

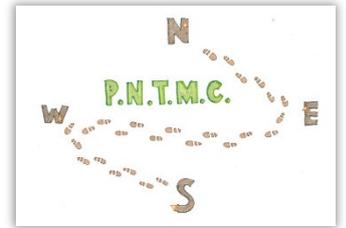
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## PNTMC NEWS

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The move into Covid-19 alert level 3 results in some changes for trampers but no change for our club. All club meetings and trips remain suspended until further notice. We will continue to publish the PNTMC NEWS on a semi-regular basis in the meantime. Please send anything you would like included to Anne Lawrence ([anne.lawrence.nz@gmail.com](mailto:anne.lawrence.nz@gmail.com))

### What can I do when we are at level 3?

#### Guidance for personal outdoor recreation during COVID-19

Mountain Safety Council has launched a new website. The site does not detract from [covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) being the primary information source for the fight against this virus. It complements by providing clarity on outdoor recreation during Alert Level 3.

This new site provides information on what is appropriate personal outdoor recreation during the COVID-19 pandemic. The information is updated to reflect the current Alert Level status. <https://www.covid19outdoors.nz/>



*New dress code*

### Things you CAN do during the lockdown

#### Celebrate a birthday

Congrats to Graham Peters who celebrated a significant birthday last week. Let's hope he enjoyed cake even though he couldn't get out tramping.

#### Watch a movie

More movie recommendations from Warren:

- Gone with the Wind (1939)
- Blues Brothers (1980)
- ET (1982)
- Apollo 13 (1995)
- As Good as it Gets (1997)
- Die Another Day (2002)
- When the Man went South (2014)



## Quick 10 Quiz

Thanks to Warren for producing another quiz. Answers at the end of this NEWS.

1. What direction does the Southern Cross go around the South Pole, clockwise or anti-clockwise?
2. What are the four Ruahine huts beginning with the letter "R"?
3. What is the second highest peak on Mt Ruapehu?
4. What colour are the flowers of NZ leatherwood (Tupare, Olearia Colensoi) ?
5. What river flows past Leon Kinvig Hut in the Ruahine Forest Park?
6. What is the closest hut to Otumore (1519m) in the Ruahine Forest Park?
7. What is the glacier between Girdlestone and Ruapehu summit?
8. What word can precede box, sculpture and fall?
9. In what National Park would you find The Needle 1435m and The Haystack 1526m?
10. What distinctively shaped island would you pass on the boat trip to White Island?

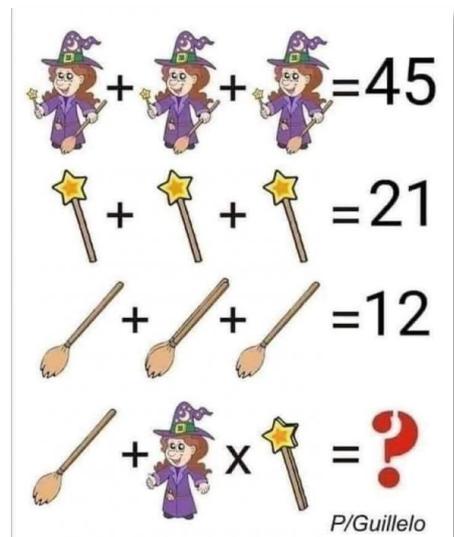
## More to puzzle on

Doug sent in this three witches quiz.

Be careful: the answer is not as obvious as it first appears.

