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**And just like that
The world realised that health
workers, cleaners, truck drivers and
retail workers are far more
important to society than Hollywood
actors, Sport stars, Minor celebs,
And YouTubers.**

A word from your President.

On behalf of the HUME U3A Committee, I trust that you are all keeping well and enjoying new found freedom as restrictions around COVID-19 are being eased.

I'm sure many of you are looking forward to a return to your classes and activities as soon as possible.

At our recent Committee meeting it was agreed that we aim towards re-opening all classes on **Monday July 13th 2020** provided we have everything in place with regards to social distancing and infection control measures.

Over the next few weeks it is our intentions to involve all Tutors in discussions around the proposed return to "normal classes" date – and whatever that might look like with respect to different activities conducted.

The Committee will conduct a further meeting on June 30th to consider all the issues before confirming the date and protocols etc.

Regarding the Annual General Meeting which is normally held in August we have decided to postpone this meeting until October.

Looking forward to catching up in the near future.

Geoff Mackay
President
Hume U3A

WINTER SOLSTICE

The Winter solstice in the Southern Hemisphere this year will be on Sunday June 21st at 7.43 am.

In Pagan times "The winter solstice celebrated the longest hours of darkness or the rebirth of the sun and was believed to hold a powerful energy for regeneration, renewal and self-reflection. (*That's all of us coming out of ISO*). It was referred to as Yule and was a celebration of the Goddess (Moon) energy. It was believed that on this day, the moon would give birth to the sun." That certainly puts a slightly more magical spin on things.

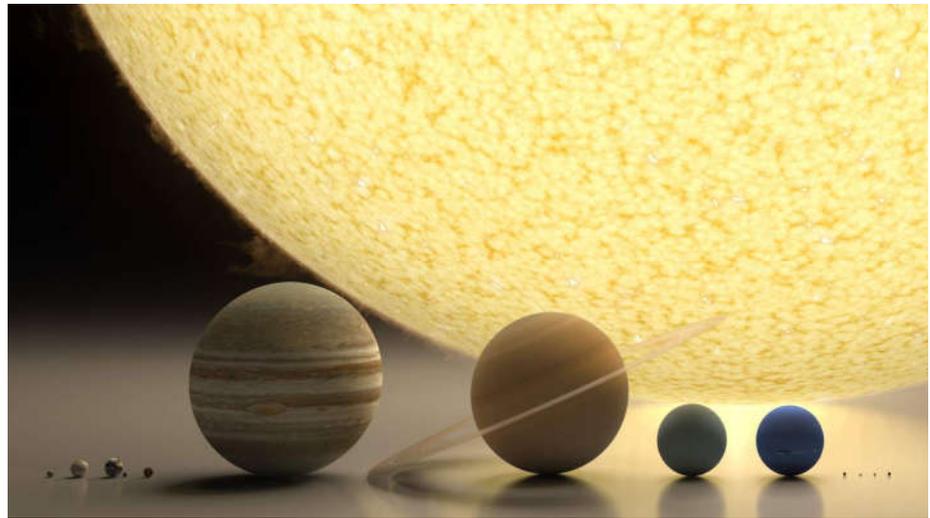


Amazing Planet Jupiter Facts.

Thanks to Peter Lazarus for this article. In his own words.....

I thought that while Jupiter is big, it couldn't be more massive than all the planets combined. After all Saturn is rather large too. But I don't know much. Jupiter is approximately 318 times as massive as Earth. If the mass of all of the other planets in the solar system were combined into one "super planet," Jupiter would still be two and a half times as large. Of course the Sun takes it all. The Sun is 99.8% of our solar system.

Here is a picture of the planets with the Sun behind. The four little dots to the right of Neptune (blue) are the dwarf planets: Pluto, Haumea, MakeMake and Eris.



At my request Peter further clarified the planets pictured above.

Jupiter is the largest one with the horizontal stripes. Earth is the third from the left - you can just see our moon on the right of the planet.

L-R Planets are: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, dwarf planets Pluto, Haumea, Makemake, and Eris.

Thanks Peter

Editor



*Congratulations to
Maureen Gleeson as you
celebrate your milestone
birthday this month.*

*Best wishes from your U3A
family*



Paddy says to Mick
"Have you heard the
news? 3 Cliff Walkers
have fallen to their
deaths!"

