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A man does not know what he is saying
until he knows what he is not saying.
GK Chesterton, 1936, *About Impenitance*, in *As I was Saying*.

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We are delighted to announce that two founding members of the Australian Crossword Club, **Carole Noble** and **Noel Jessop** have been made Life Members of the ACC. This award is richly deserved given their inspirational leadership and their commitment to the Club over the past 15 years. As the First Secretary of the ACC, Carole did so much to guide the Club along its successful path and Noel has been a wonderful and continuous contributor of high-class puzzles together with the sound foundation he set as the First grid editor of crosswords. We pass on our sincere thanks and congratulations to both. See p9 for further details.

There has been a good response from members for new puzzles. This is an ideal opportunity for new compilers to get their masterpiece published! Straight cryptics are more than welcome; however, we don't want to inhibit anyone from devising something innovative! Go for it in 2005!

Congratulations to our super solvers. See p7 for further details.

We have had an excellent reaction to our drive to gain new members for 2005. We extend a warm welcome to another seven new members who are keen to take on the challenge of *Crozworld* puzzles! See p9 for details.

Another excellent range of puzzles awaits you this month with all your favourite compilers. Included are our familiar household names like *Virgo*, Noel Jessop, *Southern Cross* and *Praxis*. We are delighted to welcome back *dB* who has devised a challenging puzzle with a well-known theme! Finally, *Brother Naga* has given us another outstanding puzzle based on the memorable poem *Silver* by Walter de la Mare.
Happy Crozworlding! —Patrick

A brilliant opening to the 2005 year of puzzlement with such a great issue of *Crozworld*, much appreciated by everyone. A few of the clues in various puzzles raised some eyebrows, and are explained in a separate piece on p10. There were the odd blank squares in grids, of course. Should we name the culprits to try and eliminate this sloth?

Slot 1: Plenty of spelling blues in this special. The multiples were HAKIA (1ac) BORAC (11ac) NUMIBIA/NIMIBIA (20ac) ABASHMENT/ABASSMENT (26ac). Due to what is known in the trade as 'an error in production' the clue for 40dn omitted the definition word 'record'. Even so, the answer ANNUL could not be accepted based on the clue given.

Slot 2: The clue for 11ac bamboozled seven solvers into the answer FOWLER, which doesn't fit the definition. And although most got it right there was some trepidation over AIR TRAIN as the answer for 21ac. A few other one-offs.

Slot 3: This unusual style puzzle didn't bring many undone. The only real problem was the clue for INDITING (explained on p10) which produced answers such as INDIGENT, INDATING, INDIGENE, INDIGINT, UPDATING.

Slot 4: The return of *Brain Tickler* was welcomed but his G clue produced a GRUMPY response from 16 solvers. This, and several other clues are explained on p10. The R clue is acknowledged as 'fawltly', so this normally ruthless adjudicator has not undotted those entrants who answered with RABBITER. Various other confused answers, including PRISON DREAM & PRISON IDEAL which make great oxymorons.

Slot 5: Surely someone was going to forget to enter the title and author! But no, absolutely *perfecto* from all!

Clue of the month: There was a total of 20 clues nominated across the seven slots, and the Oscar this month goes to Clue 6dn Slot 2, by a single vote from Clues B & H in Slot 4. Congratulations to *Southern Cross*, again.

It's apparent from your greatly appreciated cards and letters that all solvers minds are honed and ready for the challenges ahead. There is much enjoyment to be anticipated.
Jim Colles

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Jan 1-2005

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Jan 4-2005

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Solomon's Song - Bryce Courtenay

Dec 6-2004

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JANUARY 2005

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
AINSWORTH Y
ANDERSON C
ANDERSON C
ANDERSON J
ARCHIBALD C
ATKINSON S
AUSTIN A
BARBOUR J
BATUM C
BENNETT B
BENNETT D
BRYANT R
CAMPBELL G
CHANCE C
CHRISTIANSEN R
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COLE G
COLLES J
COLLINS M
COWAN M
CROMER H
DAVIS A
DAVIS K
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DENNIS M
DINHAM V
DODD C
DODD M
EDWARD J
EISENTRAGER D
FOSTER C
FOWLER J
FREELAND J
FULLER D
GALBREATH M

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
GARNER P
GLISSAN B
GRAINGER D
GREENING D
HAGAN B
HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HEATH P
HOCKING A
HOLFORD E
HORAN P
HOWARD L
HOWARD V
IBBOTT B
IKIN D
JERMY A
JESSOP N
JONES D
KENNEDY D
KITTO J
KNIGHT S
LEE C
LOBSEY V
McCLELLAND C
MacDOUGALL I
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McKINDLAY Y
MERCER P
MITCHELL J
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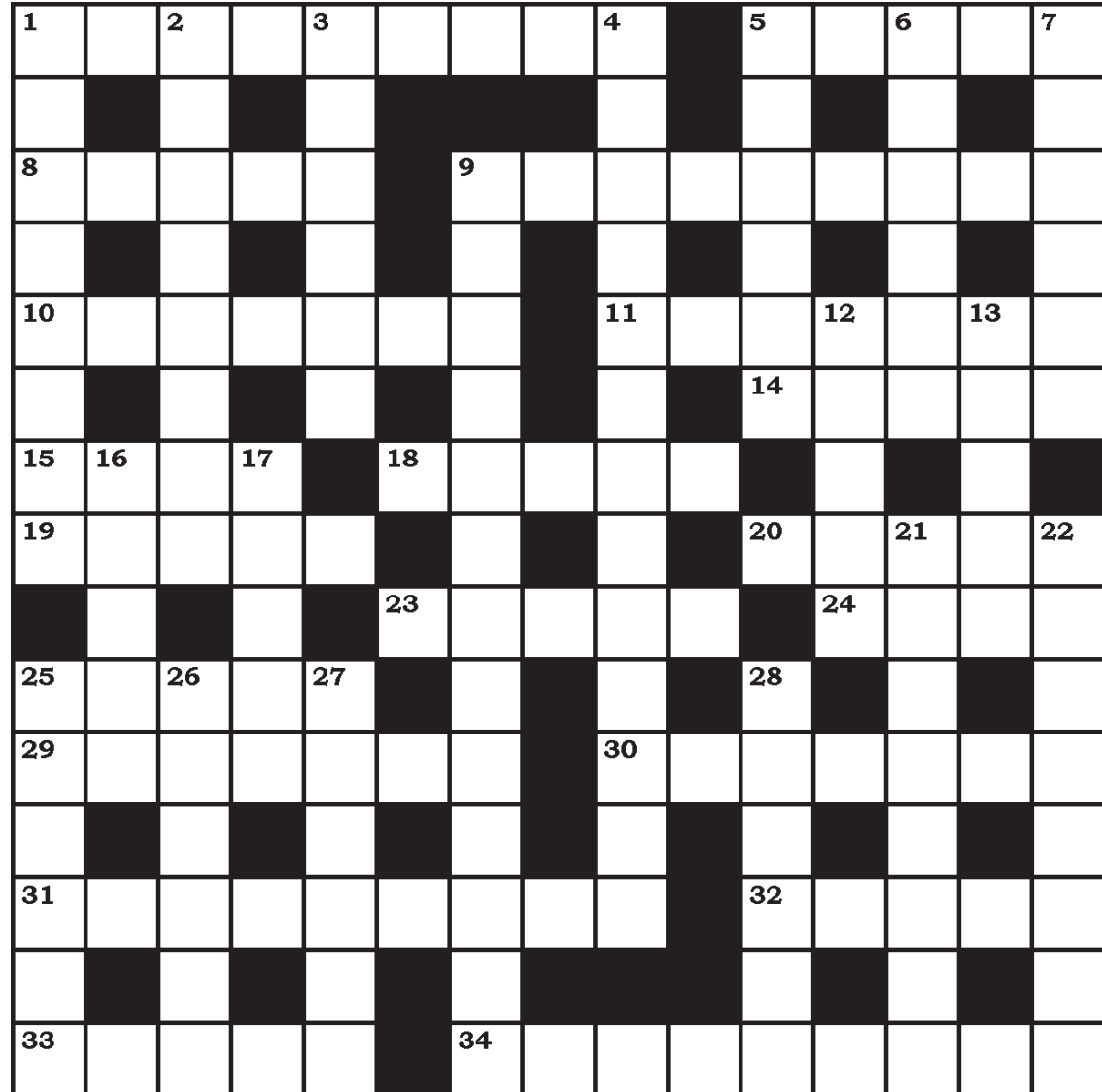
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REEVES V
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RODDICK M
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SEALE E
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B
SKILLICORN A
SMITH J
SMITH T
SOLOMON B
STANDARD J
STOCKS J
STOREY N
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
TICKLE B
TOFONI B
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Crossword
by
Virgo