And more idioms from Doug:

1. Show one's true colours: Kiwi trampers' habit of wearing shorts with long johns.
2. A sign of the times: a DOC signpost with times to various huts on it.
3. Behind the times: taking longer than the signposted times.
4. Read between the lines: reading a topo map with contour and grid lines on it.
5. You scratch my back I'll scratch yours: a threat you make to a trumper following too close behind you with a leki pole.
6. Put words in somebody's mouth: serve other trampers alphabet soup; e.g., at Alpha Hut.
7. To get to the point: to summit a mountain.
8. Vital statistics: how long it took you to reach the hut, how deep the snow is etc
9. Standard deviation: the detour most trampers take.
10. Table spoon: a sleeping arrangement in a crowded hut.
11. Underdog: another sleeping arrangement in a crowded hut.
12. To be well off: to be all the way down off the mountain.
13. To be upfront: leading a tramping party.
14. Baby Boomer: a kakapo chick.
15. To lead someone up the garden path: a tramp you do during lockdown.
16. Overwork: Had enough of work, as in "I'm over work, I'm going tramping".
17. The Lone Ranger: a DOC ranger practising social distancing.
18. To go viral: to go tramping even though you tested positive for COVID-19.
19. The guy's a legend: he knows what all the symbols on a topo map mean.
20. Like water off a duck's back: enjoy drinking untreated stream water.
21. Tear along the dotted line: to drive at high speed to get to the road end to start tramping.
22. It's not my cup of tea: denying that the tea that spilt on the map was yours.
23. Body language: words like blister, sprained ankle, sunburn, sore knees...



24. The greenhouse effect: not being able to find the hut because you assumed it would be orange.
25. Test tube baby: beautiful model trying out a new sleeping bag.
26. Stepmother: that mother of a step you encounter when they are built too far apart.
27. Come to pass: reaching a gap between two mountains.
28. Compact disk: what you get if your pack is too heavy.
29. One in a million: a map that doesn't show much detail.
30. Have a lightbulb moment: when you grope around in the dark for the light switch before realising you're in a hut.

## Trip reports

### The Getty Centre

September 2011

#### Report and pics: Peter Wiles

The Getty Centre (Center) was mentioned in a previous News item. So I thought I might share some of my experience of visiting this extraordinary place.

I was fortunate enough to visit the Getty Centre while staying in the greater Los Angeles area in September 2011. First, a little history. John Paul Getty made his fortune largely by way of having the luck to discover oil in substantial quantities in the greater Los Angeles basin. Clearly, his shipment and marketing costs were on the low side. As his wealth increased, he bought art works of all types. His estate was valued at around US\$10 B, and that was several decades ago and his will expressed the desire to make his collection available to the public. His estate was also directed towards the conservation and restoration of art works.

There are two Getty museums which is a bit confusing. The Getty Villa houses the collection of works of the ancient Grecian and Roman era. The Getty Centre was purpose built after his death on a hilltop overlooking the Los Angeles area on a site of approx. 250 ha to display the more modern items, which includes paintings, sculpture, ceramics and glass, tapestries and woven materials and furniture. The campus of buildings housing the collection along with the gardens are an artwork in their own right and had a valuation about 6 yr ago of about US\$3.8 B (excluding the exhibits).

Arriving at the entrance at the foot of the hillside, perhaps the first surprise is that entry is free and (at least back in 2011) security was very low key and furthermore (which is quite rare amongst museums either public or private) cameras are allowed. You can photograph what you like. A light rail-type car takes



Exiting from the train-car station at the top of the hill.



Everything is an artwork! Note parts of LA in the background and typical LA weather – with some haze.



van Gogh's Irises – one of the most famous paintings in existence. (More story as postscript.)

you to the top of the hill and with a site layout brochure in hand you have to decide on a strategy to view the exhibits amongst the various buildings. Allow the best part of a day.



"Delusions of Grandeur" by Rene Magritte

Yes, folks, there is something for just about everyone. So if you are in LA and have a spare day, a visit to the Getty Centre might be an option. It's out of this world.



One of Paul Gauguin's masterpieces



One of many interesting /challenging sculptures!



## Postscript

Much time can be spent admiring the gardens

How did The Irises end up in the Getty collection? Short answer of course is money, but the real and fuller answer is far longer and again extraordinary.

