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The power and correct rules of good speech consist more in usage than in anything else and it is always wrong to employ words which are not current.  
Baldesar Castiglione, 1528, *The Book of Courtier*.

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**W**e were deeply saddened by the death of one of the ACC's favourite compilers **Shirl O'Brien** on Tuesday 12 July 2011 aged 82. Shirl was one of the ACC's original members in 1990 and a brilliant solver. She gave so much to the ACC and the Art of Crosswords in Australia: and Shirl was included in Jonathan Crowther's (*Azed*) *A-Z of Crosswords* published in 2007. Roy Wilson said: "I was saddened to learn of the passing of Shirl O'Brien. She was a wonderful woman and one of our most popular setters; loved by many in the club. She'll be sadly missed." Jenny Wenham wrote: "I was very sorry to hear that Shirl O'Brien had passed away. She was a valued and respected member of our club and the wider crosswording community. My condolences to her family." And Margaret Davis: "I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Shirl O'Brien. She was such a good and faithful compiler and also a lovely person. I should be grateful if you would pass on my sincere condolences to her family." We send our sincere sympathy to Shirl's husband Jack and Loving Family. See further details on p9.

We take this opportunity to let you know that the **Sydney Get-Together** will be held on Sunday 20 November commencing at 11:00am at William Ryan's impressive hotel *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW. This is a 'must-attend' event in the cruciverbal calendar. Make a note in your Cruciverbal Diary now!

This month we have another challenging set of puzzles and a Quiz for you expertly chosen by our capable Puzzle Set-up person **Ian Williams**. Some of our favourite compilers include *Timid Terrier*, *Virgo*, *Jesso*, *Grottesco* and *The Co-Op*. And we welcome back *Whynot* with a Slot 6 cryptic: we are sure you will enjoy his contribution immensely. Our Quiz this month says it's time to Follow the Leader by *The Eager Beaver*. Best of Luck with your solving this month.

—Patrick

**M**any thanks for all the nice cards and salutations — the highlight being two from Alaska.

**Slot 1:** Such a variety of problems eg failure to see how 2dn and 36ac were connected. EMERIC for EREMIC; HASU for MASU. EWAN which fits the clue and is a river but a Nigerian one not Australian. CREW: many admitting guessing this – fortunately correctly and 10 CAAMAs which I am at a loss to explain. KA/A/MA (hartebeest).

**Slot 2:** Mainly typos but 6 ALTERs, 2 MAIOLICAs and 2 JAMOLICAs and several variants of ENTAYLE. Explanations asked for the latter en = (bridge opponents)/tay (irish tea)/ le (latin and english) and for ASCOT a double definition (tie and town).

**Slot 3:** 3 main hiccups: (1) RATIOS for RATION (on = operating) (2); 4 TWO-TIMER – clearly a past tense is required; (3) NEWEST for RECENT (re/cent). Also 2 MAGYARs for LAWYER.

**Slot 4:** Very few problems here. 2 QUERIED and a QUARTER for QUARREL (a double definition). XEROSERE proved hard to find but led to only one mistake – probably a typo. TABLEBED and several FLORABUNDAs just completed the list.

**Slot 5:** ALBE caused most loss of dots with 13 ALBAs, 5 ALBIs and 1 ALBU. It is an old form of albeit and is part of albedo (whiteness). GRAPHYCAL confused anagram of lacy with i + lac (lacy trimmed) which is then turned. TRANSHUMANCE had several imposters eg transmutance, transference and translucence. Requested explanations include BIRCHED is che (revolutionary) in bird (gaol). Specialist department is ENT and Vietnamese offensive is TET.

**COTM:** 22 different words were nominated for COTM, mainly from slots 3 and 4 though all slots received votes. The winner, just, was OAKTREE from slot 4. Congratulations *Waratah* (Carole Noble). Cheers!

—Brian Symons

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	100	117	103	117	105	542
Correct entries	66	91	88	106	79	430
Success rate (%)	66	78	85	91	75	79
Prizewinners	J Wood M Potts	J Evans I McCulloch	H Cromer O Greenberger	C Wilcox	R Caine C Gleeson	from 120 members

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**Prizewinner: July 2011 Slots 1-5: Alison Shield**

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## July 1-2011

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## July 2-2011

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## July 3-2011

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JUNE Slot 6 & JULY 2011 Slots 1-5

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ARCHIBALD C	.	.	.	.	.	
AUSTIN A		.	.	.		
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BARBOUR J		.	.	.	.	
BARNARD M		.	.	.	.	
BARNES J	.	.	.	.	.	
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BENNETT D		.	.	.	.	
BROTHERTON J		.	.	.	.	
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CAINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
CALLAN A&D	.	.	.	.	.	
CAMPBELL G		.	.	.	.	
CHAMPION G	.	.	.	.	.	
COATES D	.	.	.	.	.	
COCKBURN B	.	.	.	.	.	
COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLGAN L	.	.	.	.	.	
COLLINS M		.	.	.	.	
COPLAND F		.	.	.	.	
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CROMER H	.	.	.	.	.	
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DE GRYS T	.	.	.	.	.	
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DYER A		.	.	.	.	
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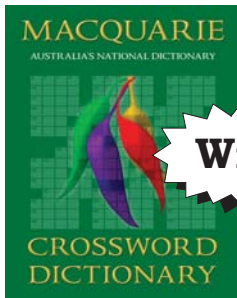
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GLEESON C		.	.	.	.	
GLISSAN B	.	.	.	.	.	
GRAINGER D	.	.	.	.	.	
GREENBERGER O		.	.	.	.	
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HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	
HAZELL N		.	.	.	.	
HOCKING A	.	.	.	.	.	
HOWARD L		.	.	.	.	
HOWARD V	.	.	.	.	.	
HOWELLS S	.	.	.	.	.	
IBBOTT B	.	.	.	.	.	
JERMY A	.	.	.	.	.	
JONES C	.	.	.	.	.	
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KNIGHT S		.	.	.	.	
KNIGHT V		.	.	.	.	
LEE N		.	.	.	.	
LEEDS G	.	.	.	.	.	
LEMON G		.	.	.	.	
LLOYD G		.	.	.	.	
LOBSEY V		.	.	.	.	
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QUINN C		.	.	.	.	
RAW M	.	.	.	.	.	
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WILCOX C	.	.	.	.	.	
WILLIAMS I		.	.	.	.	.
WILSON N	.	.	.	.	.	
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**Half 'n Half**  
by  
**Timid Terrier**

**Prizes: \$50**



**Win!**

[2007 edn]

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**Across**

- 1 Nullifies (7)
- 5 Arboreal mammals (6)
- 9 Bird of prey (5)
- 11 Links, relationships (8)
- 13 Leering (6)
- 14 Modest, timid (3)
- 15 Garment (5)
- 16 Operatic solo (4)
- 17 Ingress (5)
- 18 Encodes (9)
- 22 Instrumental (abbrev) (4)
- 23 Girl's name (6)
- 26 Immature (5)
- 27 Average, natural (6)
- 30 Wading bird (4)
- 32 British Statesman (9)
- 34 Stadium (5)
- 35 Paste (4)
- 36 The signal fed into a circuit (5)
- 39 High in pitch (3)
- 40 Well-groomed, elegant (6)
- 41 Medical specialists (8)
- 42 Precipitous (5)
- 43 Opposite to days (6)
- 44 Mollify, soften up (7)

