

## July 2018 Slot 2 by Pentangle

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### Across

- 1 Separate muscles traced to the ear (8)
- 5 Filled out but still undernourished (3-3)
- 10 After all short, narrow ruler needed to solve this puzzle (7,8)
- 11 Get rid of stunted trees (5)
- 12 Help manic disorder with a compound of a fungus and an alga (3,6)
- 13 Band gets losing margins after a month (5)
- 14 Brad gravitates towards tops of fasteners (9)
- 16 Hurried and mixed a gel the cryptic way (5,1,3)
- 18 Flag man? (5)
- 19 One chosen to imitate restricting ballet position (9)
- 20 Opinion can go either way (5)
- 21 Man on board frequently meets former British PM embracing a follower, a highly honoured person (6,2,3,4)
- 22 Wait around outside country dance (6)
- 23 Reaffirms spells to accommodate tea break (8)

### Down

- 1 Fancies giving up his heart for key citations (9)
- 2 God and country each lose a point but gain one at full capacity (10,5)
- 3 Undercooked carrot short of a cheesy dish (7)
- 4 When society is purged a calm notion lies in ruins for a soothing solution (8,6)
- 6 Protracted hunger for headless fish (7)
- 7 Iron out boxing fight not starting over Dutch worker who helps when you're high (6,9)
- 8 Work hard to maintain your position (3,2)
- 9 Where it is very quiet in the mall? (8,6)
- 15 Chest upset following unsettled rest spells (9)
- 17 Scandal arising about growth hormone for NRL team (7)
- 18 Restrained neckwear in short pants (7)
- 19 Inside of basket weaving's opening is crooked (5)