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Across

- 1 Word blind (9)
- 5 Tommy _ _ _ _ Australian pianist/bandleader (5)
- 8 Blaspheme (5)
- 9 Devised (9)
- 10 Mollify (7)
- 11 Confidential (7)
- 14 Soft tissues (5)
- 15 Long periods of time (4)
- 18 _ _ _ _ Kelly, Hollywood actress & princess (5)
- 19 Françoise _ _ _ _ Author of *Bonjour Tristesse* (5)
- 20 Stones (5)
- 23 To lure into a trap (5)
- 24 Whirling dervish (4)
- 25 The two in cards (5)
- 29 Means (7)
- 30 Capital of Dakar (7)
- 31 Exactly (9)
- 32 Turn on a spit (5)
- 33 Russell Crowe's nickname (5)
- 34 The tenant's tenant (9)

Down

- 1 Orders to be copied down? (8)
- 2 Cleaning up the mess from Craps, Roulette and Gin Rummy (8)
- 3 These will flush back into the self-same nest (6)
- 4 Obviously Lucy's coupon is wrong (13)
- 5 Pi vegetable (6)
- 6 Notice a recess nearby (6)
- 7 Plenty of headless fools (6)
- 9 Drunk lessens toast sandwiches misery (13)
- 12 The germs of six codes (5)
- 13 If the drunk is also a crook (5)
- 16 Wooden old age? Done! (5)
- 17 The cheekiness of wine (5)
- 21 Guns star in *Misery*. It's creepy (8)
- 22 Heard stupid legend about the author, Alan (8)
- 25 Scoop: The Princess papers on the Queen (6)
- 26 Talks about topless maniacs (6)
- 27 Being one – or one being (6)
- 28 Rumoured to be on tray for starters (6)

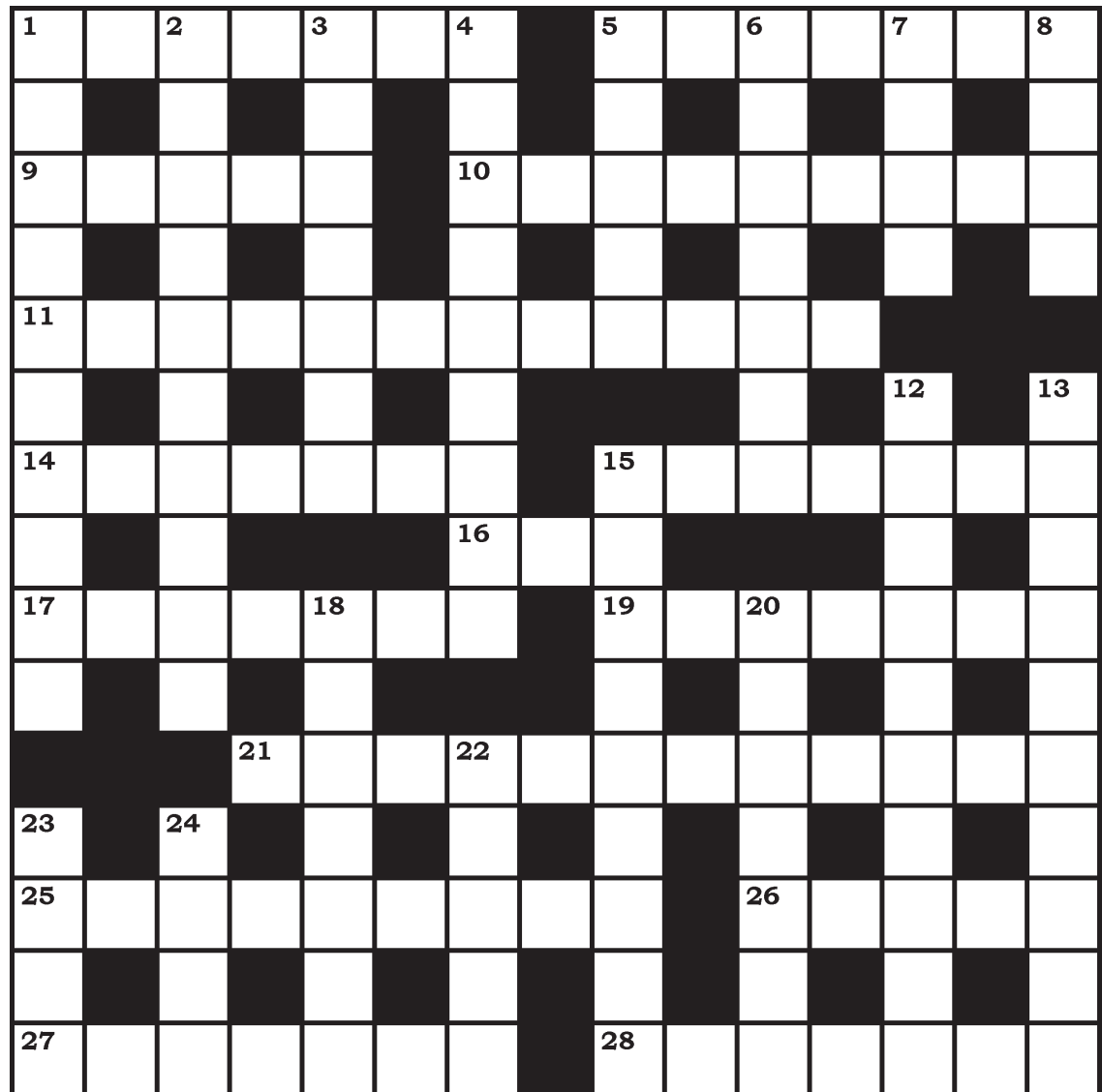
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Closing mail date: Friday 25 February 2005.
Slot 6: Bob Hagan, 6 Bradford Drive, Goulburn NSW 2580.
Closing mail date: Friday 11 March 2005.