**Down**

- 1 Story of tribe about arrival (9)
- 2 Tinkers (German) ask "why do tarts surround square"? (7)
- 3 Weight right in doll (4)
- 4 Upsets ruined traps (4,2)
- 5 Dawdling pig left in (4)
- 6 Very drunk legal minor (7)
- 7 Double barrel washing machine (4,3)
- 8 Spongy beginnings of gourmet gravy in the sauce (5)
- 10 Tree has altered (3)
- 12 Hampton's bizarre apparition (7)
- 19 Poem idly rewritten by pupil (5)
- 20 Annoy dog (5)
- 21 Clever not second rate Tory (5)
- 24 Excited with some skating lessons (7)
- 25 Eavesdrops to attend to wrong (7,2)
- 28 Fuming royal is after bird (7)
- 29 Resisting once more heartless Scot (7)
- 31 Sing loudly with band abroad (4,3)
- 33 Pose you hear of Police Sergeant's exercises (3-3)
- 34 Crime of Arabian child (5)
- 37 Gun lifted in traps (4)
- 38 Tactic not right for service (3)
- 39 Plague contributes to fever (4)

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Closing mail date: 9 September 2011.

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## Cryptic

by  
**Jesso**



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### Across


- 1 Stressing hemp's gain is questionable (11)
- 7 Follow a deity around (3)
- 9 One in stream on a warm coastal district (7)
- 10 Blind learner has hesitation to be rowdy (7)
- 11 Some sailor named her (5)
- 12 Accepted gift, showing lack of means (9)
- 13 Tamil aunt upset in the morning (9)
- 16 Inject old intramuscular medium with it (5)
- 18 Running to get a medal about one (5)
- 19 Disable Virginia! Somehow that's sensible (9)
- 21 By way of the interior in little one's clothing (9)
- 23 Dashing chap to be around boy (5)
- 25 Chessboard money order. Right on! (7)
- 26 And written wrongly in eras of business programs (7)
- 27 Thus, time finishes a toper (3)
- 28 Right descendant carelessly rose above (11)

### Down

- 1 Some better role for Flynn (5)
- 2 Singer in Pennsylvania and Virginia right to turn it back (9)
- 3 Hail on an inverted genus of grasses (5)
- 4 Persian and Scottish Johnny taking in a princess (7)
- 5 Is His Majesty the first in Aragon? The Spanish Patriarch? (7)
- 6 Clumsy six in goal make bloomers (9)
- 7 Part of model high on the Jumna (5)
- 8 Simpleton backed a woman into a tree (3-6)
- 13 Game crook jumps for big money (9)
- 14 Actions in Bengal turn the GI out (5,4)
- 15 A neodymium conjunction (3)
- 17 Crowd around, delivered in large numbers (3-6)
- 19 A man with a woman in Canada (7)
- 20 Fool about in girl's subjects (7)
- 22 Lifting the foot (5)
- 23 Note from British girl (5)
- 24 Facilitated smooth table marking (5)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you and the powers that be for my June 2011 Slot 3 prize. It and your beautiful calligraphy are much appreciated.  
*Chris Heenan*
- Thanx so-o-o-o much for my Prize – it could not have come at a more fortuitous time! (Must be the lovely olde worlde lettering evoking the F word Hope it is spelt correctly.)  
*Del Kennedy*
- Thank you for the Wonderful Dictionary prize for the June Slot 4 puzzle. Hoping all will be well in the future as I much enjoy the monthly news and competitions.  
*John Martin*
- Many thanks for the June slot 1 prize. It will be duly transformed into another reference book for the shelves.  
*Gillian Champion*
- I was delighted to be awarded Raoul's Bonus Prize for the May Slot 6 puzzle and look forward to opening and enjoying the fine bottle of shiraz.  
*Susan Howells*
- A general observation this month is that a fair few clues seem to add an unnecessary ! at the end of the clue. Or it might be just me! [Good comment. Some of our solvers have previously noted the need for a "!" or "?" to indicate trickery in the clueing. As all clues involve a certain amount of trickery, perhaps I have tended of late to request compilers to incorporate a few more than is strictly necessary or desirable - IMW] A good number of appealing clues this month. Congratulations to Patrick, Ian and all the compilers of the puzzles and quizzes for another smashing edition.  
*Bhavan K*
- I thought the overall standard for the month was excellent.  
*Nea Storey*
- A tricky bunch this month, I've learnt quite a few new words.  
*Jan Wood*

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<p><b>Cryptic</b> by <b>Grottesco</b></p>


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One solution will not be found in the normal references.

**Across**

- 1 Meaty meal handily eaten by ingesting a single eponymic Earl (7,8)
- 9 Condescend to speak Scandinavian (5)
- 10 One hundred in flatter flower (9)
- 11 Back-flow in Pebble Creek (3)
- 12 Surrounded by the popular crowd (5)
- 13 The dead within the living? (9)
- 14 Players audibly – noisily – exhaled (6)
- 16 Turn around, brave wartime fliers, turn – the writing’s on the wall (8)
- 19 The rural interpretation of a wee pipe (8)
- 20 Deer Mr Lewis – returning your tedious tract (6)
- 22 The best fabric for artillery (9)
- 24 Approve of bees losing an ungulate (5)
- 26 Landscape feature at the eye of the storm (3)
- 27 Free from blame, one is immersed in the pace of an earlier time (9)
- 28 Smite smitten things (5)
- 29 Tabloid journalists, for example, have a feeling for the in crowds (15)

**Down**

- 1 National costume of Australian native runners (6,9)
- 2 Homes for delinquents (5)
- 3 Teeth in, twice sorted, a decade short of a telegram (9)
- 4 The battered baby that is cherax destructor (6)
- 5 Show remorse by pointless worry – after the deeds (3,5)
- 6 An old Northumbrian free tenant has the initial drive and the right energy to lead Norway’s government (5)
- 7 Motivation for the creative to gain ninety five (9)
- 8 Returning to the lead story – is the gas we’re breathing the first drug with no Hydrogen to imitate heroin, resulting in Clayton’s disease? (15)
- 15 Tiro is a common trumpet player (9)
- 17 Nothing follows the truth back home! (9)
- 18 Where old branches meet? (8)
- 21 Professional apprentice speaks when spoken to (6)
- 23 Classical musical works (5)
- 25 A flutter or two helps (5)

**GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):**

- Overall – this month was a challenging one: I have been on a voyage of discovery into strange words! Again, the finger of coincidence rears its head with two instances of “IMAUM” (which is not the most common rendering of the word). I am not confident that I have all the right answers in most of the grids.  
*Alan Dyer*
- A difficult but fair bunch this month with a surprising slot 1.  
*Bev Cockburn*
- A BIG thank you for my book prize and certificate for the clue writing comp. I was flabbergasted to see my name at the top! I have made use of the book already.  
*Anne Simons*
- Thrilled to bits with my slots 1-5 last month. It was a wonderful surprise. I can't wait each month for *Crozworld* to arrive.  
*Pat Lord*
- A good group of puzzles generally — certainly helped me kill time in hospital.  
*Bill Bennett*
- Clever cruciverbalists created clues commanding careful consideration culminating in words I'd never met before. Bliss.  
*Helen Annand*
- I thought the July puzzles particularly difficult apart from the AJ which I enjoyed. There seem to be many odd words which I have never heard before.  
*Barb Ibbott*
- An interesting collection of puzzles this month and two IMAUMs after two THUMBSCREWS last month. What's next?  
*Margaret Davis*

