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[Of the grammatical uniqueness of *whom* as a pronoun] Words of a feather tend to flock together, and if one strays behind, it is likely to incur danger of life.
Edward Sapir, 1921, *Language*, Ch 7.

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We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2016. Details of renewals and the names of those who have recently donated to the 2016 Prize Fund can be found on p6. We hope that in 2016 you will enjoy the wonderful selection of puzzles and quizzes selected by our brilliant Puzzle editor **Ian Williams**.

Our proficient Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has selected another fascinating range of puzzles for you this month. *InGrid* has contributed the eminently solvable Half 'n Half puzzle in Slot 1 and in Slots 2 and 3 we are privileged to publish cryptics from *Barney Naga* and *Pentangle*. The popular AJ puzzle this month has been devised by the well-respected *KA* and in Slot 5, the excellent compiler *Buzzer* has contributed another challenging Cryptic titled *Is this any good?* *Flowerman* has set another well-designed cryptic puzzle for Slot 6. The Quiz No 2/2016 featured on p9 titled *As Easy as ABC* has been skilfully devised by **Brian Symons**.

The solutions to the Christmas 2015 Bonus Puzzles and Quizzes can be found on p13 of *e-Crozworld* and as a separate insert for the printed copy of *Crozworld*. Plus all of the solutions and explanations to the puzzles and quizzes are included.

On p14 we feature the *Macquarie Dictionary's* Word of the Year 2015. It has a certain political nature... Plus there are quite a few more words and phrases which are featured in the 2015 edition of the *Macquarie Dictionary*. For further details visit: <https://www.macquariedictionary.com.au/news/view/article/351/>

Good Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

As with most adjudications, it is a real shame to see dots lost because of missed letters and typos. The hand written entries continue to decrease, making the mistakes less and the adjudication role easier.

Slot 1: The main problems here were BIAS for KISS and AIRHOLE for AIRPORT. Other errors included CARD for CARE, GEEUP for GETUP and TOUCH or DOLCE for TORCH.

Slot 2: Almost problem free with the only repeat errors being COLLARS for BOWLERS and BREWERS for BREWERY.

Slot 3 The only clue to cause any recurring problems was PARENTHESIS for the plural as indicated by the clue of PARENTHESSES. Otherwise, a very creative TEASET for TEASER and NONATE for NINETY. Misspellings of KAMIKAZE occurred 5 times. The only other multiple error was CUSTARD for COSTARD.

Slot 4: This was a relatively trouble free puzzle: just SOBERED for SOBERER and a couple of one-off errors.

Slot 5: Repeated problems were with TABLE and MEGAN, with a variety of different solutions for these clues. The only other problem was the spelling of MATOGROSSO, losing three people their dots for this one.

COTM: There were votes for all puzzles this month. It was particularly nice to see some votes for straight clues in Slot 1 for both 28 and 30ac. The winner was Slot 2, 13ac PALINDROME. Congratulations to **Bev Cockburn** on a lovely clue.

Compiler of the Year: With votes coming in for nearly all our compilers, our winner again this year is **Len Colgan**. Congratulations from all at ACC. —Jean Barbour

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Entries received	102	98	98	108	89	495
Correct entries	49	84	64	96	77	370
Success rate (%)	48.0	85.7	65.3	88.9	86.5	74.75
Prizewinners	Ron Carpenter	Odette Greenberger	Rob Moline	Drew Meek	Lesley Carroll	from 112 members

Prizewinner: January 2016 Slots 1-5: Jill Lankshear. Congrats!