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Cryptic by Noel Jessop

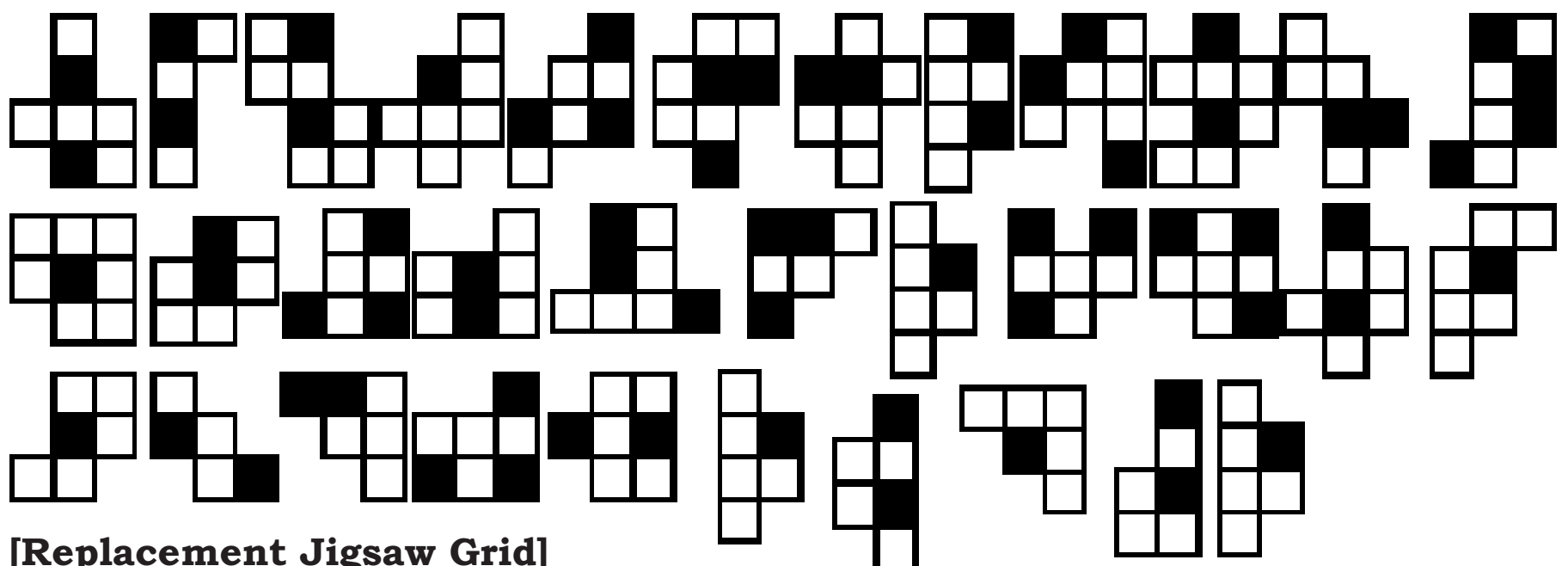


Across


- 1 Take back singer for chattering (7)
- 5 Apprehensive of getting along without energy (7)
- 9 Man is a centre of attraction (5)
- 10 A water-bath's one main development in dairy production (4-5)
- 11 Immature bird identifies one good in bed? (5,7)
- 14 Information skilfully arranged for a fuel source (3,4)
- 15 Muslim is to escape into China initially (7)
- 16 A pound on account for coccid deposit (3)
- 17 Tea vine cultivated in natural simplicity (7)
- 19 True, one mucked about on the way (2,5)
- 21 Passes the Spanish machine as a power source (6,6)
- 25 Philosopher to swindle plant account (9)
- 26 A girl taken Elizabeth into dead heart (5)
- 27 Wrongly advise married ladies in confusion (7)
- 28 To ignore the customs, complacent German left sweetheart? (7)

Down

- 1 One in the crew about to grow in influence (4,6)
- 2 Shoddy fake builder, losing energy, gets hydraulic medium (5-5)
- 3 At home, Civil Engineer and partners start to exhibit anger (7)
- 4 A girl beginning to go with a beautiful woman around Rhode Island (9)
- 5 Spell of indulgence with loud Heather (5)
- 6 Butterfly's cone shell (9)
- 7 Japanese pill-box made of iron (4)
- 8 Georgia, the Spanish Celt (4)
- 12 Protecting one male actor to celebrate (10)
- 13 Back in the middle church, Latin and English count to make things go faster (10)
- 15 One cold English barrel holds summer treats (3-6)
- 18 Die painfully if up on church building (7)
- 20 Foregone conclusion around peculiar poem (7)
- 22 Playing up with boy's dish (5)
- 23 Swindle southern eccentric (4)
- 24 Some Spanish birds (4)



[Replacement Jigsaw Grid]

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Cryptic by <i>Praxis</i>


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Across

- 1 Divide estate controlled by Georgia (8)
- 7 Swank hospital features ‘symbol of life’ (4)
- 10 Record force creates concern (10)
- 11 Gold; appraise with acidic salt (6)
- 12 A German left physicist a beer? (5)
- 14 Arrogance! Communist crushed church doctrine (8)
- 17 Poet admitted university student with seafood (6)
- 18 These brews keep so fresh (6)
- 19 Solar hire car carried Lamb (6)
- 20 Kids starting to swear, concerns (6)
- 23 A French footballer obtains release (6)
- 25 Good! Alice translated this? (6)
- 27 Prince contributed; they said he was mad (8)
- 29 Booze has his band imprisoned; they’re bitter (5)
- 30 News bulletin ended at a specific time (6)
- 31 Mother grabbed mean pupil for informal talk (10)
- 32 Hard on American warship for Bohemian (4)
- 33 Old favour retreat; it’s the newest (8)