"Unbelievable,
says Mick, I can't
believe they all had
the same name!"



A British man is visiting Australia. The customs agent asks him, "Do you have a criminal record?" The British man replies, "I didn't think you needed one to get into Australia anymore."

Joke Page

It's gardening season. Ten weeks ago I planted myself on the sofa and I've grown considerably

Late one night a burglar broke into a house and, while he was sneaking around, he heard a voice say, "*Jesus is watching you*". He looked around, saw nothing, so kept on creeping.

Again he hears, "*Jesus is watching you*".

In a dark corner he sees a cage with a parrot in it.

He asks, "*Was it you who said Jesus is watching me?*"

The parrot replies, "Yes".

Relieved, the burglar asks, "*What is your name?*"

The parrot says "*Clarence*".

The burglar says "*That's a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot called you Clarence?*"

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The parrot answers "*The same idiot that called the rottweiler Jesus*".

The old lady handed her bank card to a bank teller and said, "*I would like to withdraw \$50*".

The female teller told her, "*For withdrawals less than \$500, please use the ATM*".

The old lady then asked, "*Why?*".

The teller irritably told her, "*These are rules. Please leave if there is no other matter. There is a queue behind you.*"

She then returned the card to the old lady.

The old lady remained silent ... but then she returned the card to the teller and said, "*Please help me withdraw all the money I have*".

The teller was astonished when she checked the account balance.

She nodded her head, leaned down and said to the old lady, "*My apologies Granny, you have \$3.5 million in your account and our bank does not have so much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come again tomorrow?*".

The old lady then asked, "*How much am I able to withdraw now?*".

The teller told her, "*Any amount up to \$300,000*".

The old lady then told the teller that she wanted to withdraw \$300,000 from her account.

The teller did so quickly and handed it to the old lady respectfully.

The old lady kept \$50 in her bag and asked the teller to deposit the balance of \$299,950 back into her account.

Don't be difficult with old people ... we can outwit the young and dumb.

General Knowledge Trivia

- (1) What is the highest number used in SODOKU?.
- (2). What SWIMMING stroke is named after an INSECT?
- (3). Who is REGGIE DWIGHT better known as?
- (4). A FEMALE DEER is called a.....?
- (5). What unit is used to MEASURE a horse?
- (6). What are BIRDS of a feather said to do?
- (7). Which country was PAVAROTTI born in?
- (8). All the TENPIN skittles down with the first ball indicates a WHAT?
- (9). Which BIRD can Hover and fly BACKWARDS?
- (10) How is 77 written in Roman numerals?

BONUS:

For an extra 5 points: **Why are actors told to "Break a leg"?**

Animal Trivia

There is only one insect which can turn it's head. What is it?

What is studied by a lepidopterist?

Do you know the name of the largest bird of prey in the world?

An ungulate animal has what?

Which animal's breeds are known as Irish Draught and Trakehner?

What would you call an owl group?

What is the name of a male ferret?

A skipjack is what type of fish?

Echolocation is used by which mammal?

Wild sturgeon's roe offers a delicacy. What is it?

BONUS:

For an extra 5 points: **What would you get if you crossed a Dinosaur with a pig?**

Puzzle page

QuickCrossword

ACROSS

- 1 Fencing duels (5,6)
- 7 Bile storage vessel (4,7)
- 8 Declaration of approval
- 12 Carrying out (idea)
- 17 Post WWII children (4,7)
- 18 Bold undertakings

DOWN

- 1 Easily influenced by others
- 2 Greased
- 3 Prevent entry of
- 4 Stupid (remark)
- 5 Clipped plant border
- 6 Policy planners
- 9 Personal (style)
- 10 Large lake
- 11 Table protector ...Place ...
- 13 Monastery head
- 14 Not drunk
- 15 Church singers
- 16 Imaginative plans

Tip: Clues can be a bit odd
Or... Is it the answers. Enjoy

1		2		3		4		5		6
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I tried this for the first time and the words took me a while to work out. That either says something about me or something about the words. Just have fun

ANACROSS

Anacross is a two part puzzle. First solve the anagrams below, then work out how to fit the words into the grid.