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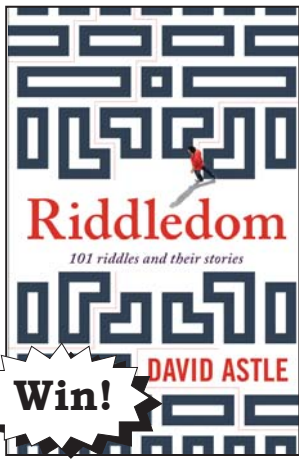
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Half 'n Half
by
InGrid

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Across

- 9 Delaying (15)
- 10 Balderdash (7)
- 12 Tooth (7)
- 13 Ornamental sewn finishing (9)
- 14 Indian dish (5)
- 15 Water parsnip (7)
- 18 Mortal (7)
- 21 Settles (5)
- 23 Abstainer (3-6)
- 25 Papercraft (7)
- 26 Security person (7)
- 29 Answer (15)

Down

- 1 Suggestions over discharge (4)
- 2 Seat primarily situated outside for animals (4)
- 3 Parroted appallingly by hunter (8)
- 4 Permit just like posted (6)
- 5 Angled around, in, up and out (8)
- 6 Look back over new Catholic showgirl (6)
- 7 Thin mist perplexed metalworker (8)
- 8 Appeal points to formal agreement (8)
- 11 Unleash periodic war remark (5)
- 15 A lot must confuse addition (3,5)
- 16 Tools for cool choices (3,5)
- 17 Taste of bile hopelessly real (8)
- 19 Furnished our interior, protected by 7 perhaps? (8)
- 20 Stay, for example, backing nobleman (5)
- 22 Mellow spell (6)
- 24 Cipher has no substance (6)
- 27 Boss without a single cook (4)
- 28 Judge speed (4)

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Closing mail date: 11 March 2016.


For Online entry, submission and adjudication of all puzzles via ACCOLADE click on www.low.net.au/accolade/

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by
Barney Naga



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Across

- 1 Way to hallucinate may be a rite of passage (4,4)
- 5 A very loud skate prompted uproar (6)
- 9 The report of a more placid Sioux art form produces a life style book (4,5)
- 11 Sustain – eaten by that dog? (5)
- 12 Brighter Muslim Queen (7)
- 13 Holla ho! In turmoil without the central expression of innuendo (3,2,2)
- 14 This python swallows game popular during 1 Across (1,3)
- 15 One free nation - SA perhaps (4,5)
- 17 Meaner felon in the mixed stripe without the first to ... (9)
- 19 ... veto one's alternatives for long stretches (4)
- 21 Mistaken entry is spoken for (2,5)
- 22 High flyer has a way to prosper in the end (7)
- 23 Barassi is around most clubs (5)
- 24 Regularities are omitted in unusual forms of service (9)

25 Smog is generated by quirky machinery (6)

26 Best before last initial showing (8)

Down

- 1 Dissolute sheik's art set off discord (6)
- 2 Executives notice small cars beginning to trade and restricts supplies (15)
- 3 Give evidence on condition that amnesty last after trial (7)
- 4 Worldwide put down of a citizen (13)
- 6 Trips over, falters at first, then settles (7)
- 7 People facing life, perhaps, go all out to the finish (4,7,4)
- 8 Gardens take time to become measured lots (8)
- 10 Smallest part I correct at first developed a source of power (6,7)
- 16 Craving for a drug before the opening gig (8)
- 18 One copes with outrageous smoke ad (5,2)
- 19 Almost great little bit of satire (7)
- 20 Periodically members were assisted to fish (6)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you Patrick and the Crossword Club for the Christmas communication with the pen, Christmas greetings and the \$75 cheque. A lovely surprise. I used the pen at Bridge thinking it might be a lucky pen but we only won two matches out of three so the jury is still out on that one. *Doreen Jones*
- I should like to express my thanks for the prize for last month's Slot 1. It was a great surprise! Hopefully it might go some way to improve my minuscule solving capabilities. *Judy Woodford*
- Thanks for a great Christmas edition; and for the pen. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Thanks so much to all concerned for such a great issue to start the year. *Brian Tickle*
- Lovely holiday selection of puzzles; with just enough sticky bits to remind us that 2016 won't all be plain sailing. *Kath Harper*
- Co-incident or not, eating and drinking seemed to be the theme this month. In Slot 2 I found cutlery, buttery, crockery and brewery. Slot 3 threw up eggs and bacon, custard apple, moussaka and peanut. Slot 4 contributed Yule Log, oxtails and liqueurs: there was ambrosia in Slot 5 and in Slot 6 *Crowsman* threw in tiramisu. *Nea Storey*
- Thank you very much for my prize for Slots 1-5 (Dec 2015)! Very much appreciated. *Christina Lee*
- Had to dig deeper than 'skindeep' to find several answers this month. *Lynn Jarman*
- A welcome pre-Christmas surprise to win the December Slot 5 prize. Thank you. *Hilary Cromer*