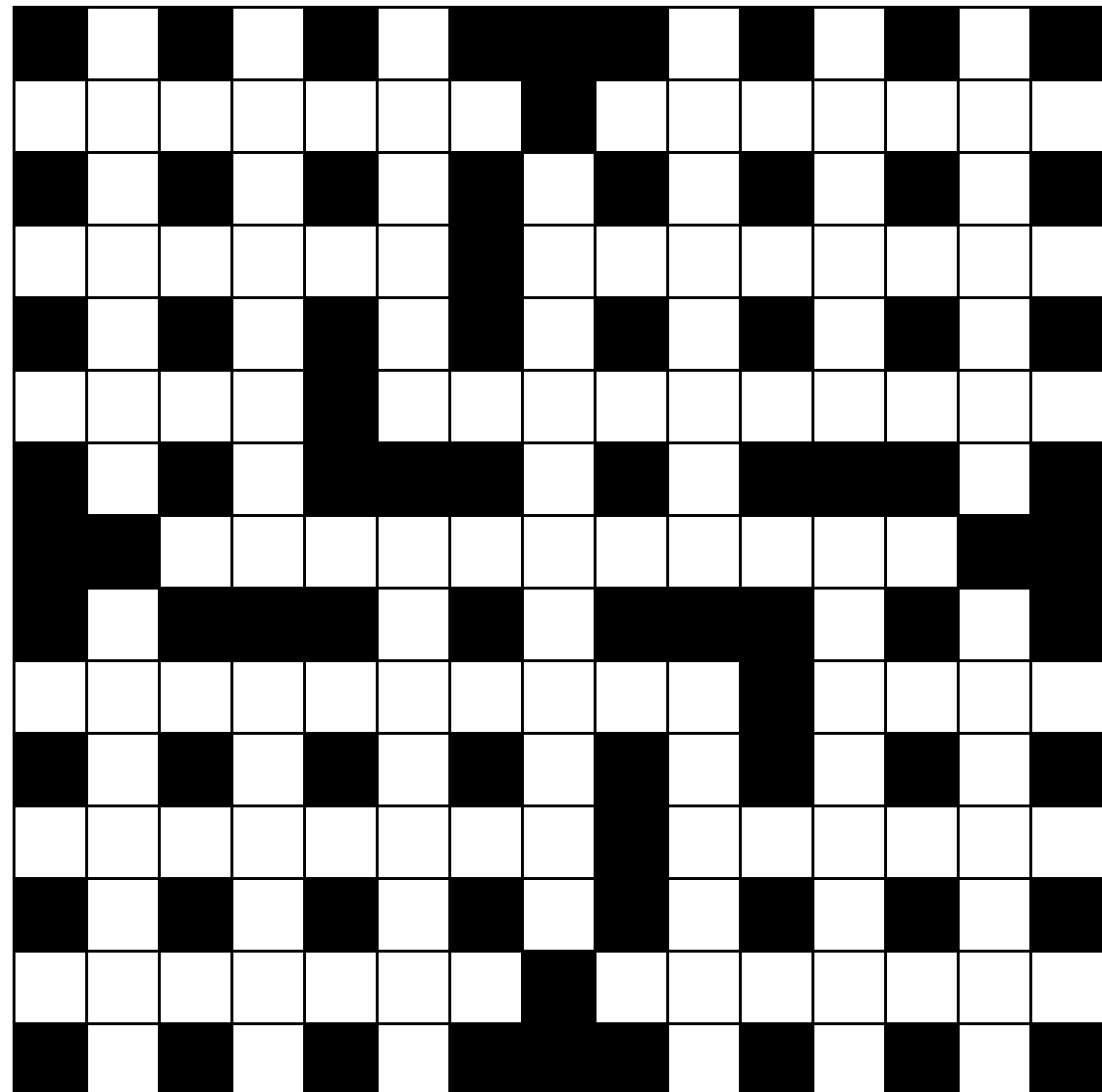
Down

- 1 Pressed over, it’s shaped like a globe (4)
- 2 Nerds get sick employed on schooner (10, hyphenated)
- 3 Steep climb with church at 9am (5)
- 4 Attorney set up Eastern state’s suit? (6)
- 5 Flu symptoms noticed over Eastern quarter (6)
- 6 Dwarf’s short, height made Glaswegian grunt (6)
- 7 Sun rose over Thailand quite smartly (8)
- 8 Ornamental pieces turned up in Lille institute (6)
- 9 Gregory separated chooks from nags (8)
- 13 Crash site’s strewn with glassy rocks (10)
- 15 Records incorporated one inscription (8)
- 16 Rock’s played louder in Bahamas (8)
- 21 Watery sore: treat as above (6)
- 22 Chap’s stuck in cliff-face! “Like a Ladder?” (6)
- 23 Wary, peace-keeper has American return note (6)
- 24 Flower without leaves, sustains young (6)
- 26 Look, a starling (5)
- 28 Succeeding! Lifting ten out of ten (4)

MY FAVOURITE WORD by Cactus

Many short years ago in my youth I took a grip on the word ‘eleemosynary’ when it appeared in a novel by my favourite author at the time, Stephen Lister, with an apologetic footnote saying that he knew it did nothing for the story, but that he’d always wanted to put it in a book somewhere. I’ve carried the word around with me ever since and used it in a crossword, and it did come in handy on one occasion. A group of us having drinks in the chief’s office one evening and he was trumpeting about his great knowledge of words. He challenged anyone to come up with a word he didn’t know, so I gave him mine. He’d never heard of it and didn’t believe it, but a dictionary was produced and there it was, leaving him muttering into his whisky, and making mine taste better. By the way, ‘eleemosynary’ means ‘pertaining to alms’ (as if you learned lot don’t know that, anyway), so it’s a charitable word.

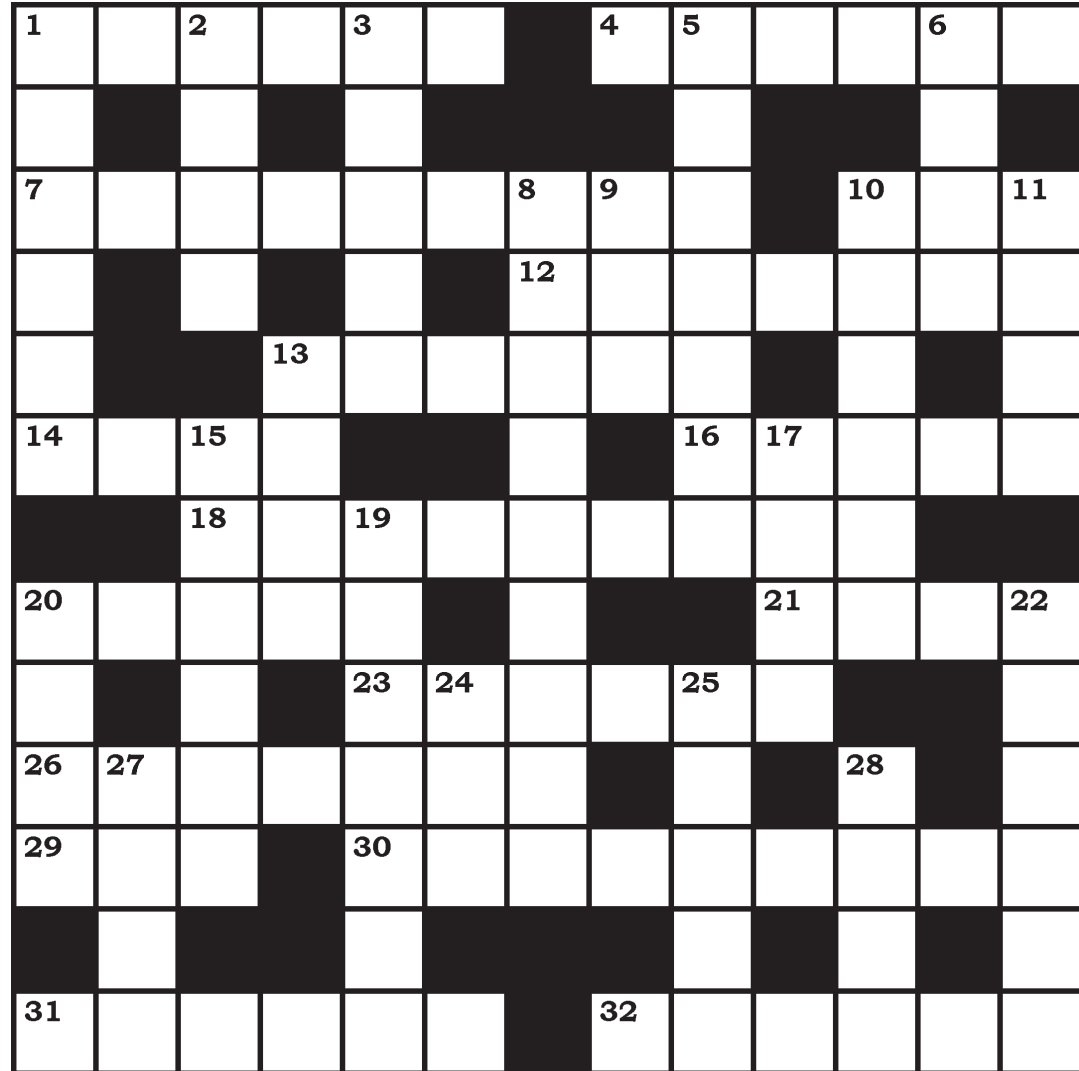
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The letter before each clue is the first letter of the answer.

