



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the October 2021 edition of Grey Goss newsletter.

The last month has been an exciting time for Palmerston, officially beginning a new chapter with our tenth Council. The new council was officially sworn in at a small but significant ceremony on 14 September 2021 at the Palmerston Recreation Centre, and I'm delighted to have been re-elected for a second term.

Thank you to all those that nominated for council and congratulations to the successful elected Councillors. I'm looking forward to working with the Councillors on completing the delivery of projects such as the Gray Community Hall, Zuccoli Community Hub, and the revitalisation of the Palmerston swimming pool SWELL. These venues will be a place for Palmerston people to gather and enjoy a shared space and activities, and with the continued expansion of our community spaces we continue to foster social and cultural interactions. We look forward to the many fabulous programs that will be created at these venues.

The composition of the tenth City of Palmerston Council is

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Mayor

Athina PASCOE- BELL

Elected members

Danielle EVELEIGH
Mark FRASER
Amber GARDEN
Ben GIESECKE
Damian HALE
Sarah HENDERSON
Lucy MORRISON

This edition of Grey Goss features information on our recently released Palmerston Local Economic Plan. This document along with others such as the Inclusive, Diverse and Accessible Framework will be the basis of many future decisions for Council, and I'm proud of the work that has been done and what we will be able to deliver for the future of Palmerston.

There's also a friendly reminder to register your dog, a recap of Palmerston Seniors Fortnight events and details on all the upcoming events including Get Active, our health and wellbeing program, and our Creative Palmerston Workshops.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Grey Goss and I look forward to seeing you out and about in Palmerston.

Tenth City of Palmerston Council



Back row Ben Giesecke, Damien Hale, Amber Garden, Lucy Morrison, Mark Fraser. Front row: Sarah Henderson Mayor Athina Pascoe - Bell and Danielle Eveleigh

WHATS ON COUNCIL BUSINESS

DOGGO NEEDS A REGO



Does your dog do the Harry Holt occasionally? or the Ding Dong Ditch? 🤔 If the little scally-wags happen to fly the coop 🐔, by registering your dog you can be sure that the Council will be able to identify the dog 🐕 and contact you ASAP 📞 for a safe and happy reunion 🐾.

If you haven't received your renewal notice, please contact Council on 08 8935 9922.

PALMERSTON'S LOCAL ECONOMIC PLAN

City of Palmerston is proud to present its first Local Economic Plan developed in collaboration with the Northern Territory Government. The 10-year Plan challenges everyone to work together to make Palmerston a destination city for employment and a place where businesses are encouraged to set up and grow.

The Local Economic Plan details a high prevalence of small and medium business in Palmerston and highlights the importance of business and economic support systems in the city. It also shows the many advantages in conducting business in a vibrant municipality such as Palmerston.

The Local Economic Plan provides current businesses with the confidence for the future, attracts and encourages development and new business, and aids in providing an understanding of the economic priorities of Council for the long term.

To know more visit

<https://palmerston.nt.gov.au/council/palmerston-local-economic-plan>

COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

ZUCCOLI: City of Palmerston is creating a new and exciting community asset for Palmerston people. The Hub will be a place for Palmerston people to come together and enjoy a space that will connect family, friends and the community. The proposed design creates a focal point offering something for everyone, including, walking trails, a dog park, a garden of reflection, a pump track and playground.

The site is well positioned, catering for Palmerston's family friendly suburbs and is accessible for cars, public transport, pedestrians and cyclists. City of Palmerston's forward thinking has identified the gaps in this community and feels the hub will provide much needed social infrastructure for residents living in Zuccoli, Johnston and the wider community.

For more information on the land grant, the Zuccoli Community Hub and the upcoming community consultation, visit <https://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au/council/have-your-say/2021/zuccoli-community-hub>

GRAY HALL: The Gray Community Hall redevelopment project has progressed significantly with milestone two (50% complete) reached. In the next quarter, the project will be fully completed with a handover to be expected by the end of the year.



Have you collected your NT Seniors Card 2021-22 Business Discount Directory?

