Placename Songs – Hints/Fun Facts/Brain Teasers

Use this information however you like to provide hints/information/ask questions and promote discussion and reminiscing among the residents while completing the Music Bingo.

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- 1. <u>It's a Long Way to Tipperary</u> -1912. How many KLMS from Melbourne to Tipperary (Approx 17,400).
- Along the Road to Gundagai 1922 It was also used as the theme to the Dad and Dave Show. What state is Gundagai in? (NSW). This song is considered to be one of Australia's true and few folk songs (not borrowed from elsewhere).
- 3. <u>Tulips from Amsterdam</u> -1958 made famous by Max Bygraves. National Tulip day in Amsterdam is in January each year. Holland officially became the Netherlands in 2020 due to the government deciding to rebrand the country. Prior to this Holland/Netherlands had been interchangeable. Holland is actually only 2 (of the most well-known) provinces in the Netherlands.
- 4. <u>Viva Las Vegas</u> -Sung by Elvis in 1964 and from the film of the same name. His co-star was Anne-Margret. Elvis starred in 31 films.
- 5. <u>Jackson</u> was made famous twice in the same year 1967 by Johnny Cash/June Carter and Nancy Sinatra/Lee Hazelwood.
- 6. <u>New York New York</u> –made famous by Frank Sinatra 1980 but also performed by Liza Minelli. It became his signature tune. Frank Sinatra was often referred to as "Ol Blue Eyes". He was also part of the "rat pack". The **Rat Pack** was an informal group of entertainers, the second iteration of which ultimately made films and appeared together in Las Vegas casino venues.
- 7. Jamaica Farewell made famous by Harry Belafonte in 1956. This and other songs by Belafonte introduced Calypso style to the world outside the Bahamas. Many, including Belafonte himself, have said that the song was popular in the West Indies since long before he made it famous. The line "ackee, rice, saltfish is nice" refers to the Jamaican national dish.
- 8. <u>I left My Heart In San Francisco</u> made famous by Tony Bennett in 1962. It became his signature tune. It was written in the 50's by two blokes who had moved to New York and were nostalgic about San Francisco.

- 9. <u>Galway Bay</u> and Irish emigrant song written by an Irish Doctor and made famous by Bing Crosby when it was used as the title song in the Movie "The Quiet Man" (1952). The film featured John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Bing Crosby changed his lyrics from "speak a language that the English do not know" to "speak a language that the strangers do not know" because Crosby did not want the song to be too political.
- **10.** <u>Istanbul (Not Constantinople)</u> 1953 novelty song. It was written on the 500th anniversary of the fall of **Constantinople** to the Ottomans. The lyrics humorously refer to the official renaming of the city of **Constantinople** to Istanbul.
- **11.** <u>The White Cliffs of Dover</u> made famous by Vera Lynn in 1942. The words were written by and American who was unaware that Bluebirds were not indigenous to England. Bluebirds signify happiness and wellbeing.
- 12. <u>24 Hours from Tulsa</u> Made famous by Gene Pitney in 1963 but written by song writing duo Burt Bacharach and Hal David (Raindrops keep Falling On My Head, I'll Never Fall In Love Again....) The song is about a man who detours to a romance in a motel and never returns home.
- **13.** <u>Botany Bay</u> can be traced back to English Burlesque Theatre in 1885 and arrived in Australia soon after. It is more about convict destination than the arrival of Captain Cook to Botany Bay.
- 14. <u>I Belong to Glasgow</u> written by a music hall entertainer in 1922. It was inspired by a drunk the composer met at the Glasgow Central railway station in Scotland.
- **15.** <u>Penny Lane</u> -The Beatles 1966. It is about a street in Liverpool which is where the Beatles were from. Penny Lane is named after James Penny who was an 18th slave trader!
- 16. <u>California Dreamin'</u> The Mamas and the Papas 1965. This song was written while living in New York City during a particularly cold winter, and they was missing sunny California.
- **17.** <u>Scarborough Fair</u> is a traditional English folk song which was made famous by folk duo Simon and Garfunkel in 1967. This song was on the soundtrack of the film "The Graduate" along with the song "Mrs Robinson". The song is about unrequited love.
- **18.** <u>**El Paso**</u> made famous by Marty Robbins 1961 from his Gunfighter Ballads and Trail Songs. It won the best C&W song in that year. It is about forbidden love and a jealous boyfriend.
- 19. <u>Georgia on My Mind</u> was written way back in 1930 and recorded by many artists but it was Ray Charles version in 1960 that became very famous. So much so it became the official state song of Georgia the state in US in 1979.
- 20. <u>Tennessee Waltz</u> Made famous by Patty Page in 1950. This is about someone who introduces their sweet heart to another who promptly waltzes off with him/her.

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- 9. Galway Bay
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- **11.** The White Cliffs of Dover.
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- 15. Penny Lane
- 16. California Dreamin'
- 17. Scarborough Fair
- 18. El Paso
- 19. Georgia on My Mind
- 20. Tennessee Waltz

Instructions for Music Bingo

- 1. Each pack contains Dementia friendly 20 Music Bingo cards, Song List and Fun Fact/Hints/Brain Teasers list.
- 2. Locate specific Music Bingo on Spotify (Kurrajonglodge).
- 3. <u>Connect to portable speaker</u>.
- 4. Hand out music Bingo sheet and Bingo tokens.
- 5. Each card contains 8 songs although 20 songs will be played.
- 6. Each game should take approximately ½ hour.
- 7. Play 10-20 seconds of the song (or until the chorus has been sung as this usually contains the key word/s or phrase). Often the song will be recognised long before 10 seconds has been played.
- 8. Explain to the residents that they may not recognise the song but if they listen carefully, they should be able to pick up the title/keyword of the song. (If they don't recognise the song one of the other residents will know the song or you can tell them after hints etc).
- 9. You can give HINTS, FUN FACTS AND BRAIN TEASER'S (see folder) to entertain, add stimulation or assist to recognise the song. Sometimes this will provoke a discussion/reminiscing about the song so just go with the flow. Occasionally you might end up singing a verse or chorus.
- 10. When Bingo is reached ask the residents to choose one of their favourite songs from the card that they would like to hear all the way through. Play the song then redistribute the sheets and begin a new game. IF YOU REPEAT A GAME PLAY THROUGH THE SONGS IN REVERSE.
- 11. At the end of the session wipe down all the cards with Clinell, spray bingo tokens with Glen 20 and return cards/fact sheets and song list to Bingo folder.
- **12.** Return Music Bingo, tokens and portable speaker.

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