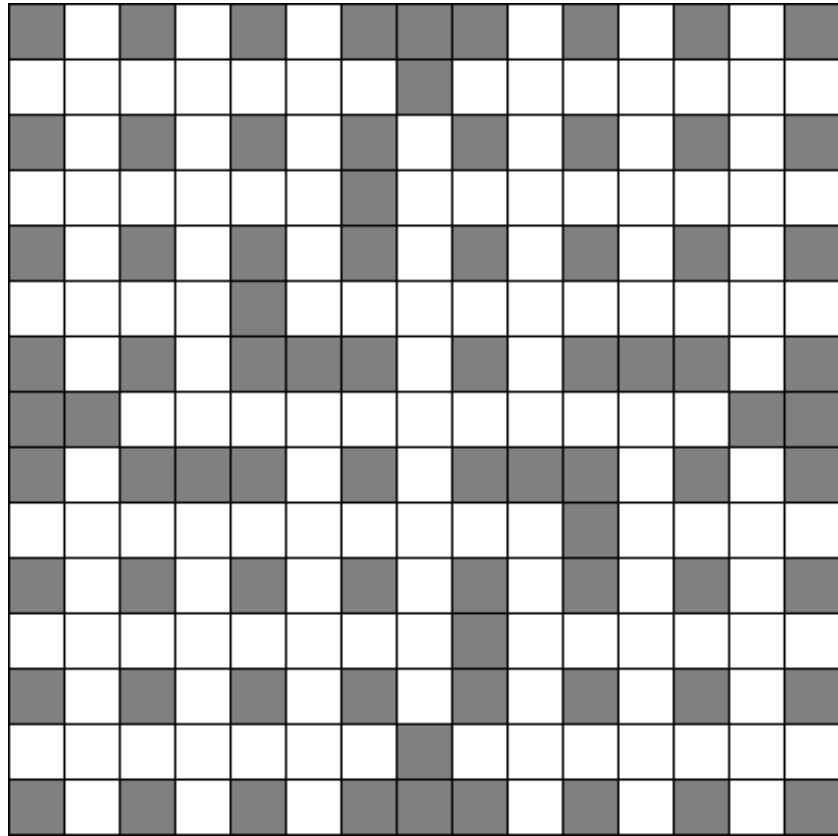
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**Prize**



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Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit. The construction of one clue relies on a medical abbreviation which, although in common use, has not made it through to the normal references

- A** Stimulate and awkwardly cavitate (8)
- B** Strand with long foaming wave for jetsam finder (11)
- C** Composer allowed energy to be unimpaired (8)
- D** Renounce princess's title (8)
- E** Cheetah in consequence was articulated (8)
- F** Sandstone fly school was incorporated (6)
- G** Scottish warning troubled Lord Goya (8)
- H** Silence Idi opponents with irritation-causing derivatives (10)
- I** Viewfinding technology from image denoting mass effort (10)
- J** Scottish toll about Rhode Island procures Indian millet (6)
- K** Scottish daw near Virginia concocts narcotic drink (4)
- L** Most likely, soldier finds himself in neighbourhood pub (7)

- M** University (overseas) is dividing (7)
- N** Pushed naked German inside with daughter (6)
- O** Work to make soup (4)
- P** In favour of dry infection on trial (11)
- Q** Alkaloid composed of one of five plus most of nine (7)
- R** Note: Cleaner gets gender drug to energise (8)
- S** Spies found in chopped wood. It's a hip thing! (7)
- T** Thrilled to ring the French Duke (7)
- V** Creates freedom from sunnier disposition (7)
- U** Six soldiers encircle fifty watches (6)
- W** Clever Elliot surrounds ninety medieval bison (7)
- X** Kissing around in Chinese city (6)
- Y** Scotsman faltering. Is the old team no good? (6)
- Z** Take cousin back to river to get a socle (7)

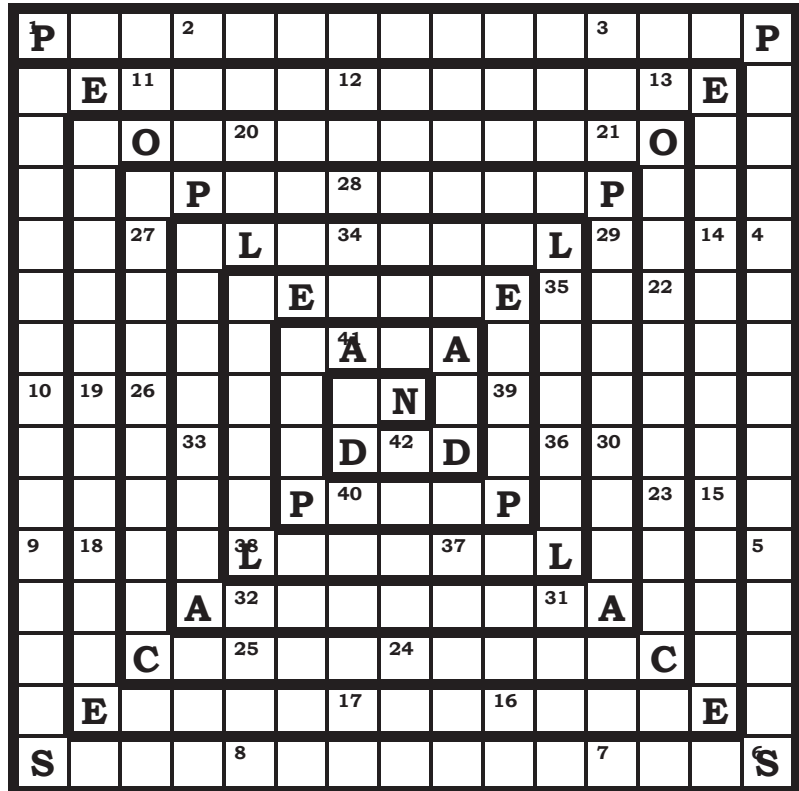
**Explanations for June Slot 6 and July grids, where provided by setters. Thanks to Jean and Drew**

**June Slot 6 midships. Across:** All associated in one shape or form with 29ac SUMMER. **Down:** 6 A (SHIV + E) R, 7 anag, 8 DD (double definition), 13 SKI(p), 14 HW, 16 Heads, 17 anag, 19 pun, 21 ROO + T + LET, 22 DD, 24 HUM + LIES, 25 TIPS + Y[ou], 27 HY + THE, 28 HW (hidden word) .

**July Slot 3 InGrid. Across:** 1 homophone panda, 4 crab+by, 9 fur bkwds+f, 10 lieu+tenant, 11 la(w)yer, 12 DD, 13 defer+en+ce, 15 bo(y)+ss, 16 p+ram, 17 slaps+tick, 21 man+i+fest, 22 DD, 24 centre+fold, 25 viola-a, 26 odd+it+y, 27 DD. **Down:** 1 plum+age, 2 n+if+t(he)y, 3 anag, 5 rat+i+on, 6 band+i+coot, 7 yank(Ee)+s, 8 anag, 14 anag, 16 place+bo, 18 pl+audit, 19 homophone sham + me, 20 re+cent, 23 DD.