The Directory is free and available at the Palmerston Recreation Centre, Palmerston Library and COTA NT. The directory is the fourth printed directory produced by Council on the Ageing NT (COTA NT) and offers information on the NT Seniors card, businesses that offer seniors discounts in Darwin, Palmerston, Rural and other regions within the NT. There are even offers available for online services! The services range from accountants, cleaners, Accommodation to health and wellbeing and more! Grab your copy today!

Did you know that as a part of our valued seniors community, City of Palmerston can offer you a range of benefits?

From discounts on your rates and dog registration, to assistance with obtaining your disability permit, our friendly team at Civic Plaza can assist you between 8am – 5pm Monday to Friday. Please bring your valid NT Concession Scheme Card, as well as a completed & stamped Disability Parking Permit form from your doctor if obtaining a disability permit.

SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2021

City of Palmerston is developing a Sustainability Strategy 2021 to support its growing community and ensure our environment and livability is protected and enhanced for current and future generations.

The draft Strategy is framed around four themes.

1. Protecting our urban ecology and natural environment
2. Empowering and connecting community
3. Future focused on efficiencies
4. Lead with purpose

For more information read the draft on our website: <https://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au/>

You can be a part of developing the sustainability strategy by writing to:

City of Palmerston
 Attn: Damien Scalora
 City Growth and Operations
 PO Box 1, Palmerston, NT 0831

Feedback on the Draft Sustainability Strategy 2021 closes on Friday, 15 October 2021.

STUDENTS CREATE WINNING ARTWORK!

Student Voice Positive Choice (SVPC) is a collaboration of 10 Palmerston schools that undertake annual student led programs designed to make positive contributions to our community. This year the students chose recycling as the programs focus.

As part of the City of Palmerston’s community benefit scheme, the SVPC was awarded with an Environmental Initiative Grant of \$7178, to assist in the development of educational recycling bin stickers to deliver the ‘responsible recycling’ message.

The winning designs will be featured on a ‘Recycle Right’ sticker to be placed on City of Palmerston’s recycling bins!



CITY OF PALMERSTON LIBRARY UPDATES!

HOME SERVICE LIBRARY

Home Service Library is where Library staff and volunteers prepare and deliver Library resources to those otherwise unable to access the library.

This service is open to anyone who can't physically attend the library branch to access our resources.

Home Service Library visits its patrons once a fortnight on Tuesday afternoons.

Sometimes a friendly face and a good book can make all the difference.

To find out more information or to register contact (08) 8935 9999 or you can even email us at askus@palmerston.nt.gov.au

LIBRARY OPERATION HOURS:

Mon- Thu 9a.m. – 6 p.m.

Fri – 10a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sat – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sun – 1p.m. – 4p.m.

GET TECH SAVVY!

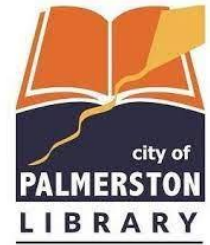
Whether it is help using your computer, tablet or phone or you want to learn about online banking, shopping and use social media, City of Palmerston Library has you covered!

Drop-in sessions run every Wednesday 2-4 pm.

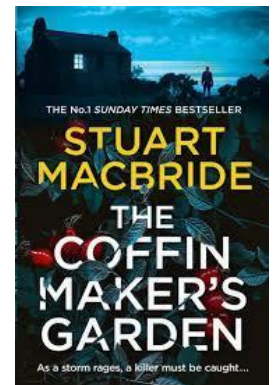
No bookings required!



The library staff held a “try something new” session at the Senior’s Day event this year introducing our senior groups to the joys of Virtual reality. They gave away two lucky door prize book packs which included the latest fiction and non-fiction reads, library promotional material, a library bag and spoken word. The activities also included STEAM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) including Magnetic construction materials, connect 4, rubix cubes and Giant interactive floor piano.