Let me introduce you to Alan Bond of Perth, Western Australia. Bond was an ambitious young businessman who founded Bond Corporation and its main activity was mining, especially gold mining. Bond's other passion was boats and yachts. He challenged Dennis Conner for the Americas Cup in a match race contest held off Newport Rhode Island. In the best of 5 series, Conner won the first two races and Bond the next two. It all came down the deciding 5<sup>th</sup>. In the final leg both teams were

desperate and threw caution to the wind (literally) and took completely different lines to the finish and Bond just pipped the USA, and for the first time in about a century, the USA did not hold the Americas Cup. At the conclusion of the race, Bond's boat was lifted from the water to reveal the famous winged keel. Bond was the hero of Australia. (In the next Cup challenge, the late Sir Peter Blake challenged Bond in the waters off Freemantle with his "plastic fantastic", and uplifted the Cup for NZ.)

Bond had his private yacht and was sailing in the Caribbean. One day he called into one of the islands there (the playground for the mega wealthy etc.) and wanted to tie up at the local jetty. Already moored at the jetty was a boat belonging to Tiny Roland (yes, Tiny, not Tony). Roland was also of the mega wealth category and was on board. Roland was Chairman and CEO of a large Anglo-African mining / trading conglomerate.

It is reputed that Bond, across the water, said something like: "Hoy! Could you move your boat?" Apparently boating etiquette demands that you never make such demands; you wait your turn. Roland was incensed that such a request should come across the water, especially from an Aussie upstart whom he thought had got beyond his station in life. This seeming innocuous conversation had the devastating effect of destroying Bond! As a result of the remark, Roland subsequently issued a statement to the press in which he cast doubt on the financial viability of Bond's businesses. Consequently, shareholders and investors began to look more closely at his financials and slowly at first began to sell their holdings. This turned to a flood and Bond Corporation went under and Bond was bankrupted. However, before this disaster played out Bond thought he was at the top of his game and decided to make a grand statement of his wealth and bid at auction US\$53 M for the Irises. A world record price at the time. But he was not able to settle on the contract and the banks would not extend him any further credit. Herein, stepped the Getty Foundation, which after some negotiation bought the work.

The final insult and fall for Bond came when he was convicted of financial irregularities and served a prison sentence.

## Eating in Lockdown

### How has cooking, shopping and eating changed during lockdown?

Apparently, in these stay-at-home days, a lot of us are doing more cooking. Which means that a lot of us are looking up recipes on the internet. Google Trends has been keeping track of the recipes people have been searching for all around the world for the last 30 days. I thought the results were interesting.



They top 10 most searched recipes in order of popularity are:

1. banana bread
2. pizza dough
3. hand sanitiser
4. French toast
5. chocolate cake
6. dalgona coffee (which I hadn't heard of, but google tells me it is a Korean drink - like a cappucino turned on its head, with the frothy coffee on top and the milk underneath)
7. chicken breasts
8. carrot cake
9. ground beef (not sure if Google is clever enough to include 'mince' searches with this)
10. fried rice.

## Covid kai survey

How have people's shopping, cooking, eating and media habits changed before and during the Covid-19 lockdown measures?



A global study looking at these changes has been designed by researchers at University of Antwerp.

Researchers from University of Auckland and University of Victoria Wellington are helping to collect data from New Zealand. They are looking for at least 1,000 respondents who live in New Zealand and are 18 years of age or older.

The COVID Kai Survey began collecting response in Alert Level 4 and continues throughout Alert Level 3. \$1 for every completed survey will be donated to The Foodbank Project, a collaboration between the Salvation Army and Countdown.

The [COVID Kai Survey can be found here](#)

## Answers

1. Clockwise; 2. Rangiwahia, Ruahine, Ruahine Corner, Rockslide Biv; 3. Paretaitonga 2751m (Tahurangi 2797m, Te Heu Heu 2732m on Topo 50 BUT it is 2755m on some old maps and Wiki – trick question then); 4. Burgundy (dark red, with yellow stamens); 5. Pohangina River; 6. Longview Hut; 7. Manganahuehu Glacier; 8. Ice; 9. Kahurangi NP (1000 Acre Plateau); 10. Whale Island.

Answer to the three witches quiz: 73.