**July slot 5 St Jude. Across:** 1 TRANS + HUMAN + CE, 9 CRYPT + I+ C, 10 BIR (CHE) D 11 IN + SPIRIT, 12 Triple - DD + HAM + PER, 14 GRAPH + I + LAC rev, 16 triple defn, 17 homophone nought - N, 19 EM + BANKING, 22 rev hw, 23 MEL + AN + O + MA, 26 C (LEAVE) D, 27 ID + ENT + IC, 28 OVER + A GIT anag DATE. **Down:** 1 CAT rev + KING, 2 AB + Y +SS, 3 ScOTTISH -C, 4 anag, 5 ALBE(do), 6 DOUBLE DEFINITION, 7 CHAP + AT + T + I, 8 ADORnED, 13 anag, 15 AUGUSTE + R, 17 AT + TACK, 18 anag rEVIVALisT, 20 NE (ATE) ST, 21 G + LANCED, 24 OC + TET, 25 hw.

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Place the solutions in the grid, starting in the left-hand top corner. The final letter of each solution is the first letter of the next.

**CLUES**

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| <p>1 This city is in Pennsylvania! (4)<br/>                 2 Can't I cart it somewhere cold? (9)<br/>                 3 The Tartan of the Glen (8)<br/>                 4 Country liar: "I be drunk!" (7)<br/>                 5 Send a criminal to the mountains (5)<br/>                 6 But back in Paris the country has been renamed (4)<br/>                 7 Library, say, for the singing guy (8)<br/>                 8 Woman forger makes for the city (9)<br/>                 9 The pilgrimage fooled the joker (4)<br/>                 10 Jules mare kicked up in the city (9)<br/>                 11 Cat lament: no money found back in the island! (5)<br/>                 12 An idiot in the city (7)<br/>                 13 The city with the public relations set-up (5)<br/>                 14 Bolt getting head start at college (6)<br/>                 15 Will Heath restructured a London suburb (9)<br/>                 16 Charles chops connection (4)<br/>                 17 Diabolo put the last American letter in the bubble jar (9)<br/>                 18 Composer. A Welshman? (4)<br/>                 19 Protestants report big problems at a stretch! (9)<br/>                 20 Repeat confession and go to jail (8)<br/>                 21 The Maxim of Russia (5)</p> | <p>22 The old fellow's republic (5)<br/>                 23 A city with a novel fortress (9)<br/>                 24 Find a cheese and damper concoction without any publicity (4)<br/>                 25 Careless machining off north in the city (7)<br/>                 26 Sisters not usually needing sex for starters (4)<br/>                 27 Crafting a ship? There's nothing to it. Capital! (6)<br/>                 28 Roman Statesman reported to be a strict controller (7)<br/>                 29 The man with the World Book (5)<br/>                 30 A desert over in the Polynesian Islands (5)<br/>                 31 The Inland Revenue takes antelope across country (7)<br/>                 32 Senegal's capital Delta also known as Romeo (5)<br/>                 33 Some snakes mail it personally in boxes (8)<br/>                 34 Take along a loop to an African Republic (6)<br/>                 35 A man daubed in woad — amazing! (4)<br/>                 36 An Italian city back in the final — imagine that! (5)<br/>                 37 Take a plane and wind up in Kathmandu airport here (5)<br/>                 38 Principality unlawful? Then license it! (13)<br/>                 39 Planes fly over this city (6)<br/>                 40 Hardy failed to end up in this old city (6)<br/>                 41 A man and a woman (6)<br/>                 42 A study in the port (4)</p> |
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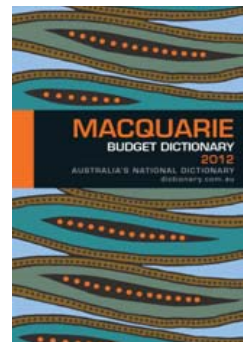
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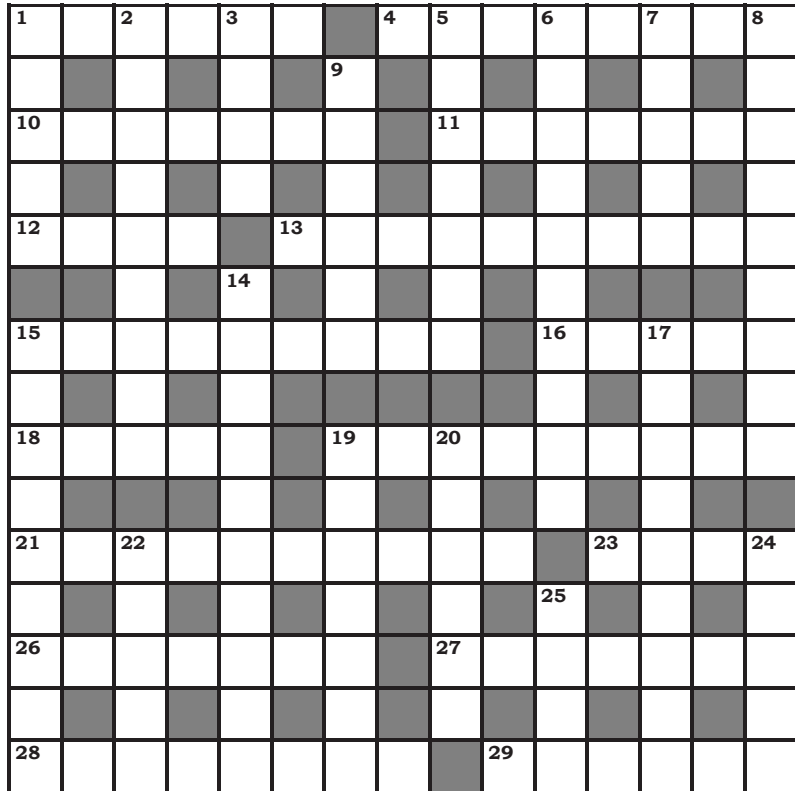
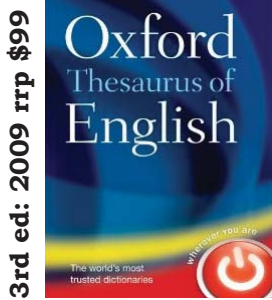
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## Cryptic by Whynot

Prize:



### Across

- 1 Sweetheart in street with one martyr (2,4)
- 4 Unskilled outside, impudent person succeeds at home (8)
- 10 Present after rebuke given (3,4)
- 11 Bloke a supporter of aquatic mammal (7)
- 12 Fresh pair of horses (4)
- 13 Old man, Scot's own, covering high chair for loopy decoration (5,5)
- 15 Fellow arrivals used to strain in the kitchen? (9)
- 16 A night watch alert (5)
- 18 Coming every year, missing a repeal (5)
- 19 Ignorant and can't see it (2,3,4)
- 21 Ice danced, grew bigger and bigger (10)
- 23 One picture show's a long adventure movie (4)
- 26 Marks off and makes sheet music impossible to play? (7)
- 27 Small commotion in the kitchen alcove? (7)
- 28 Given green light, two men at corner reversed (8)
- 29 Below new clear upper air (6)