MOST BORROWED BOOKS OF 2021

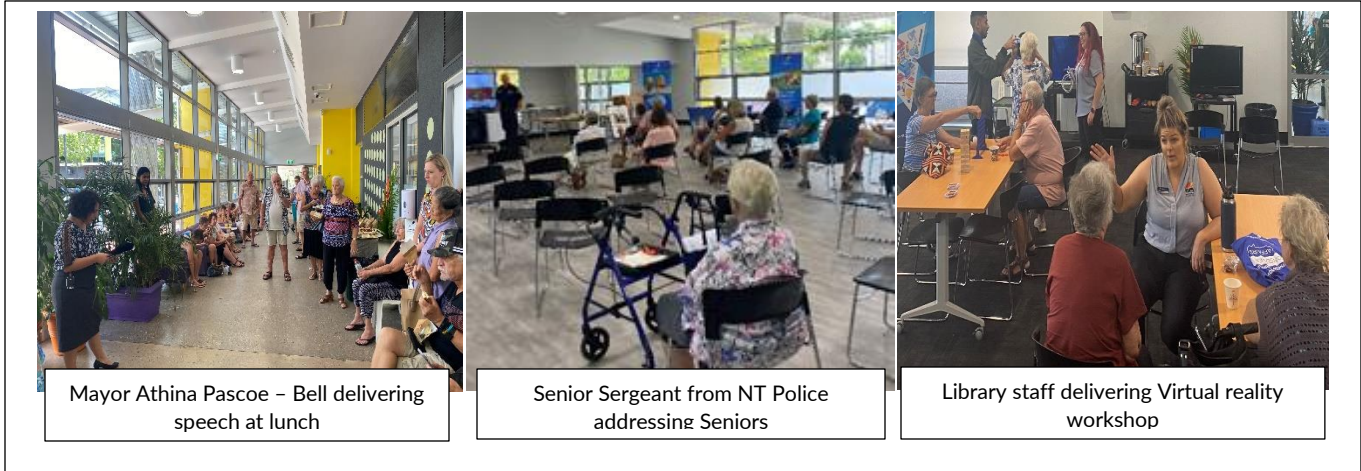


1. The Coffin Maker's Garden – Stuart MacBride
2. Before she Disappeared – Lisa Gardner
3. The Sanatorium – Sarah Pearse
4. 21st Birthday – James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
5. Faithless in Death – J.D Robb

CITY OF PALMERSTON SENIORS' DAY

The City of Palmerston Seniors Day celebrations took place on the 15 September 2021, postponed from the original date in August due to a COVID 19 lockdown. The event was well received and the volunteers from the Palmerston and Litchfield Seniors Association kindly assisted in the smooth operations, ensuring attendees checked in, were directed to the different activities and made feedback forms available for those in need.

Minister Hon Lauren Moss, City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe- Bell and other MLAs attended the event, hearing concerns and feedback, and participating in the various activities. The Mayor also made a speech at lunch and participated in activities most of the morning.



The Program featured a varied array of activities from physical activities such as foosball, table tennis, badminton and tai-chi to information sessions delivered by NT Police, Neighborhood Watch and St Johns Ambulance service. There were interactive participatory sessions such as a Bunnings workshop, crafts and weaving. The City of Palmerston received overwhelmingly positive feedback and we are looking forward to hosting a spectacular event next year! If you would love to give us feedback email us at palmerston@palmerston.nt.gov.au



Rangers info session



Star was a superstar at the event

The Regulatory Services team was thrilled to present at the Seniors Day event. Rangers Nigel and Dave were on hand to speak with the group about animal management within the municipality and parking regulations and requirements. The forum was an excellent opportunity for two-way information exchange, and our Rangers came away with some areas to investigate to enhance access and amenity for our council facilities. The team hopes to continue such conversations with further engagement opportunities in the future.

WHATS ON IN PALMERSTON?!



CHILDREN'S WEEK CELEBRATION

The City of Palmerston is proud to host the Children's week event on Tuesday 26 October 2021 from 9 to 11 am at the Palmerston Recreation Centre. There will be face painting, jumping castle, cuddly critters and art activities to entertain the little ones and their families! Palmerston Library will host Storytime for the kiddies, and we will have coffee for purchase to keep the adults happy! This will also be a great opportunity to connect with your local services and providers!