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Cryptic
by
Pentangle



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Across

- 1 Tempt with a rotten apple (6)
- 4 Turn the other cheek in a passing phase? (4-4)
- 10 Apparent confusion when overlooking north wall (7)
- 11 Go back on stand (7)
- 12 Rock hard by the sound of it (4)
- 13 Publicist to treat truncated backbone first (4,6)
- 15 Head for fiction books (6)
- 16 Seize a means to escape (7)
- 20 Animal dung spread over gnarled root (7)
- 21 Chop stick (6)
- 24 Undersized spare suit in stock (10)
- 26 Drop variable rate (4)
- 28 Top story reflected high spirits (7)
- 29 Saw drifter in empty pub (7)
- 30 Fixed bloody broken teeth before (8)
- 31 Follow the storm (6)

Down

- 1 A colleague placed inside to remove member (8)
- 2 Remodel top floor unit to make a case (9)
- 3 Unopened files for snakes (4)
- 5 Ordered a wine containing peeled orange (8)
- 6 Story about a variety of moth is easy to understand (10)
- 7 Secret beginning to go public (5)
- 8 Adult initially lacking acquires new character (6)
- 9 Marks up arrests (5)
- 14 Perhaps invite big star inside to be adventurous (10)
- 17 A variation of beat signified pronounced reduction (9)
- 18 Proceed to untie reformed prisoner first (8)
- 19 The initial sin with unopened holy book is appalling (8)
- 22 Break faith and turn aside after losing heart (6)
- 23 Change gold rate around (5)
- 25 Tribute to a saint (5)
- 27 Wally's instruction to get fit (4)

MEMBERS' COMMENTS (cont'd from p10 Slot 5):

- What a great job managing to use so many of our clever compilers in this slot.
- Some real challenges. Perhaps lateral thinking is not one of my talents.
- 11: The 'to' gets in the way of the anagrist. 7: Should have a question mark as *Flowerman* is really flower man [Not in his pseudonym – context is important – Adj].
- 17dn: Lexi's second is ConnOr but the answer is conformEr [Sorry, but his pseudonym is a pun on "Lexiconner" – Adj]

- Who knows!
- Enjoyable puzzle: very challenging. Favourite clues 4 & 13ac and 7 & 27dn.
- SETTER was a great clue!
- I enjoyed the level of difficulty. To the end I was stumped and forced to think outside the boxes.
- Another teaser which includes one of my guesses.
- Welcome to the *The Mythtics* – great debut! I gave COTM to their puzzle.
- Couldn't single out a best clue; they're all so good!
- This was certainly a teaser!