### Down

- 1 Boy goes to his place of learning, perhaps for trifles (5)
- 2 Dejected and lost after long lecture (3-6)
- 3 He foots the bill, suffering (4)
- 5 One, two, three poles holding shade (7)
- 6 Philosopher put bow on outside, upside-down (10)
- 7 Old craft up for more (5)
- 8 Sentimentally quaint, heading north to decorate space on board (5,4)
- 9 Join the last of the men starting to get on (6)
- 14 Tribal knee-bend produces a child (5-5)
- 15 Seafood useless? Walk this way to avoid it (4-5)
- 17 Time of trial for repairman's poor work (1,3,5)
- 19 Diesels turning but showing state of inaction (7)
- 20 Latest venture brought about completion (6)
- 22 Had guzzled drink - lost head (5)
- 24 Church organ is heard to give comfort (5)
- 25 Concealed here in the old days (4)

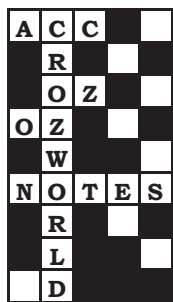
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### READING THE OED by Ammon Shea, Viking, 2008:

- **Exauspicate** (*v.*) *To do something in an unlucky fashion.* One of the many meanings of the word auspicate is "to give a fortunate beginning to." One of the many meanings of the prefix *ex-* is "to take away, or deprive of." Put them together and you get this Hindenburg of words. *also see:* jettatore
- **Heredipety** (*n.*) *The hunting of an inheritance.* Had this word existed in Shakespeare's time it might well have referred to such activity as killing off all one's brothers. Today it would likely be reduced to swiping the family silver before the rest of your siblings show up.
- **Nefandous** (*adj.*) *Too odious to be spoken of.* From the classical Latin word *nefandus* (wicked or impious). Some things really are too odious to be spoken of, and so I will not mention them. *also see:* tacenda





### Vale Shirl O'Brien (Southern Cross)

We were deeply saddened by the death of one of the ACC's favourite compilers **Shirl O'Brien** on Tuesday 12 July 2011 aged 82. Shirl was one of the ACC's original members in 1990 and a brilliant solver; by June 1990 she was commenting in *Crozworld* that: "Liked 16ac and 3dn but found many clues worded clumsily and faulty in construction in 5dn." The following month Shirl was a prizewinner for the General Knowledge Quiz and another prize in November 1990. In Nov 1990 Shirl wrote: "If I end up in the nut house, trace my decline back to puzzle Oct 4-90. *Sopocles* has a lot to answer for."

Shirl's first puzzle as *Southern Cross* was published in *Crozworld* in June 1991 and was titled *In Memoriam* which was dedicated to the author Patrick White. Roy Wilson said: "All in all a very enjoyable cryptic" and Alan Walter: "A lovely theme puzzle: it 'Voss' a very fitting 'deadication'." The clue for Patrick White was: "Irish snake-driver followed by Caucasian author (7,5)". In August 1991 Shirl's puzzle titled *Bless 'em All* was published as a Slot 6 puzzle and she generously donated the first prize. Many of the answers were members of the ACC: eg, the clue for STREET was "Christopher has internal growth?" Founding Secretary of the ACC Carole Noble commented on this puzzle: "*Southern Cross*, you've earned your place in the sky."

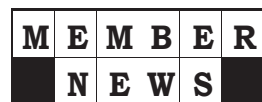
Shirl went on for many years to make significant contributions to the ACC via her challenging crosswords and insightful Comments and she will be really missed by the whole cruciverbal community. ACC Secretary Bev Cockburn said: "Shirl was one of our wonderful

members and such a fantastic contributor and champion."

Two of the many features which adorned her puzzles were the perfect construction of the clues and the wit. The surface reading of the clues was flawless and her clues often featured in the ACC Clue of the Month series. In 2005 and 2005, Shirl won with 5 COTMs, 4 in 2009 and 3 COTMs in 2007 and 2008. This demonstrated quite clearly that Shirl's clueing style was not only consistent over many years but also appealed to a large number of solvers. Her consummate and copybook clueing was appreciated by a majority of the ACC solvers. For example: Getting correspondence right in Uniting Church (8) MATCHING. Off-peak calls? (6) YODELS, Burns' red-breasts? (8) COMBUSTS and Say what to do with reports on molluscs, for example (6) PHYLUM.

Shirl contributed more than 1200 cryptic crosswords (as *Southern Cross*) to the Brisbane *Courier-Mail* from 1985-2009 and as *Auster* to *The Guardian* from 1987-2011. When Shirl finally stepped down from her work with the *Courier-Mail* she handed the compiling baton to another ACC Legend David Stickley. Shirl said in 2006: "Crosswords are more than just a job: It's a passion. Actually, it's an addiction."

Shirl was the much beloved wife of Jack for 61 years and they had seven wonderful children. A Funeral Mass to celebrate Shirl's life was held on 15 July 2011 at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Catholic Church in Stafford Qld. We send our sincere condolences to Jack and his Loving Family. On 12 July 2011, ACC Secretary Bev Cockburn sent a floral Tribute with the following message: "To Jack and family, With our heartfelt sympathy at the passing of an outstanding, well-loved and respected club member. From all Shirl's friends in the ACC."



**Puzzle Adjustments:** Andrew Miles gained a dot for the May Slot 6 puzzle. The following gained dots for the May issue. Corryn Anderson, Slots 1-5; Anne Simons, Slots 3,4,5 and Warren Allen, Slots 1,2,4,5.

**Quiz adjustment:** Reel Women Quiz by *Virgo*. Please adjust word lengths of Q 3. to (7,6,7) and Q. 17 to (6).

### Lodging submissions by e-mail

The Adjudicator, Doug Butler, wrote in July 2011 'More dots lost due to blank cells than I remember from last year: always on DOWN words. A similar number of transcription errors, again on DOWN solutions'. Is there any answer? E-Lodgement is an easy way to send your puzzles to the adjudicator via Ian. You are warned if the puzzle is not complete when you save it; there is also an easy way to proof-read your answers to make sure that there are no transcriptions errors. Ian acknowledges all submissions so you can be sure that your contribution has been received. I have been using E-Lodgement for a couple of years now and I love it. It doesn't require advanced computer skills and full instructions are given every month when Ian sends out the blank grids by e-mail – but unfortunately it does not stop you from putting in incorrect answers! Your e-mail is also an easy way to make your comments on the puzzles. Your mail never gets lost and both Ian and Doug are very helpful with any problems. —Joan Smith

## The Australian Oxford Dictionary

### WORD OF THE MONTH

**cruciverbalist** *n.* a person who enjoys or is skilled at solving crosswords. [ORIGIN: Latin *crux*, *cruci*- 'cross' and *verbalist*.]

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### Quiz No 8/2011: Follow the Leader by *The Eager Beaver*

Each solution (clues are not in order) contains a pair of letters as they appear in the alphabet. Your task is to solve the clue and place the answer in the alphabetical order of the pair – for example – Geometric figure (8) is *parabola* giving the two letter pair AB. That would be the first solution: your next word should contain the letters BC together. Send your entries to Bev Cockburn 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160. e-mail to [bevco4@bigpond.com](mailto:bevco4@bigpond.com). Closing date 9 September 2011. Book prize.