City of Palmerston presents

GHOSTLY GATHERINGS

FREE EVENT

SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER
9AM-4PM

EVENT CINEMAS GATEWAY

COME & JOIN IN WITH:

- 12pm Hotel Transylvania 1 (PG)
- 4pm Hocus Pocus (PG)
- 4pm Jeepers Creepers Reborn (CTC)

TRICK OR TREAT / MYSTERIOUS VR EXPERIENCE / HAUNTED HOUSE
SCARY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES / SPOOKY FILMS (LIMITED TICKETS)
BEST PRESSED COMPETITION

For further information and to register for Trick or Treat, go to:
palmerston.nt.gov.au

GATEWAY EVENT PALMERSTON

CITY OF PALMERSTON LIBRARY

Halloween SCAVENGER HUNT

Sunday, 31st October 2021
1-4 pm

Collect a spine-chilling sheet from the library, and locate all the otherworldly Halloween pictures, within it's creepy confines.

Place your completed sheet into the bloodcurdling box, on the day, for your chance to win spooktacular prizes.

For more information call: 89359999 or
email askus@palmerston.nt.gov.au

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HALLOWEEN HAUNTS

For the brave hearts, we have organized a weekend of fun for Halloween! On Saturday the 30 October 2021, at Event Cinemas at Gateway, we have an all-day event with spooky flicks, VR experience, Haunted House, and other activities! At the Palmerston Library, there is Drag Queen Storytime with all the glitter and shivers! On the Sunday 31 October 2021, Palmerston Library have organized a spine-chilling scavenger hunt from 1- 4pm with a promise of Spooktacular Prizes!



GET FIT PALMERSTON!

Get Active Palmerston is a 15-week health and wellbeing program running from Monday 9 August 2021 until Sunday 21 November 2021. The program offers Palmerston residents and visitors to the area a taste of the range of activities available in the community, catering to all fitness levels and abilities.

Get Active, Palmerston will be trialed as an alternative to Activate for the remainder of 2021. It offers low-cost and free health and wellbeing sessions to all members of the community. For more information, go to <https://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au/getactivepalmerston>

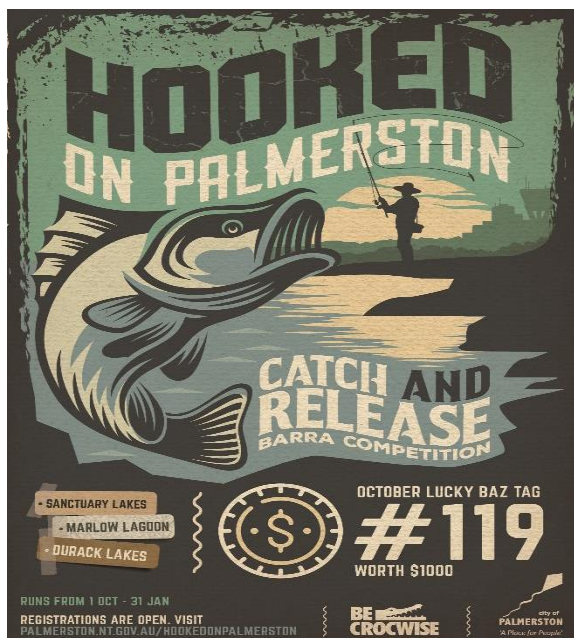
CREATIVE ART WORKSHOPS

We are excited to be bringing local artists to Palmerston to run some incredible arts and crafts workshops from 16 September - 10 November 2021. From painting, ceramics, jewellery making to block printing, there is something for everyone. The classes have been subsidised by the City of Palmerston to make art accessible. Workshops will be held at 33 Packard Ave, Durack and bookings can be made online on <https://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au>



HOOKED ON PALMERSTON

City of Palmerston’s recreational catch and release barramundi competition returns for a second season, embracing the Top End’s fishing lifestyle right here in our local lakes! The competition is open to all ages and will run from 1 October 2021 until 31 January 2022, providing plenty of time to tackle a tagged barramundi, or even a monstrous metery. What’s more, you don’t need a boat and the registration is free! *The Lucky Tag fish for October is #119!* So, let’s get fishing! For more info visit <https://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au/hookedonpalmerston>



YOUTH CORNER!

There is so much happening to keep our youth busy in Palmerston! We delivered the Palmerston Youth Festival in July and are planning for 2022! If you have any young people in your life, get them to follow us at **Yo Palmy** on Facebook or Instagram to keep up to date on events and activities catering for youth.



PALMERSTON YOUTH ACTION PLAN

The Palmerston Youth – Local Action Group is developing the next Youth Action Plan. We are wanting to hear from young people, community members and workers supporting young people about what is important for them and what are the priorities for the next plan.

