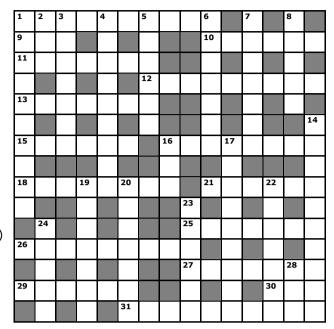
July 2025 Slot 3 by Lexi Conner

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

- 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 modem only (5)
- **14** Uncultivated plant in raging river (10)



- **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)