- 1 Light bluish purple (5)
- 2 Large women's size (1, 1)
- 3 An animate being (8)
- 4 Be silent (4, 5)
- 5 Steal in transit (6)
- 6 Popular board game (8)
- 7 Fervidly hot (8)
- 8 Nut (6)
- 9 Heavy knitted woollen shawl (6)
- 10 German car (1, 1)
- 11 Rugged (5)
- 12 Part of a car's wheel (6)
- 13 American esteem (5)
- 14 Robber (5)
- 15 Harry Potter's creator's initials (1, 1)
- 16 In a lively manner (7)
- 17 Hairy (7)
- 18 A short narrative (8)
- 19 Period of new or full moon (6)
- 20 Memory loss (7)
- 21 More desirable (10)
- 22 Gas of life (6)
- 23 Abbreviated quarter (2)
- 24 Slim (7)
- 25 Udder infection (8)

## July 1-2011: Australian Wildflowers by Colinebrii (Col Archibald)

- Welcome back Col (how was Outer Mongolia?). Challenging puzzle as usual with good clues. Especially liked 10ac, 21ac and 5dn. *Joan Smith*
- 36ac: "in" is an unnecessary word and detracts from the clue as "corn spurrey" = yarr. 37ac: while answer is clear from the clue, I prefer answers that are words. "err" and "lean" would have fitted the grid. *Drew Meek*
- The Australian Wildflowers mentioned in Slot 1 are the Rivers Swan, Darling, Yarra, Darling and Diamantina. This was quite hard for a Slot 1. *Nea Storey*
- 36ac, 'Yarr' is corn spurrey; was the 'in' a typo perhaps? [It was in the author's original: Adj] *Tony Dobebe*
- I thought slot 1 was rather tough for a crossword in that slot. *Steve Trollope*
- A really enjoyable puzzle for a slot 1 but I struggled over 12ac (Party Unit) and came up with CREW. But don't know why. [A double definition. Eg working party and maintenance unit: Adj]. *Jim Fowler*
- I felt this was rather more difficult than I would expect for this slot – a high proportion of new words. *Mike Potts*
- I had nearly finished the grid before I realised the theme was rivers, not real flowers. Knowing this helped greatly! I should have known "BREAM" but it was one of the last clues I actually got. I also found a few variations to the Scot word which I knew as AGLY (AGEE in 3dn); it was the clue that drove me to find the variation. *Alan Dyer*
- A tough start. *Ann Jermy*
- What happened to the basic slot 1? *Roy Taylor*
- I wonder why ARR is used for 37ac. It is an inelegant answer when AIR or ERR could have been used with appropriate interlocking words. *Doreen Jones*
- Didn't enjoy this. Too many obscure words. Not appropriate for slot 1. *Merv Collins*
- Slot 1 I found hardest this month, finishing up "gaga". *Bill Bennett*
- Two new words for the vocab, WARRAY and AGEE. Now how can I use them? *Max Roddick*
- An unusual one for this position. I have been misled by Col's "flowers" in the past so am wise to his tricks now. He had a few unusual words too – MASU and ZUNI particularly. *Margaret Davis*

## July 2-2011: Cryptic by The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn)

- The 'IMAUM' was popular this month. Enjoyable puzzle Bev: liked your clues for 28ac and 8 and 24 dn. *Joan Smith*
- One thing I look for in a well crafted cryptic clue is good surface readability. I'm afraid that I didn't find that in 18ac, 22ac, 7dn or 13dn. *Drew Meek*
- 14dn: 'reportedly the author' = EYE. Not sure where 'maintain that' fits in. *Tony Dobebe*
- 24dn (IRIS) was a nice triple definition. Now, if a "flower" or "bloomer" had been included in the clue? *Alan Dyer*
- Can we please get rid of those wretched "Spenser" clues? Why do we perpetuate the mistakes of a bloke who couldn't spell? BREME could easily have been BREVE. *Merv Collins*
- Good clues, not all easy but when solved you see just how good they are! *Max Roddick*
- A good puzzle. *Alan Walter*

## July 3-2011: Cryptic by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

- Liked the clues for 11ac, 1 and 2 dn. Not sure if TOOL is right. [Sorry, Joan – it was VIOL(a): Adj]. *Joan Smith*
- Anagrams can be yawn-making but sometimes there's a beauty – like GESTICULATION. Thank you InGrid. *Max Roddick*

- Neat short clues and a good challenge to solve.

*Alan Walter*

## July 4-2011: AJ by Waratah (Carole Noble)

- Thank you Carole for an enjoyable AJ. I liked the 'C' clue. *Joan Smith*
- The S clue had me going for a little while, obviously an anagram but I felt sure 'stops' must come into it – completely fooled by 'organ'. *Tony Dobebe*
- "FLORIBUNDA" was a delightful clue, especially given the connection between Chelsea and garden shows. My COTM. *Alan Dyer*
- Liked the OAK TREE clue. *Max Roddick*
- Pleasant alphabet puzzle. I liked the punning clue for stethoscope which gets my COTM. *Tony de Gryns*
- Thanks Waratah for an enjoyable AJ. *Alan Walter*
- XEROSERE was hard to track down. *Margaret Davis*

## July 5-2011: Cryptic by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- A challenging puzzle which took some time to finish. 9ac, 12ac and 1dn were among my favourite clues. *Joan Smith*
- Interesting to see a couple of triple definitions – (HAMPER and RATED) – very neat! *Mike Potts*
- I haven't seen "TRANSHUMANCE" since my school days, I am sure. *Alan Dyer*
- Anti-tank = AT. Is this acceptable? (Yes, according to Chambers. -Adj.) *Roy Taylor*
- I was interested to learn that 'bird' can mean prison and even more interested in the origin — rhyming slang-bird-lime = time. *Brian Tickle*
- I thought, had to be 'ought'. That try came to nought, and now I've been taught, it's AUGHT! *Max Roddick*
- Transhumance was a difficult word to locate. *Alan Walter*
- TRANSHUMANCE was a new word for me. *Margaret Davis*

## A Selection of Shakespeare's Insults

- You go so much backward when you fight. *All's Well That Ends Well, 1.1.196*
- You are not worth another word, else I'd call you knave. *All's Well That Ends Well, 2.3.258-59*
- [You're] a man who is the abstract of all faults That all men follow. *Antony and Cleopatra, 1.4.9-10*
- Go get thee hence, Hadst thou Narcissus in thy face, to me Thou wouldst appear most ugly. *Antony and Cleopatra, 2.5.95-97*
- He is deformed, crooked, old and sere, Ill-fac'd, worse bodied, shapeless everywhere; Vicious, ungentle, foolish, blunt, unkind, Stigmatical in making, worse in mind. *The Comedy of Errors, 4.2.19-22*
- You are cock and capon too, and you crow, cock with your comb on. *Cymbeline, 2.1.25-26*
- It offends me to the soul to hear a robustious periwigged fellow tear a passion to tatters. *Hamlet, 3.2.8-10*
- [You] live in the rank sweat of an enseamed bed, Stew'd in corruption, honeying and making love Over the nasty sty! *Hamlet, 3.4.91-94*
- I scorn you, scurvy companion. What, you poor, base, rascally, cheating, lack-linen mate! Away, you mouldy rogue, away! *Henry IV, part 2, 2.4.120-22*
- I grant him bloody, Luxurious, avaricious, false, deceitful, Sudden, malicious, smacking of every sin, That has a name. *Macbeth, 4.3.57-60*
- [Cheerfully appropriated from *Shakespeare's Insults Educating Your Wit* by Wayne F Hill and Cynthia J Ötchen, Ebury London, 1996.