The survey will be open until Friday 22 October 2021.

- Forward this link to young people, community members and stakeholders to complete the survey
- Support young people to complete by doing the survey with them. Survey link: <https://bit.ly/3kQW4Cc>



URBAN JAMS

Celebrating all things street culture, Urban Jams are free events for Youth! Taking over the Palmerston Recreation Centre with Music, Dance, Creativity, Culture and Art, 3 x 3 Basketball, Volleyball, Gaming and VR activities, a free healthy BBQ and so much more.

SENIORS NEWS

The Seniors have been busy in Palmerston, whether it be enjoying morning tea, participating in crafts activities or even shaking a leg doing the boogie!

PALMERSTON AND LITCHFIELD SENIORS' ASSOCIATION (PLSA)



PLSA have delivered a calendar full of fun activities for seniors and are calling for seniors to join them for the next year! Their events included morning teas, movies, dances, BBQs, excursions and more! This photo is from the opening ceremony of the Seniors fortnight at Humpty Doo Village.

Good morning to everyone. I hope all is going well. Seniors Fortnight for 2021 has finished although we had a couple of events to reschedule mainly our movie morning and the City of Palmerston Seniors Day – thanks to our COVID shutdown. All other events went ahead as scheduled and the visit to the Chocolate Factory proved very popular.

Events for the rest of the year are our Morning Teas-Cazaly’s on 2nd & 4th Thursdays and Humpty Doo Golf Club on the 1st Wednesday of each month - and our movie mornings on the 3rd Monday. A reminder that we are currently selling our Christmas raffle tickets which will be drawn on Thursday 9 December 2021 at our Christmas lunch and a big thank you to our volunteer sellers. (Remember we are ALL volunteers). Our final Bunnings BBQ went well, and we now have a rest until Easter 2022! The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Friday 22 October 2021 at 1pm in the Recreation Centre and all are welcome. If you are interested in joining our committee, please contact one of the management team to get details. We have some guest speakers coming up at our morning teas, so we hope you enjoy them. See you there!

Marg Lee
President PLSA.



Seniors enjoying lunch

SIMPLY CRAFT GROUP

Share or learn new skills and socialise while you work on unfinished projects. Social crafting is a great way to keep interested in your hobbies, or learn new ones, plus improve hand-eye coordination and concentration. Simply Craft Group are a group of seniors interested in art and craft activities and meet under the guidance of Lyn every Thursday at 9 to 11 am at the Palmerston Recreation Centre. There is an entry fee of \$3.00. For information, please contact Lyn on 0402 414 746.



50+ CLUB

The 50+ club is where you will find good company in a friendly environment and great fun is guaranteed.