- A** Object to rate change reality (8)
- B** Nothing in sailing vessel is very ornate (7)
- C** Tom glancing quickly over Tomography procedure (3,8)
- D** The right name (6)
- E** The Spanish withhold thanks, and the rest ... (2,2)
- F** ... file in very quietly with flute section (6)
- G** Leave off, unfinished – the editor’s blundered (6)
- H** Cool! It’s rare! (4-6)
- I** Almost an abuse in hormonal treatment (7)
- J** Border gets up to sign on (4,2)
- K** Ken changed to a different reel showing one immersed in prayer (7)
- L** Revolutionary leader first to be trapped by monitor (6,2)
- M** Worshippers leaving church because of lightning strike? (4,7)
- N** Berth’s reported processing of new arrival (8)
- O** Not in John King’s opinion (7)
- P** Former President’s ceremonial promise you heard following pageantry (8)
- Q** Betting system – one of five presented by Fitzgerald (8)
- R** Getting up-date on insurer’s problem with bricks and mortar (6,4)
- S** Represented by bore? (5,3)
- T** Thank Henry for leaving storage container (4)
- U** Boorish Parisian, one out of touch (7)
- V** 6’s rode out wearing facial protection (7)
- W** BMW case could hold computerised digital equipment (7)
- X** Cugat was one to get cross with a rival (6)
- Y** We try out both sides of edible green plant (3,4)
- Z** Closer and much quicker with one removed (6)

F E B 2 0 0 5 S L O T 5
Here's Looking at You by dB
Prize: The Chambers Dictionary [1998 ed rrp \$100]



Across

- 1 Dog or Doug? (6)
- 4 A burden, this for example (6)
- 7 Pharmacology partaken, makes term dispute (9)
- 10 Term paper (3)
- 12 Exciting strip arrest (7)
- 13 Not all, but most extreme (6)
- 14 Nicholas, for example, followed an artificial language (4)
- 16 Welshman, 51, returned from Troy (5)
- 18 Group I call mostly evergreen (9)
- 20 UK dancer, he was taken from an instrument (5)
- 21 Bob maybe, someone to make it fast (4)
- 23 A hundred years now (2,4)
- 26 Bell heard on washer once (7)
- 29 Not a backward man (3)
- 30 Stalinist squared and knocked down (9)
- 31 Imagine I went off and made cryptograms (6)
- 32 Top band in pipe problem (6)

Down

- 1 Paint yourself! (6)
- 2 Names a GST organization (4)
- 3 An insect, Robert for instance (5)
- 5 Cell chip, somewhat obscure (7)
- 6 Advertisement put down Monica, we heard (4)
- 8 'Damn' is one like this (9)
- 9 Wilhelm named bundle of some fellow (3)
- 10 Song I mostly put down with some levity (6)
- 11 Renegade took oath (4)
- 13 Evil-sounding fruit (4)
- 15 European hideout for The Sweet (6)
- 17 Put on and deal out (4)
- 19 Gave man a rag for instance (7)
- 20 Depressed this for instance (4)
- 22 Nelson's drill (6)
- 24 Letter stand (3)
- 25 Island one hundred and four, approximately (5)
- 27 Scottish fabric colour mum took out (4)
- 28 Question an oddball (4)



ACC TOP SOLVERS

For the July-December 2004 period the top solvers with a perfect score were:
Ann Jermy, Carole Noble and Aileen Skillicorn.
 Congratulations on such a magnificent achievement!

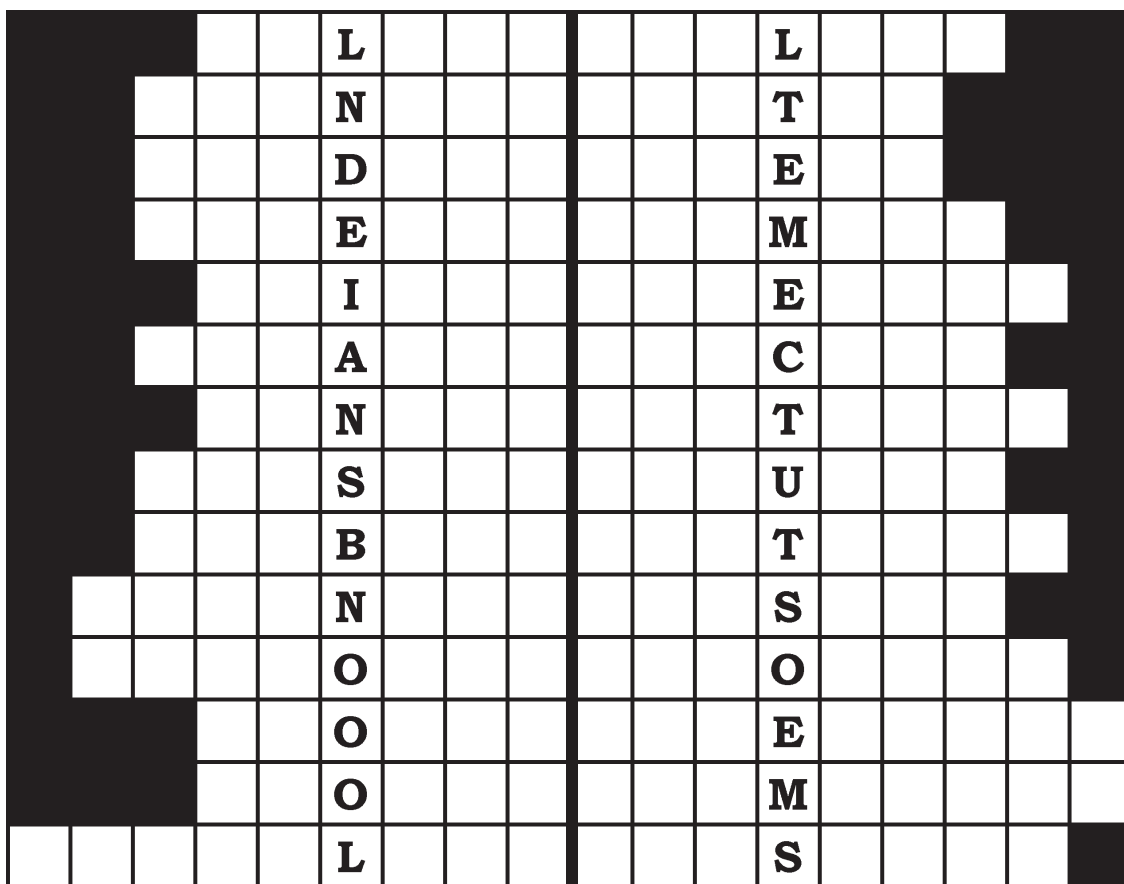
The prizewinner of the January 2005 \$75 Slots 1-5 all correct was:
Col Archibald. Congratulations!

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Silver by Brother Naga



Two words from each line have been chosen (and highlighted) and a synonym found for each. The cryptic-like clues (no definition) follow the order of the lines and the order the words appear in the line. These synonyms should then be fitted into the grid. A few letters have been given as a guide to solving. As an example from the title, if 'Silver' had a synonym 'coins' and 'Mare' had a synonym 'animal', the clue could be: Firm (co) in bearing(s) and mostly I'm oddly able. One way to read the clue is to think the word you're testing in front of the first part of the clue eg. (Silver is) firm in bearing. Where the division occurs has been shown in the first clue as a guide.