Cheryl Wilcox
Ann Millard
George Rolfe
Drew Meek
Robyn Wimbush
Joan Smith
Michael Potts
Gabriel Fuller
John Baylis
Eileen O'Brien
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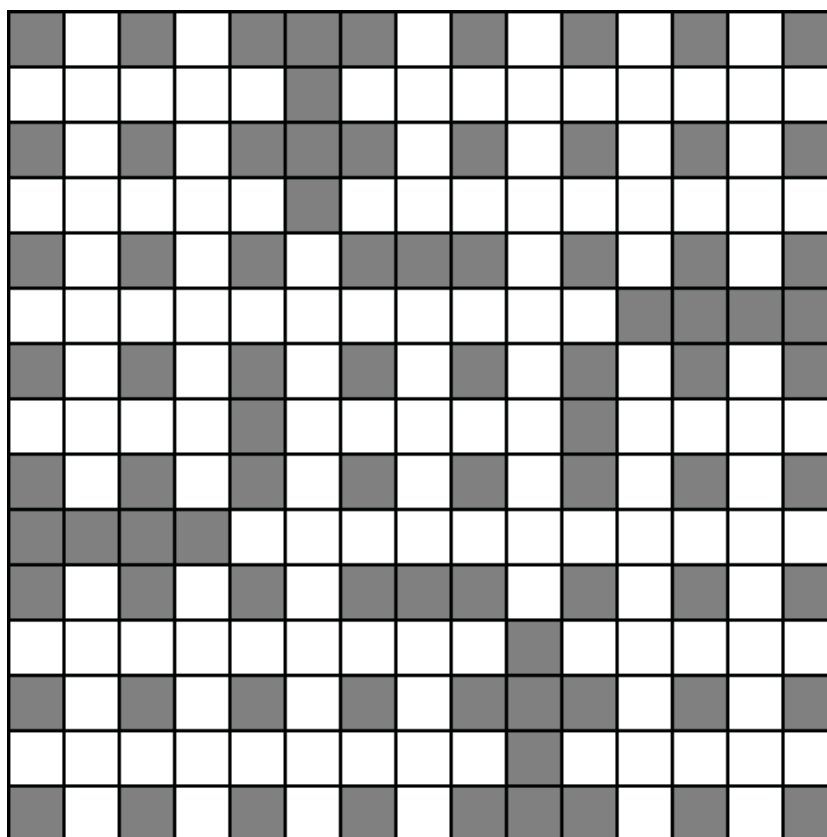
AJ

by

KA



Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit



- A** Advance payment includes money in cave (5)
- B** Fruit for dandy with no stove (5,6)
- C** Problem for prisoner and German on the grog (9)
- D** Defied rep, battered, and boiled in oil (4-5)
- E** Tied girl to back of sedan (4)
- F** In unsafe minis, editors became more lady-like? (9)
- G** Interrogate Greek, being unwell (5)
- H** Hard, socially acceptable person is one of us (5)
- I** Here, in Paris, the Queen is more unapproachable (5)
- J** Between the beginning of January, and the end of February, the referee is nervous (5)
- K** Caledonians' salmon (5)
- L** Money made from recycled Tilia (5)
- M** Spoil girl cook (11)
- N** Basic details of lousy game (5-6)
- O** Stubborn alumnus on the way with broken tenia (9)
- P** Quiet boy has old instrument (5)
- Q** Chemical made from couch grass and fruit (9)
- R** Revolt of maverick club member (9)
- S** Prison officer did better with lid having thread (5-6)
- T** Singer is returning trap to soldiers (5)
- U** Girl went around lake for bone (4)
- V** Perhaps auxiliary remains, after verbally dismissing friend (4)
- W** Damaged whare by river was a storage facility (9)
- X** Mother is caught in small-sized celebration (4)
- Y** Some of the noble doyennes will return to sing (5)
- Z** Have a shifty peep inside Moravian town's aircraft (9).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERS FOR 2016: Bilkey C, Bradbury W, Bryant R, Champion G, Chance C, Collins M, Douglas R, Dyer A, Evans J, Hearn R, Howard L, Knight S, Mason I, McCulloch I, McCulloch J, McDonald P, Moline R, Parsons D, Potts M, Taylor S, Thomas E, Vnuk M, Watt K, Wenham J, Williams K and Young S.

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Congrats to Kath Harper who won a \$750 prize in the 2015 Scarlet Stiletto short story competition This time it was in the 'Malice Domestic' category, sponsored by Kerry Greenwood. Well done Kath.