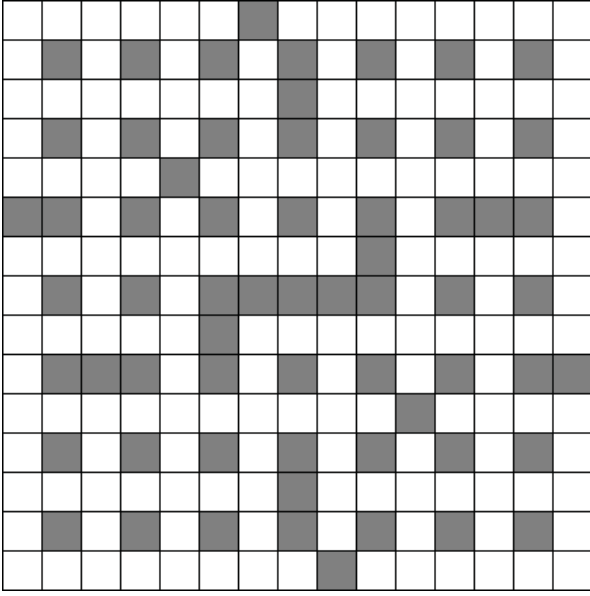
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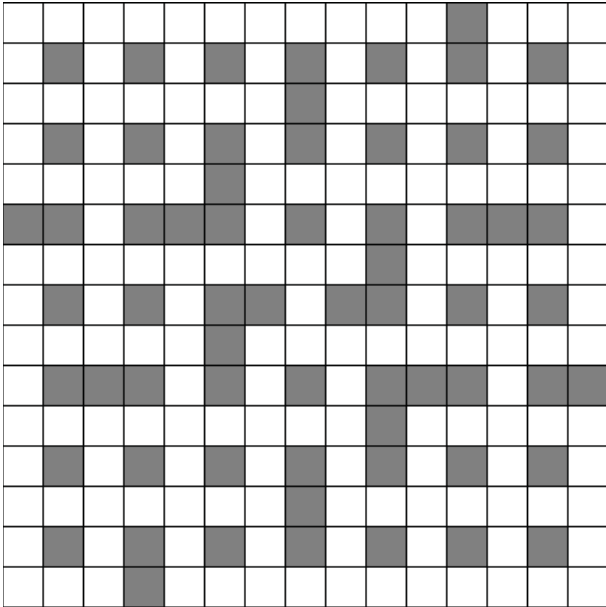
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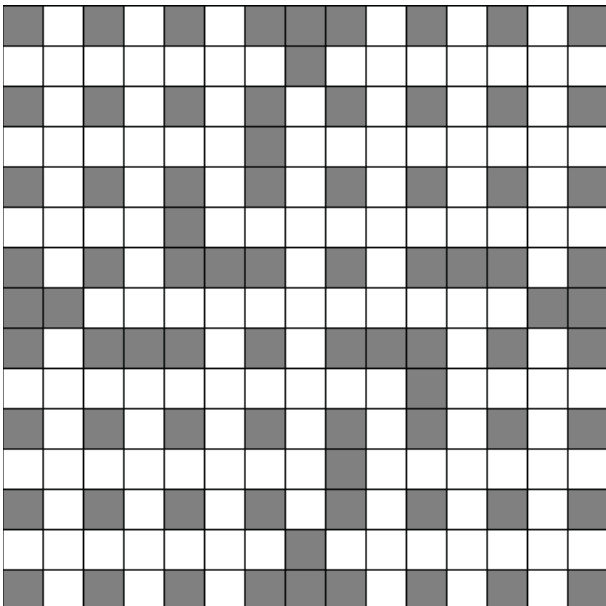
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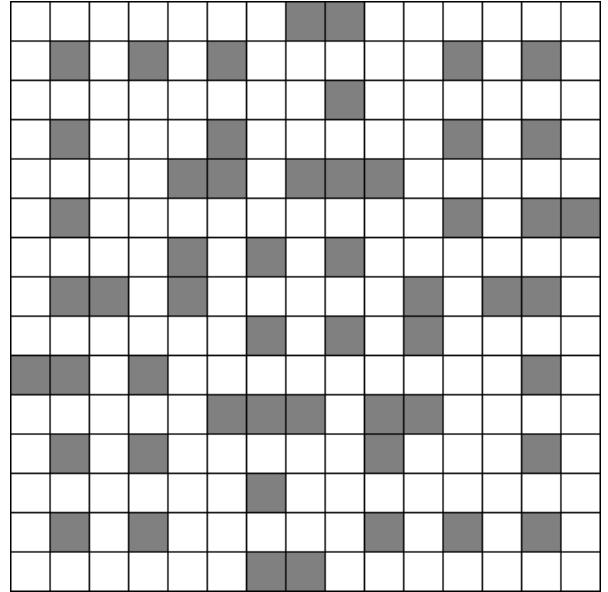
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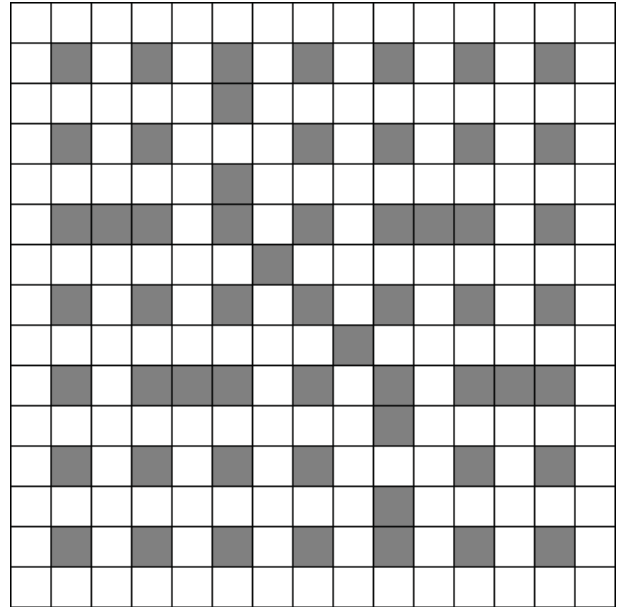
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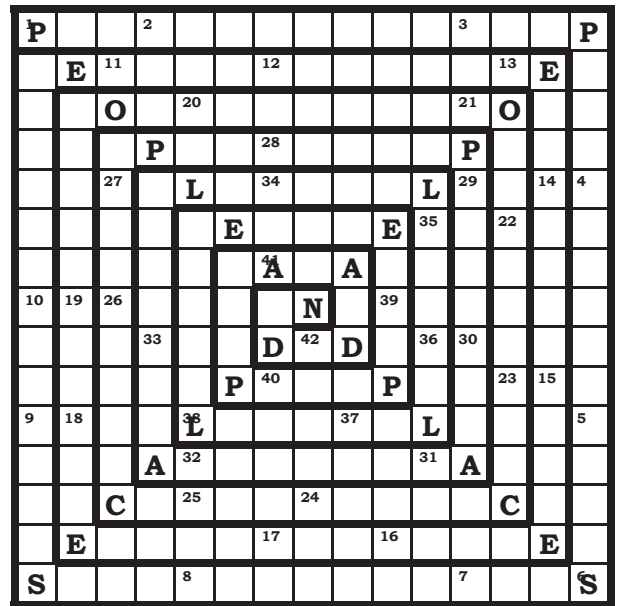
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Clue of the Month .....