Clues

- 1 One act play/that is all set to start production (2,4/9)
- 2 Strike with odd bullets and measure the damage (7/8)
- 3 Oddly a gaol's parolee's last madness for prisoners with insane lust (9/7)
- 4 Crazy perhaps! A bit of a regular cheshire cat (7/7)
- 5 Some using legerdemain trick for some length of time (6/8)
- 6 A fair way in a ship first crossing over in force (6/8)
- 7 It's a disgrace to be in this former pen not in order (8/8)
- 8 A spiteful female catches me! Oh, brother! (7/6)
- 9 Gents perhaps in odd game you start on French horses (6/9)
- 10 Animal with lots of time initially saddled with timber (7/7)
- 11 Stick up back outside court environment by stick specialist (7/6)
- 12 Moving on last to cross the French railway (6/7)
- 13 Head of Sports TAB gets new worker to pay close attention after close of betting (8/7)
- 14 Small civets after getting first rut live in a shaken condition (7/7)

SILVER by Walter de la Mare

Slowly, silently, **now** the **moon**
Walks the night in her silver **shoon**.
 This way, and that, she **peers**, and **sees**
 Silver **fruit** upon silver **trees**;
 One by **one** the casements **catch**
 Her **beams** beneath the silvery **thatch**;
 Couched in his **kennel**, like a **log**,
 With paws of silver **sleeps** the **dog**;
 From their **shadowy** cote the white **breasts** peep
 Of **doves** in a silver-feathered **sleep**;
 A **harvest mouse** goes scampering by,
 With silver **claws**, and **silver** eye;
 And **moveless** fish in the water **gleam**,
 By silver **reeds** in a silver **stream**.

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ACC LIFE MEMBERS 2005:

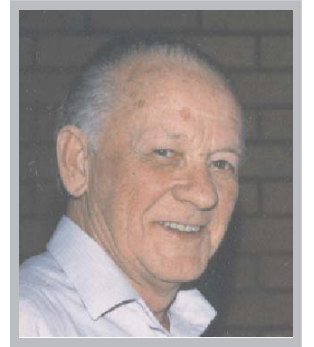
CAROLE NOBLE: In May 1990, Carole (in combination with Noel Jessop and Alan Walter) established the Australian Crossword Club. Carole cheerfully took on the onerous duties of Secretary and more than capably and efficiently carried them out until her resignation in December 1997. She said at the time: "It has been a pleasure to put in my twopence-worth over the last 7½ years." In addition to her Club tasks, Carole and husband Len have five boys ("none interested in crosswords") and Carole has contributed a number of excellent crosswords as *Waratah* and (with Edna McGloin) as *Ecoleandra* devising outstanding AJs. She is a chatty, friendly person who is much loved by the members and greatly admired for her inspirational work as one of the Club's founders. Carole was delighted with her Life Membership: "Thank you so much for the beautiful certificate to tell me that I am now a life member of the club. What a wonderful surprise

and an honour. It will hang in my bedroom along with with the certificate of appreciation fashioned by Patrick so beautifully many years ago for me. I'm really thrilled, I love it." We sincerely congratulate Carole for the sterling work she has done for the cruciverbal art in Australia.



Carole and Len Noble

NOEL JESSOP: Noel was also a founding member of the Club in May 1990. Noel took on the tough job of Puzzle Set-up and continued to carry out this most valuable function until September 1995 when the *Gridman* David Stickley took over the reins. In addition to his ACC duties, Noel has compiled a considerable number and variety of puzzles not only for publication in newspapers and magazines throughout Australia but also for the ACC. He is the *Mr Crossword* of Ozzie puzzeldom. We are indebted to him for the valuable contribution he has made to the well-being of the Club. Many new compilers have been guided and instructed by Noel about the finer points of clue construction and he has set very high standards for puzzles. Upon receipt of his Certificate Noel said: "What a lovely surprise for the start of a new year. My deep and sincere thanks to the Executive Committee and everybody involved in the preparation and presentation of this to-be-honoured gift." Sincere thanks to you, Noel for everything you have done for the ACC.



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We extend a warm welcome to new members **Ken Pullen** from Greensborough, Vic (a membership gift from Steve Trollope), **Kath Harper** from Brunswick East, Vic,

Catherine Rowe of Lilyfield, NSW, **James & Jo Rees** of Algate, SA, **George Kneipp** of Tolga, Qld (membership gifts from Catherine Rowe), **Fay Copland** of Smithfield, Qld (a membership gift from Doreen Jones) and **Susan Howells** from Breamlea, Vic (a membership gift from Gabrielle Leeds). Happy Crozworlding!

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Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish AJ by *Southern Cross* (Feb 4-2005).

Puzzle Adjustment: Catherine Hambling gained a dot for Slot 6 Nov 2004.

Donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2005 are gratefully received from: Angela Cockburn and Barbara Glissan.

Membership renewals: Angela Cockburn, Barbara Glissan, Gabrielle Leeds, Roger Manning, Marie Maunder, Tom Phelan, Mike Potts, Tom Phelan and Jenny Wenham.

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RESULTS OF AMAZING GREATS QUIZ No 6/2004

by *Neir B'Odet*

25pts: Barb Ibbott and Irene Watts – Joint prizewinners. Congratulations! **24pts:** B Bennett, B Cockburn, M Collins, V Dinham, J Freeland, A Jermy, J McGrath, C Noble, R O'Rourke, D Procter, M Roddick, B Siegman, J Smith, A Walter and M Watzinger. **23pts:** M Davis, D Jones, G Leeds, C McClelland, S O'Brien, M Procter, N Storey, B Symons and L Waites. **22pts:** J Barbour, G Cole, J Randall and C Hambling. **21pts:** C Anderson, A Austin, J Colles, P Dearie, B Solomon and N Wilson. **19pts:** P Mercer.

Answers: 1. The Great Gatsby 2. Catherine the Great 3. Great Barrier Reef 4. Alexander the Great 5. Alfred the Great 6. Great Wall of China 7. Peter the Great 8. The Great Escape 9. Great Expectations 10. Great Balls of Fire 11. Great Fire of London 12. Great Artesian Basin 13. Great Bear 14. Great Silence 15. St Basil the Great 16. Great Britain 17. Great Dane 18. Great Leap Forward 19. Great Schism 20. Great Glen 21. Great Indian Desert 22. Great Australian Bight 23. Great Gross 24. Greats 25. Herod the Great.

From the Quizmaster: As 4 members gave the correct answer to Q 14 I do not feel that I have to justify its inclusion amongst the Greats. The answer – The Great Silence – refers to the time in religious houses from lights out to the breaking of bread the next morning. In PD James' *Death in Holy Orders* the Superior of the Anglican house of religious formation talks to Dalglish of the importance of 'silence'. The Great Silence is part of the Catholic tradition also. Look at the clue: (i) "Abbott": as he has figured so prominently in Australian life and politics for the past 9 years, Tony Abbott is the obvious person referred to. He is known for his talkativeness and for being an ex-seminarian – so we have someone who talks a lot in a seminary. (ii) What would such a person have trouble keeping? Surely silence. (iii) Overnight – this would be a real challenge to someone like Tony Abbott. The question was intended as a tie-breaker but I expected more members to have solved the puzzle. —Ted O'Brien

REPLACEMENT JIGSAW GRID

The grid on page 21 of the *Crozworld Compendium* vol 5 is not as clear as it should be. Kindly use the grid published on p4 of this *Crozworld*.

AUSTRALIAN STYLE

This is the name of a national bulletin published by the Style Council Centre, Macquarie University. The bulletin deals with issues in Australian style and the use of English in Australia. There is also a crossword compiled by David Astle which is a hybrid of crossword, jigsaw and acrostic. This bulletin is free of charge. If you would like to join the mailing list contact: Australian Style c/o Australian Government Information Management Office, Dept of Finance and Administration, GPO Box 390, Canberra ACT 2601.