							BALE RAG
█		█		█		█	ECHO IRE
							PLED PAD
█		█		█		█	DICE FIE
							INDIE TO
█		█		█		█	FEST TIT
							ARTS PET

Just in case you haven't tackled one before here's the first one
BALE RAG is an Anagram of Algebra

Answers

General Knowledge

1. 9 (nine)
2. Butterfly stroke
3. Elton John
4. Doe
5. Hands
6. Flock/Stick together
7. Modena, Italy
8. Strike
9. Hummingbird
10. LXXVII

1.1 Bonus question:
Because every production
needs a cast!

Animal Trivia

1. Praying Mantis
2. Butterflies
3. Condor
4. Hoofs
5. Horse
6. A Parliament
7. Hob
8. Tuna
9. Bat
10. Caviar
11. Bonus question: Jurassic
Pork

Quick Crossword Answers

ACROSS

- 1 Sword fights
- 7 Gall Bladder
- 8 Endorsement
- 12 Transaction
- 17 Baby Boomers
- 18 Enterprises

DOWN

- 1 Suggestible
- 2 Oiled
- 3 Debar
- 4 Inane
- 5 Hedge
- 6 Strategists
- 9 Own
- 10 Sea
- 11 Mat

Guessing we are all over Covid19 by now but
the famous poet Unknown has penned a poem
for all of us.....

Thanks for your contribution, Win.

I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for awhile
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60's
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock'n'roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum
Somebody's wife, then Gran,
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It really didn't bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no bloody flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!



WONDERING

**WHAT I SHOULD WEAR
TO THE COUCH TONIGHT?**

- 13 Abbot
- 14 Sober
- 15 Choir
- 16 Ideas

Anacross Answers

- BALE RAG Algebra
- ECHO IRE Cheerio
- PLED PAD Dappled
- DICE FIE Edifice
- INDIE TO Edition
- FEST TIT Fittest
- ARTS PET Spatter

E	D	I	F	I	C	E
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So let's all drink to lockdown
 To recovery and health
 And hope this bloody virus
 Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis
 And be back to join our mates
 Just hoping I'm not far too wide
 To fit through the flaming gates!

**I'VE BEEN "SOCIAL DISTANCING"
 ALL MY LIFE...**



IT'S CALLED GOLF

CANCELLATION:

Our July 25th Bunning's Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser will not be going ahead as planned due to Covid 19 restrictions.



VALECoral Dawson

Coral Dawson was a resident of Gladstone Park, joined Hume U3A in 2012. and attended Family History group. Coral passed away recently.

We send our sincere condolences to her husband Peter, family and friends at this difficult time.



From the Taste website:
[Google.....Risoni with Smoked Salmon](#)

A tasty dish we tried recently and replaced the salmon fillets with sliced pre packaged salmon

I tried the **Tuscan Butter Salmon** that Evelyn Lazarus contributed in the April Newsletter and I must say it was delicious.

Riddles

Samuel was out for a walk when it started to rain. He did not have an umbrella and he wasn't wearing a hat. His clothes were soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. How could this happen?

There was a man who wanted to prove his love to his wife. So, he climbed the highest mountain, swam the deepest ocean and walked the biggest desert. What do you think his wife said?

Still in Isolation

It's at least 3 months since our isolation from family and friends commenced, seems so much longer. It has been amazing to be able to visit and see a loved one or friend "in the flesh" now that restrictions have eased a little. Sadly our daily exercise, apart from walking, has slowed dismally. Let's just do it tomorrow, we say, it's too late today. Now that's a joke, what else were we going to do?

As we have all been urged to travel regionally, we drove as far as Bendigo to take delivery of our new caravan. Ordered in November and delivered in May. Damn that virus!!!! The van is ready to go so all we need is the QLD border to open and we will be away.

In the meantime I have been sewing scrubs for health care workers, reading and binge watching some SBS and ABC IView programs.

How amazing is it that there have been no deaths from flu so far this year. All that social distancing and hand washing has made a differences. Or, maybe it's just that more people have had flu shots and stayed at home more. Whatever the reason, it's good news.

Wonder how different July might look for all of us. Keep warm, busy and healthy.

Jenny

Thanks to Evelyn Lazarus for stuffing enveloped last month.

Thanks also to those who have sent contributions and provided feedback about our newsletter.

Riddle Answers

Samuel was bald

**The wife said nothing
She divorced him
because he was never
home**

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The Committee of Hume U3A would like to thank Peter Lazarus for printing the newsletter and the lucky Committee member who stuffed the envelopes