

July 2025 Slot 3 by Lexi Conner

Across

- 1** Clash over the hollow guise for stevedoring industry (10)
- 9** Naked chief seen to hurry! (3)
- 10** Critique a broadcast satirical show (6)
- 11** Unsusceptible people's nadir came out of disrupted Indian summer (7)
- 12** Senior police officer is one out-of-sorts stern cop (9)
- 13** Characteristic recessively contained by formulaic Epsom salts (7)
- 15** Desire to get hold of a way to be settled (6)
- 16** Country music player has single stint at musical centre (8)
- 18** Séances try engaging those who've left us (8)
- 21** Inspiration brought in today provided diversion (6)
- 25** Fashionable design lacks safe footwear protector (7)
- 26** Accomplice makes admission to much of the story (9)
- 27** Production covering everything may be superficial (7)
- 29** Spies got on the tail of leaders of folk and soul band (6)
- 30** 28 needing no more introduction (3)
- 31** Pay attention to viewer's halved vantage point (10)

Down

- 1** Why a nudist went off to an island group (10)
- 2** Shoot at object (3)
- 3** Moderates excessive system personalisation (7)
- 4** Cricket scores are about numbers and flow rate (9)
- 5** Rosalie recited brightly (6)
- 6** Tour oil spill in Lebanese port (7)
- 7** Carry out hobby beforehand if not madly into fruit (7)
- 8** Melbourne player used part of a modern only (5)
- 14** Uncultivated plant in raging river (10)

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- 16** Heads of English Defence League avoided deadly period (3)
- 17** Old car had front brakes linked to final blow-up (4,5)
- 19** Extract core (7)
- 20** Vehicle for Patricia, familiar with a window opener (7)
- 22** Pale overweight bird? (7)
- 23** Ancient medicine used in dystrophy sickness (6)
- 24** Announce nun unconventionally dumped by the waves' setting (5)
- 28** Even characters in Bourke rock! (3)