January 1-2005: HALF & HALF by Noel Jessop

- This is a suitable type of puzzle for No.1, but this time it was spoilt for me by the word at 7dn. This unpleasant word has appeared several times in recent months. It is ugly, offensive and I think unsuitable for use in *Crozworld*. *Irene Watts*
- Some thought provoking cryptic clues. Thanks Noel. 27dn BE+ACHING, 28dn M+AC+ARON, 29dn SP+ANGLE, 30dn AN+CIE+NT, where CIE = French company. In 40dn 'yearly' appears to be doing double duty ANNUAL -U. *Alan Walter*
- A good start to our Christmas edition, but does 40dn have a definition? *Brian Symons*
- Slots 1 & 2 from our faithful Noel and Shirl were a pleasure, as usual. *Margaret Davis*

January 2-2005: CRYPTIC by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- I have put AIR-TRAIN as it seems logical but am unable to find it in the usual reference books. *Doreen Jones*
- Some great clues - especially classmate. *Brian Symons*
- A good cryptic as usual, Shirl. In 21ac couldn't find AIR-TRAIN in the club reference dictionaries. Presume it's equivalent to SKY TRAIN? Liked 8dn 'Paint people somewhat talented' = TEMPERA+MEN+TAL. *Alan Walter*
- A difficult but satisfying puzzle with the sort of clues better understood once they have been solved. *Irene Watts*

January 3-2005: CROSSING and DOTTING by Sue Donim (Bruce Austin)

- A great fun variation on an AJ. *Roy Taylor*
- It wasn't until I was checking my final entry that I realised all the words began with I & T - hence the title of the puzzle. Too late to help with the solving! *Doreen Jones*
- No Numbers! In some ways easier and in some ways harder than an AJ. Let's have more of these! *Max Roddick*
- Thanks Bruce for your Crossing Ts and Dotting Is puzzle, an innovative change from an AJ. Your TIT+I+ANS clue was a challenge. Took some time to realise that 'abbreviated answer' = ANS was a part of the answer! *Alan Walter*
- Sue Donim's jigsaw was unusual and enjoyable. *Margaret Davis*
- Thought this was going to be a monster but after realising what the title implied found it most enjoyable. *Irene Watts*
- Left me guessing for ages. Down to the last 3 clues, I just couldn't get any further. When the penny finally dropped that one of my answers was in the wrong place it only took a few minutes. Good clues, I liked 'Isle of Man'. *Yvonne Ainsworth*

January 4-2005: AJ by Brain Tickler (Brian Tickle)

- A very enjoyable AJ. 'Prison Break' is terrific, but I think the N clue is faulty and am unsure of the O clue. *Brian Symons*
- Brian's clues are baffling, but beautifully precise when you've worked them out. (E.g. HIDEOUS, KERATIN) - except RABBITED, which had me foxed! *Max Roddick*
- A very difficult alphabetical which I did not enjoy as much as usual. Puzzle 3 proved more enjoyable. *Irene Watts*
- Not too challenging. *Margaret Davis*
- Good to have another Brian Tickle puzzle. We haven't had one for quite some time. This was a none too easy AJ, thanks Brian. Liked FLAMING+O clue. In the G clue, if the answer is GRUMP+HS, am not sure how you obtained the HS. Scottish indicator needed here. For RABBITED am not sure how this equates to 'being crazy about food' unless the 'being' is a 'bard' about a 'bite'? Would have liked a Yiddish indicator for the T clue. Please explain the C, D & O clues? *Alan Walter*
- I'm afraid that this has got me buffaloed. But hey! What fun trying to unscramble the clever clues. *Tom Smith*

January 5-2005: DOUBLE ACROSTIC by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Just made an extra challenge by the printing errors. I have always thought Bryce Courtenay wrote rubbish, and this quote confirms it! (And he talks it, too, Roy, whenever I'm listening -J.) *Roy Taylor*
- This would rank as one of the most difficult Acrostics I've ever done. Word divisions would have helped. *Gwenda Prewett*
- An interesting quote from Bryce Courtenay's *Solomon's Song*. Thanks Virgo. The solution to this puzzle was more tedious due to the word length bar indicators being omitted and a few number indicators being incorrect. In the B clue OMAHA was referred to as an American State, whereas it's a city in Nebraska. Please explain P & R secinds. *Alan Walter*
- Thanks Virgo for a lovely double acrostic. Although whether TWITTER means idle chatter I'm not sure. *Brian Symons*
- Once I received the corrected grid I was up and running, though the lack of any indication of word length in the quotation did make it a little more difficult than usual. *Margaret Davis*
- 'T' clue: I believe the Unicorn is a mythical animal. I don't think it was ever prehistoric. *Betty Siegman*
- I'm not particularly fond of double acrostics though I think the compiling is very clever and must take ages. The main problem from my point of view is transferring the letters over to the grid. It's a great strain on the old eyes. *Irene Watts*
- This was much harder without the word ending lines in the grid. If I hadn't worked out the author early on I may not have finished it. *Mary Dodd*

Some clue explanations from the Adjudicator: Slot 3: 1st clue: The exclamation mark is to indicate a bit of skullduggery - the 'in' part of indeed is doing double duty. 24th clue: 'Dining...it also' combined as anagram indicated by 'out after a fashion'. Slot 4: C'smart without a' = (a)che 'problem' = rub. D 'Frank' = raw (*Chambers Thesaurus*) 'imprisoned by accident' = ding 'fell backwards' = moor/room. G 'A bad tempered person' = grump - 'in this sense' (*Chambers* shows 'hs' as abbreviation for 'hoc sensu' (L)). N 'More insensitive' = number - 'crowd' = number. O ...'made of we are told' = Maid of...Orleans. R Appears to intend 'crazy' (rabid) 'about food' (bit) but it doesn't quite work. Slot 5: Clue P: 'A penny' = p - 'per' = each 'that's' (anagind). R 'With loss of a =Her(a)ldic 'plus number' =n 'cross' (anagind).

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- SEVEN puzzles now! And all of excellent quality. Better and better value for money. *Iain MacDougall*
- What a great Christmas present edition for our members! Congratulations and thanks to our gifted compilers, adjudicators and executives for your colossal contribution in 2004. I found the clue of the month an impossible task. Chess, brain teasers and clue competitions are wonderful innovations. *Bill Bennett*
- The unusual and difficult words used by setters, requiring hours of sometimes fruitless searching through dictionaries, would seem to indicate that setters have equal difficulty composing grids. Am I right in this assumption? *Gwenda Prewett*
- What a lovely surprise to receive my new *Chambers Dictionary* on Christmas eve. I'm sure one of my great-grandchildren will make good use of my fairly battered edition. Many thanks. *Betty Wallace*
- Loved all the puzzles. Sue Donim was very clever to find all those I&T words to fit, and good to see Brian Tickle's name there again. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Happy New Year to all the wonderful setters, adjudicators and organizers of the ACC. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Many thanks to Alan Walter for his *Chambers Thesaurus* review. I've bought one and am very impressed. *Geoff Campbell*
- My thanks to those who responded to my compound interest question with the correct answer \$48.80/82. *Jim Colles*
- I congratulate everyone concerned with the January *Crozworld* for providing us with all these delights. *Irene Watts*
- I'm very proud of myself for getting 4 puzzles out. My best effort for ages. *Judy Mitchell*
- Thanks for prizes won from David Procter, Denis Coates and Hilary Cromer.

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Closing mail date: Fri 11 March 2005.