Overseas acclaim for ACC compiler

Our setters continue to sparkle in foreign waters, to mix a metaphor or two – Rob's reply to me came in from a boat in the Makassar Strait between Borneo and Sulawesi). Our *Isla* (Rob Moline) produced a crossword with an Antipodean flavour for the 10-year celebrations of *The Times* for *The Times* blog in December. Read the complimentary comments by the blogger "oliviarhinebeck" at <http://times-xvd-times.livejournal.com/1433344.html> . But even Aussies need to go to the Big Mac for UMPY! Congratulations, Rob, on a fine job with a Nina. Rob has kindly sent me the puzzle: if anyone is interested in tackling it ahead of reading the blog I'll send it to them. **Ian Williams**

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Is this any good? by Buzzer


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Across

- 9 Greeting monarch, bow? Empty hoary pecking order (9)
- 10 Criticize rubbish written about a soprano (5)
- 11 Replenish beer supply that is bad (13)
- 12 Page following 51 appeared in the middle of book (5)
- 13 Become apparent one leaving school's ripe for a change (9)
- 14 Controllers close to Mercury circling around (7)
- 17 Back part of a church set for preaching (7)
- 19 Rich uncle cuts all to pieces (9)
- 22 Representative to relish victory for justice (5)
- 24 Such fertilizers help in cultivating eg a rich loam containing carbon and sulphur (13)
- 26 One has a dispiriting experience being dateless (5)
- 27 A ship commander one had for a friend (9)

- 2 Near top half of a mountain range gets nervous (6)
- 3 Support for light and portable mobile laptops (8)
- 4 In olden days, named cycles unlimited exercise (6)
- 5 Printing style of sort, fine and excellent (8)
- 6 Undercurrent surges and flags (6)
- 7 Detract from flashy accessories with a decorative finish (8)
- 8 Planet here, all year orbits in a celestial way (10)
- 12 Predict pro-European play gaining publicity (10)
- 15 About to dig into a minor kneaded variety of pasta (8)
- 16 Wasted money in Albania on retreat and rest (8)
- 18 Temporary pause, yea can be disconcerting (8)
- 20 Straighten out one dog's tail at last (6)
- 21 Those heading into restaurants should try starters for a good appetite (6)
- 23 Maiden voyage initially least exciting (6)
- 25 Fellow lacking in sense is a slippery character (3)

Down

- 1 Mantra to overcome hard resistance unit (3)

Doug 'Mr AxWord' Butler 'retires' from the ACC.

Doug wrote to us recently to say: "Alas, the non-renewal of my subscription is no accident or memory lapse. I have not enjoyed the game as I once did, and have discovered why so many bright and vibrant old people are engaged in cruciverbal pursuits – it's not the solving that keeps the mind young, it's the other way around. Please accept this as my resignation. Best wishes to you Patrick, Bev, Ian and the ACC."


Doug was an electronics technician all his life and worked at Radio Australia at the time of the Darwin cyclone. His love of cryptics in the 1970s grew as he developed his *AxWord* program in the 90s and was an obsession although he candidly said that he will never become an expert. Doug was employed in 1988 by Flinders University and retired in 2009. He's managed to make contributions in various twigs of science including AA spectroscopy, thermoluminescence, cosmic ray astronomy, DNA amplification and GFP visualization. Doug joined the ACC in July 1996 and carried out skilful adjudications of Slots 1-5 puzzles from March 2002 until May 2015, he won the Clue of the Month on four occasions and the Clue Writing Competition twice, he contributed 12 quizzes and 20 excellent puzzles as *dB*. Plus 13 prizewinnings. Well done Doug.

Doug's dynamic and cruciverbally useful invention *AxWord* was invented by him in 1990 and introduced to the ACC in June 1996 and has been beneficial to so many members of the ACC. The wordlists in *AxWord* grew from 200,000 to 800,000 and from 2 categories to 16, from 20 different references (including *Chambers*, *Merriam-Webster*).

These days Doug is involved with contributions to *Trove* and *Wikipedia* and we thank him sincerely for his valued contributions over many years to the ACC and the Art of Crosswording in Australia. Have a long and happy retirement Doug.