**June 6-2011: Half and ? by *midships* (Ian Williams)**

**Entries: 68. Correct: 4. Success rate 6%**

**Winner: Joan Smith. Congratulations!**

**Setter's comments:** Thank you for your cards and encouraging comments. Whoops! While the challenge seems to have been enjoyed, perhaps the puzzle was a little harder in three respects than I intended. It started off in my mind as a Slot 1, but a couple of solutions gave me a hint that with a little work a theme could be developed. And so it turned out – but it's just as well that it ended up as a slot 6. Three particular Across themed clues gave problems to one or another solver. 11ac LINTEL is specifically in *Chambers*, *Collins* and *Macquarie* as a definition of "summer" and as a horizontal bearing beam in a building in the *SOED* (6 incorrect). In 15ac the "shade" sought was LUTEOUS defined as golden-yellow in *Chambers*, although a little less clearly related to the theme in the other three (18 incorrect). The original clue was "Shade associated with 29". Living in Canberra with our summer conditions, this seemed reasonable to me but our editor suggested that even in Marvellous Melbourne the "...often associated..." would be more realistic. A number of solvers provided LOTIONS, which although giving protection against the sun in summer in the form of a sunscreen would not actually provide the requisite summer "shade". The final, and most significant banana skin was in 26ac where, until the entries started rolling in, I hadn't seen the possibilities of ISOTHERM (a line joining any old equal temperatures) fitting the grid, as against the intended ISOTHERE (a contour line of equal mean **summer** temperatures, in all four references), on which no less than 58 solvers slipped. One other solved ISOTHERE correctly, but fell at the LINTEL. Two unfortunates avoided all of those traps but, coincidentally, submitted HITHE for HYTHE (HeavenLY + THE) in 27dn. The ST BERNARD PASS required a bit of lateral thinking in order to associate it with the theme, but caught no one. A rather disappointing overall result, but we can be sure that the skilful and lucky winner deserves the munificent prize awarded for this puzzle. —*midships* (Ian Williams)

**Solvers' comments:** [Comments expressing problems with alternatives to some solutions have been omitted due to pressure of space. Adj]

- I loved this crossword: it taught me some new words, TISHRI, LUTEOUS and HUMLIES and new meanings for LINTEL and STRAW HAT. Now all I have to do is remember them!

*Carole Noble*

- I loved the theme and the definition of a mathematician as a "summer". A bit more than that, if I remember correctly. I look forward to more of your brain teasers.

*Betty Siegman*

- Very good concise clues and I liked the theme, although as a professional mathematician I'd never thought of myself as a "summer".

*Jill Freeland*

- Wow! This was really hard but once I got SUMMER a lot more fell into place. I love ST BERNARD PASS.

*Bev Cockburn*

- Thank you for a very entertaining puzzle. I just hope I have it right. Luckily I spent some years in the chemical/pharmaceutical industry so TITRE readily sprang to mind!

*Col Archibald*

- A challenging puzzle with a bit of wintery discontent until the penny dropped.

*Maurice Cowan*

- I found the puzzle a real challenge, but at least I filled in all the squares!

*Joan McGrath*

- This was a summer special, if ever there was one. I really enjoyed it!

*Ted O'Brien*

- Enjoyed the puzzle. Took some time to navigate my way around even when I found the key.

*Jack Stocks*

- A very well-constructed puzzle where the answers were achievable. Seven required, and got, confirmation from the dictionary and only two from the Internet (St Bernard Pass and straw-hat, not in my ageing *Chambers*). All in all, enjoyable and satisfying.

*Tony de Gry*

- A most ingenious "Summer" quiz.

*Peter Dearie*

- The wit and wisdom of 32 summers, welcome in these wintry

days. Enjoyed STOLE and G-STRING but 11ac is a problem. And what is a sea-turnip? *Max Roddick* [It appears in *AxWord*, but is otherwise quite elusive. I ran one to earth in the photo inset, which was taken on the Oregon coast and is entitled "Rocks with Sea Turnip". But it looks more like a sea parsnip to me! Adj]



**Quiz 6/2011: Crosswords by Brian Symons**

**Entries: 36. Winner: Corryn Anderson. Congratulations!**

**35:** C Anderson, B Cockburn, A Jermy, D Meek, C Noble, J Smith, R Taylor and A Walter. **34:** J Barbour, G Cole, P Dearie, V Dinham, J Fowler, R Gardiner, C Jones, J McGrath, C McClelland, T McPherson, A Miles, S Pinder, D Procter, M Procter, S Roulston, B Siegman, A Simons, J Stocks and R Wimbush. **33:** T DeGrys, P Garner, B Glissan, S Howells, G Leeds, M Steinberger and C Wilcox. **32:** N Storey. **24:** B Ibbott.

**Adjudicator's comments:** Firstly my apologies for the inaccurate clueing of equinox which is of course a biannual event not biennial. Because of this marking was lenient – eg No 35 was CRUX but HOAX was accepted as was the tradename HARDIFLEX for EARTHFLAX. CORTEX gained a tick but inevitably led to a loss of a point further down the track with no other F word (other than humorous comments such as fanx a lot). Some perfect scores were ruined by spelling mistakes eg zealatrix, redex, quindunx, earthwax and opananix. Despite its imperfections and difficulty most members expressed enjoyment of the dictionary crawl. Congratulations to those who were able to get the full quota.

**Solutions:** 1 Hallux, 2 Beeswax, 3 Letterbox, 4 Annex, 5 Minx, 6 Varix, 7 Redox, 8 Nix, 9 Zelatrix, 10 Fornix, 11 Jinx, 12 Duplex, 13 Archaeopteryx 14 Kleenex, 15 Testatrix 16 Prolix, 17 Yex, 18 Opopanax, 19 Unisex, 20 Phoenix, 21 Xerox, 22 Quadruplex, 23 Dux, 24 Mirepoix, 25 Helix, 26 Soapbox, 27 Wax 28 Earthflax 29 Index, 30 Genetrix, 31 Transfix, 32 Quincunx, 33 Equinox, 34 Roux, 35 Crux.

**Western Australian vs West Australian**  
**Western Australian**

noun 1. someone who was born in Western Australia, or who has come to regard it as his or her home. –adjective 2. of or relating to the state of Western Australia. Also, **West Australian**. **Usage (language):** Both West Australian and Western Australian can be used to refer to someone from Western Australia or as the adjectival form. Some people consider Western Australian the correct form (the name of the state is Western Australia), but there is a long tradition of using the shorter form, as, for example, in the name of the newspaper *The West Australian* and the West Australian Opera.

I think part of the confusion is that, used adjectivally, West Australian is much less of a mouthful. But we do give Western Australian as the headword and West Australian as the variant. Similarly I think Eastern States rolls of the tongue better than East States – although East States is not unknown. But when you get to South-East States the pattern with East is quite comfortable so there are lots of examples of that.

—Susan Butler, Editor, *The Macquarie Dictionary*