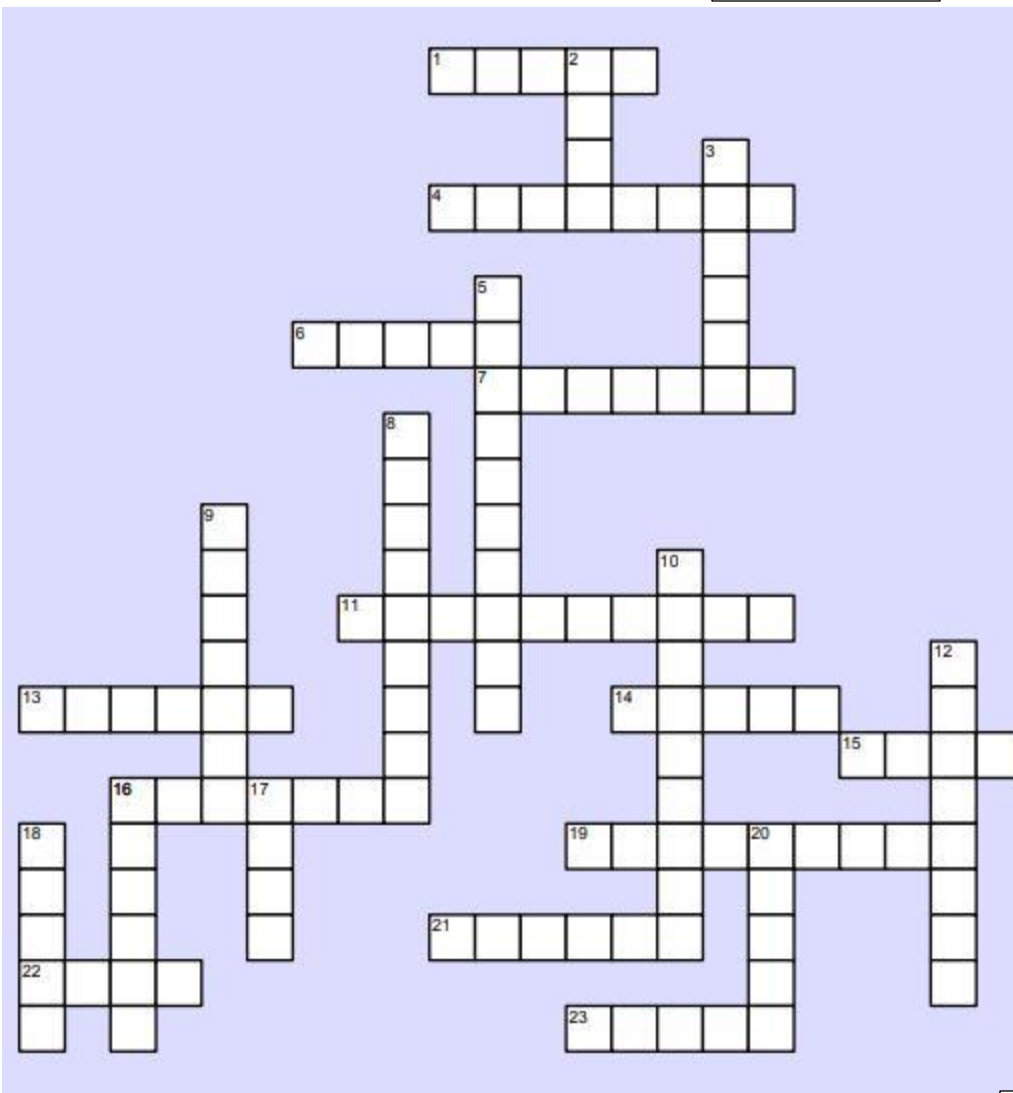


(Pictured from left to right: Mary, Gerry, Janette, Glenda, Chris, Jan and Joyce)

For a \$3.00 entry fee, you get a morning of fun and morning tea! They meet at the Palmerston Recreation Centre on Tuesdays between 9am and 12:30 pm and engage in activities such as Carpet Bowls, Scrabble, board games, card games, craft card making and information sessions by guest speakers!

The club had their AGM on the 28 September 2021 and are now looking forward to their move to Gray Hall.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1: The part of every 24-hour period when it is dark.
- 4: A large kettle or boiler.
- 6: What trick or treaters get
- 7: A person who closely follows and watches another person for a long period of time in a way that is threatening, dangerous, etc.
- 11: The handle of a broom.
- 13: Exposure to harm or injury.
- 14: The soul of a dead person thought of as living in an unseen world or as appearing to living people.
- 15: An unpleasant emotion caused by being aware of danger.
- 16: A set of clothes worn in order to look like someone else, esp. for a party or as part of an entertainment.
- 19: A place where people are buried.
- 21: To make loud, unpleasant sounds.
- 22: Something that is believed to be a sign or warning of something that will happen in the future.
- 23: To cause (someone) to become afraid

DOWN

- 2: long, doleful cry uttered by an animal such as a dog or wolf.
- 3: A person who moves very slowly and is not aware of what is happening especially because of being very tired.
- 5: not ordinary
- 8: The life in which comes after death
- 9: A small creature that has eight legs and usually creates a web of sticky threads in which it catches insects for food.
- 10: A dream that frightens a sleeping person.
- 12: To wave or swing (something, such as a weapon) in a threatening or excited manner.
- 16: The threads of old spider webs that are found in areas that have not been cleaned for a long time. 17: A building or chamber above or below the ground in which a dead body is kept.
- 18: To scare or frighten (a person or animal).
- 20: Strange and mysterious.

DID YOU GET THAT RIGHT?

