblem?
10. What is Victoria's state mineral?

## Corangamite U3A



### ACROSS

1. Travel Tales venue
2. Program run by Eve Black
3. Trips to cafes

### DOWN

1. Usually follows our programs
2. Word game program
3. Enjoyed by readers
4. Enjoyed by arty members
5. Game played with tiles
6. Held at Colac Cinema
7. Our secretary's last name

## AN OPERA QUIZ (answers in the next bulletin!)

1. The La Scala opera house is located in which city?  
A. Milan – Italy; B. Paris – France; C. Madrid – Spain
2. The opera house in which city is haunted by a fictional phantom?  
A. Sydney; B. Paris; C. London
3. Which is the last opera by Giacomo Puccini that was unfinished when he died?  
A. La Bohème; B. Madama Butterfly; C. Turandot
4. What is the text of an opera called?  
A. Libretto; B. Operetta ; C. Cantata
5. How many operas did Ludwig van Beethoven compose?  
A. 1; B. 4; C. 7
6. Helen Mitchell, famous operatic soprano in the Victorian era – was born where?  
A. Australia; B. England; C. New Zealand
7. Which of the following style isn't a classical form of opera?  
A. Opera buffa; B. Opera romantica; C. Rock opera
8. What is the real name of Madama Butterfly? And can you name the U.S. naval officer who marries her?  
A. Cio-Cio-san; B. Geraldine Farrar; C. Louise Homer
9. Also known as La Stupenda, which opera singer was called the "Voice of the Century" by Luciano Pavarotti?  
A. Joan Sutherland; B. Renee Fleming; C. Maria Callas
10. The term "opera" is originated from the Latin word "opus". What does it mean?  
A. Music; B. Work; C. Art
11. What is the name of the only opera composed by Ludwig van Beethoven?  
A. Fidelio; B. Moonlight Sonata; C. Fur Elise
12. "Here Comes the Bride" – the march played at many wedding entrances – is a part of which 1850 opera?  
A. Lohengrin ; B. Die Hochzeit ; C. Das Liebesverbot
13. Which kind of opera is the opera buffa?  
A. Comic opera; B. Rock opera; C. Opera romantic
14. In addition to his voice, Donizetti often uses which instrument in "Mad Scenes"?  
A. Flute; B. Oboe; C. Violin

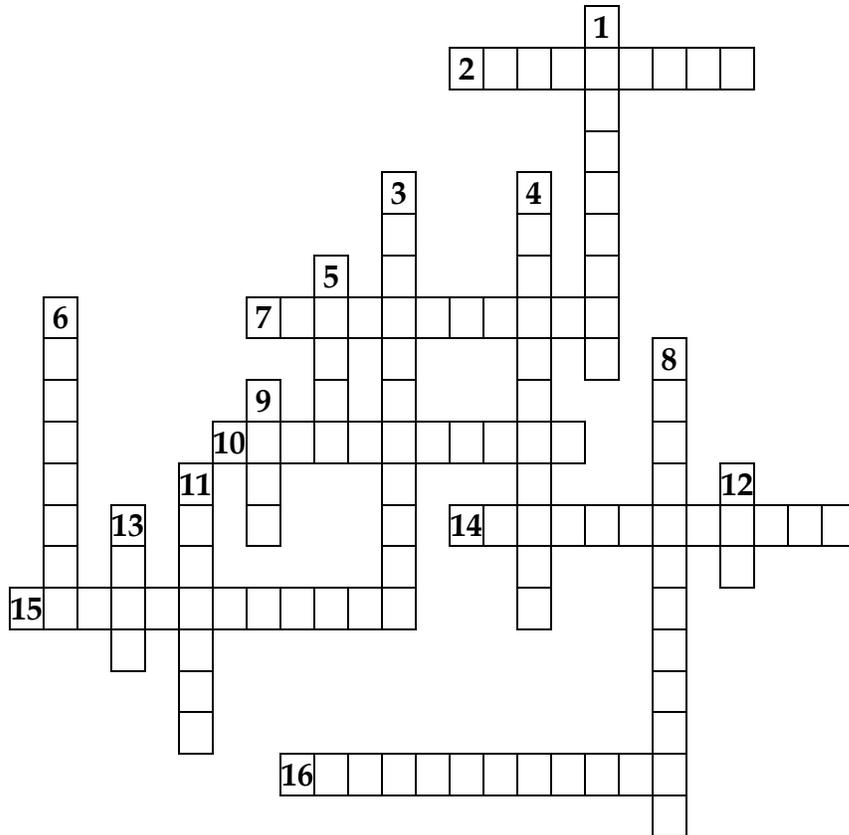
## FROM OUR MEMBERS

Committee member Helen James is busily knitting a cardigan and Gwen Steele's cats Bubble and Squeak. Sick of being inside!



Can you remember the programs depicted in these photographs?





**Solution in next bulletin**

**Across**

- 2. a verbal outburst usually done when all else fails
- 7. (2 words, 5 & 5) a tidying activity often done yearly but now done because time is on our side
- 10. activities designed to keep one's mind free from stress
- 14. (3 words 2 2 & 8) projects that one is doing and may involve lining up at Bunnings
- 15. getting rid of excess items in the house
- 16. a qualified person who listens to your issues and offers advice

**Down**

- 1. a therapeutic method of tending to the outdoors
- 3. one is advised to have the COVID Safe app on their phone and it is done by doing this
- 4. an activity where one initiates a call just to listen to a real voice, often being a friend,
- 5. a variety of artistic pursuits
- 6. running, cycling, boxing etc
- 8. (4 words 4, 2, 2 & 4) one needs to do this often via radio, newspaper or online
- 9. an alcoholic antidote but illegal for teachers to use whilst at school
- 11. another activity able to be completed due to having the time - usually involves paperwork
- 12. question our friends or neighbors if they require anything
- 13. where one does this for another or is the recipient,

## Some more exercise for the brain!

A word-find and this can also be played online using the link

<https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1190034/>

It will highlight the word as you select the letters if you're right or give off a dull sound if you're wrong. It will then invite you to continue playing more games so it's never ending and it's free.

There is also a link for those who like Hangman and it is able to be accessed using; <https://thewordsearch.com/hangman/>

### **Answers** to Coat of Arms, emblems and flags quiz

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| 1. What is Australia's floral emblem?                          | <b>Golden wattle</b>        |
| 2. What is Australia's animal emblem?                          | <b>Red Kangaroo</b>         |
| 3. What is Australia's bird emblem?                            | <b>Emu</b>                  |
| 4. What is Australia's national gemstone?                      | <b>Opal</b>                 |
| 5. When did Advance Australia Fair become the national anthem? | <b>1984</b>                 |
| 6. What is Victoria's floral emblem?                           | <b>Pink Heath</b>           |
| 7. What is Victoria's animal emblem?                           | <b>Leadbeater's possum</b>  |
| 8. What is Victoria's bird emblem?                             | <b>Helmeted honey-eater</b> |
| 9. What is Victoria's marine emblem?                           | <b>Weedy sea-dragon</b>     |
| 10. What is Victoria's state mineral?                          | <b>Gold</b>                 |