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Cryptic
by
Flowerman



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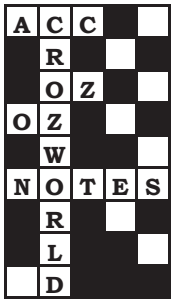
- 1 Fuel bowser emptied by one still to leave island (7)
- 5 Film about Doctor Spock's earliest engagements (7)
- 9 Delight noble wanting gold ring (5)
- 10 Old journalist covering strike held forth (9)
- 11 Travels through Nigeria's not affected by rioting (14)
- 13 Familiar Spanish saint embracing change? Quite the reverse (10)
- 16 The Strauss who manufactured double violin cases (4)
- 18 Fool wanting mother to leave tomorrow (4)
- 19 Declare protein lacking in wattle of desert parts (10)
- 21 Dispensing with government (14)
- 25 Love to be strict about those expecting to receive such care (9)
- 26 For pack animal, a small back has no bearing (5)
- 27 Consider likely, or not? (7)
- 28 Communicated almost daily about receiving one's drug (7)
- 5 New leader got over being kind of chicken (5)
- 6 Supports increases (6)
- 7 Stars showing strain from movie (9)
- 8 Nick stung at first over one of the French criticisms (10)
- 12 Appalling views described aloud, sadly (10)
- 14 People in uprising take advantage of sons and daughters of Zeus (4,5)
- 15 Carmelite nun adapted after losing number of digits (9)
- 17 Some craft plough into docked launch (8)
- 20 In addition, princess's old flame turned up (6)
- 22 Wretched priest has no energy for a spar (5)
- 23 Tests of officer's limits too detailed (5)
- 24 Rotter capturing queen's heart, say (4)

Down

- 1 Lots of pans (4)
- 2 Supply result (5)
- 3 Letter not this if torn up one end? (8)
- 4 Hero tries to represent speculator (9)

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Solutions to Quiz 12/2015: Syllacryptic 2 by InGrid (Jean Barbour):

Winner: Ulla Axelsen. Congratulations!

Results: 33: Warren Allen, Ulla Axelsen, Karl Audrins, Maureen Blake, Robyn Caine, Bev Cockburn, Graeme Cole, Julie Crowe, Tony Dobebe, Jean Evans, Jim Fowler, Kath Harper, Valerie Howard, Doreen Jones, Christina Lee, Norma Lee, Gabrielle Leeds, Julie Leigh, Pat Lord, Frank Martin, Ian Mason, Claire McClelland, Robyn McKenzie, Trish

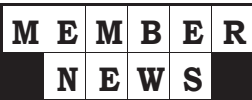
McPherson, Paula Mercer, Andrew Miles, Ann Millard, Eileen O'Brien, Jan Pearce, Sue Pinder, Mike Potts, David Procter, Marian Procter, Judy Randall, Richard Skinner, Joan Smith, Brian Symons, Roy Taylor, Brian Tickle, Jenny Wenham and Robyn Wimbush. **31:** Ray Gooderick. **30:** Catherine Jones.

Answers: Wisteria (wis/te/ri/a), Encompass (en/com/pass), Competent (com/pe/tent), Antipasto (an/ti/pas/to), Newels (new/els), Tahini (ta/hi/ni), Ambulant (am/bu/lant), Lasso (lass/o), Lamentation (lam/en/ta/tion), Bayonet (bay/on/et), Embellish (em/bell/ish), Honeysuckle (hon/ey/suck/le), Ethic (eth/ic), Rondeau (ron/deau), Overhear (o/ver/hear), Entomb (en/tomb), Sonatina (son/a/ti/na), Bacon (ba/con), Extend (ex/tend), Catatonic (cat/a/ton/ic), Angel (an/gel), Utopia (u/to/pi/a), Sidestep (side/step), Extra (ex/tra), Sellers (sell/ers), Oncologist (on/col/o/gist), Mannish (mann/ish), Evidenc (ev/i/dence), Boundary (bound/a/ry), Opening (o/pen/ing), Dingo (din/go), Yellow Cab (yell/ow/cab), Holiday (hol/i/day).

Quote: "We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by" attributed to Will Rogers, and sourced in the *Penguin Dictionary of Modern Humorous Quotations*.

Solvers' Comments:

- Thank you for a clever, innovative exercise. Went cross-eyed counting deleted syllables. *Karl Audrins*
- As a solver who is happy to sit on the curb/kerb while the hero compilers do their thing, I applaud this quiz. What great fun – helped immensely by the syllables supplied. