

August 2025 Slot 1 by Valkyrie

Across

- 1 Most uncommon mark, it's French (8)
- 5 Excellent, almost lush material (6)
- 10 A new, saner Liberal magazine (7)
- 11 Able-bodied males cover the beginnings of developing oversized guts (7)
- 12 Fate said to be less turbulent (5)
- 13 Two Europeans caught in staff training? (9)
- 14 Report a new substantive bond (12)
- 18 Un-Australian curator voiced reform for a place of division (7,5)
- 21 Copper, perhaps, a maestro (9)
- 23 A bit of a jealous, embittered parasite (5)
- 24 Brother Gardner, for example, put on bluster (7)
- 25 Finish off old Earl with adulterated drug (7)
- 26 Side deal not odd? Not odd! (6)
- 27 Rules to incorporate model in representative works (8)

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Down

- 1 Ostentatiously smart (6)
- 2 Ridiculous (6)
- 3 Vessel (9)
- 4 Looking after number 1. (4-10)
- 6 Served (5)
- 7 String around the finger (8)
- 8 Alters into something else (8)
- 9 To have unexpected good fortune (4,2,4,4)
- 15 Signing up (9)
- 16 Can be trained (8)
- 17 Cooking dishes (8)
- 19 Imposing (6)
- 20 Confused, noisy conflicts (6)
- 22 Custom (5)