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Clue of the Month

December 6 2004 – Australian Wildflowers! by Colinebrii (Col Archibald)

Entries: 74. Correct: 39. Success Rate: 52.7%. Prizewinner: Jean Barbour. Congratulations!

Solvers' Comments:

- Great stuff. I never expected to see the mighty Bega in a crossword puzzle. (Always expect the unexpected in *Crozworld* Iain) *Iain MacDougall*
- Great puzzle! I put Serpentine in early and caused world wide havoc. (Leaving the second "E" in did the job!) *William Ryan*
- Thanks Col, for your fair clues. (I tries me best Audrey, thank you) *Audrey Ryan*
- Was thinking about garden WILDFLOWERS until it dawned on me that you were looking for RIVERS! Good one Col, keep them flowing. (Let's hope they flow better than the mighty Murray is these days, Alan) *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for a tricky puzzle, Col! I nearly bought a book on wildflowers. (Oh dear Roy, you would have been better off buying one on old Movie stars!) *Roy Taylor*
- Congratulations on a top puzzle, it is good to see you still turning them out. (For as long as I can, Ron!) *Ron O'Rourke*
- I found most of this puzzle a bit less devious than your usual creations, although the title was a canny twist. (I must be inured to munching mangos now and mellowing slowly, as opposed to gulping VB in an effort to stay warm, Jim!) *Jim Colles*
- These "Wild" flowers are pretty well behaved most of the time, but the puzzle needed some careful navigating. Thought I'd never get unsnagged from 16ac! Thanks for an exciting trip! (My pleasure, Max!!) *Max Roddick*
- I enjoyed your puzzle 'Australian Wild Rivers'. 14ac. SWAN gave me rivers, not blossoms! The last 2 clues I had to solve were 7ac MA - & 22dn. I-A!! In 7dn I kept thinking of N, S, E and W not the full word (West). In 22dn A clever clue IDA - (HO). I also liked 8dn ALOE! I couldn't follow 15dn CERIC, obviously an anagram of CIRCE. Cerium Container? I can't find the word in *Chambers*. CERIK is in *Macquarie* meaning "Containing cerium", an adjective. 38dn OARY sounds corrupt to me! An unusual word. *Graeme Cole*
- It took a while for the "Wildflowers" theme to dawn on me. Hope I have not fallen into any cunningly laid traps! *PeterDearie*
- I've pondered about "Meered" for far too long, so am finally taking the plunge! (Straight into the correct end of the pool, Aileen) *Aileen Skillicorn*
- I always enjoy your puzzles, not always easy but always a sense of satisfaction with the clues. (Praise indeed from a master cluer! Thank you Bob) *Bob Hagan*
- I'm frustrated to get a handle on 16ac. I think I got the 'bard' ones right and am defeated by an apparently simple one. I've put METRED for no reason except it fits!! Nothing else seems to fit the bill. (You're not alone there, Merv!) *Merv Collins*
- I learnt quite a bit about Australian Wildflowers, and then the penny dropped. Good one! *Betty Siegman*
- I know many Australian Wildflowers but they wouldn't fit the hidden clues. I was in deep water, and this seemed like my Swan song for the month. This idea triggered off a new train of thought. The flowers were not the blooming sort but rivers. Blooming rivers. I jumped in, went with the flow and eventually found myself in Brisbane. What a surprise!! *Irene Watts*
- The exclamation mark should have warned me. But coming from the 'Wildflower State', just at the end of the wildflower season, who would suspect such deviousness?!! *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- Sixteen across has stumped me/to say the least it's quaint/Clue of the month it may be/Flavour of the month it aint! *Maurice Cowan*
- The flow of ideas from your devious mind never ceases to amaze me! Fancy having the ability to convert flowers into water. I can see we should nominate you for the Nobel Prize. (Thank you, Barb, just send the money!!) *Barb Ibbott*

Compiler's Chopping Block: Season's greetings to everyone and wishing you all a prosperous New Year. This puzzle claimed more scalps than an Apache raid! Mainly two clues were the culprits 7ac and 16ac with 17dn not too far behind! Firstly 7ac "Lifesaver lacks direction to girl" various spellings of MAE were put forward 'MAY, 'MAA' to name two. *Chambers* '93 and '98 eds state "Mae West: An airman's pneumatic life jacket (hence lifesaver) used in WW11 (From its supposed resemblance when inflated to the figure of the American film star of that name (1892 – 1980)". I can find no other reference giving anything other than MAE for her first name. 16ac "Will possibly dividing" = the definition = "Meered". "Muslim leader" = Meer + ed = journalist. This word can be found in *Chambers*. The clue would possibly be fairer if I had stated "Wills" rather than the singular "Will". As was pointed out to me by one of our members the other culprit was 17dn. The answer sought was "Diamantina". Most of the incorrect answers gave "Diamantina" which is incorrect. Other mistakes included blank squares and various typographical errors. Once again I cannot stress the importance of double, and even triple checking your entries for submission! Thank you for all for your beaut cards and greetings. I will now retire to my yurt and contemplate my navel! —*Colinebrii* (Col Archibald)

SOLUTION to CHESS GAME PROBLEMS Nos 1 and 2/2005: No 1: Key move: Ra6 threat Qf1. Prizewinner: **Daphne Greening.** **No 2:** Key move: Qg1 threat Bd4. Prizewinner: **Catherine Hambling. Congratulations to both!**

E-LODGMENT: Ian Williams has now taken over the management of e-lodgment entries. It can be seen that delivery of postal items has become quite unreliable. It's time to consider e-lodgment. Quick, reliable and inexpensive. Ian has written a full explanation for those interested in e-lodgment. Once you read Ian's explanation, 'snail mail' will be a thing of the past for you! Visit the following link for this useful information: <http://www.crosswordclub.org/e-lodgment1.html> Many thanks to Ian for his valuable assistance to the ACC. Kindly send your e-lodgment entries to Ian whose e-mail address is: ianw@webone.com.au

TELETHON

"I think the present derivation in Portmanteau words is incorrect. Correct is TELETHON = TELEVISION + MARATHON All dictionary definitions describe "telethon" as an "extended television program" for some purpose. This may or may not involve telephone use and there is no specific mention of telephones in any definition I looked up. The word came from the US in the mid 1940's but I cannot recall its use in Australia until the advent of television in 1956." *John Collins*

JIGSAWS

Do you like jigsaws? If so, there is a website devoted wholly to them. Rory Mackay has a jigsaw puzzle web store and is based in Tasmania. His website is: <http://www.iconpuzzles.com>

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks for my \$50 prize. That was a lovely surprise. *Claire McClelland*
 - Congratulations on the January issue (seven puzzles, egad!) with its promise of many good things for us. *Max Roddick*
 - Many thanks for the cheque – it still feels faintly immoral getting paid for doing something that gives so much pleasure – and the occasional bit of pain. I wish to express my gratitude to our wonderful compilers – I've had a couple of tries at composing puzzles and it's a whole lot harder than solving them. I think I'll stick to composing trivia for the time being – though it can take several hours to compose a dozen slugs and they are all used up in an hour. *Pat Garner*
 - Thank you *Virgo* for pulling my name out of the hat from the large number of members who successfully solved the November Slot 6 puzzle *In November*. The cheque will come in very handy and will help with our Christmas celebrations. *David Procter*
 - A very sincere thank you to all those members who wished me a speedy return to good health. *Ted O'Brien*
- Find a word** from *Cactus*: How many words contain four U's? I know of one only. Are there a lot? [Replies to Jim Colles PO Box 600 Rye Vic 3941 or by e-mail: jimcol@pac.com.au]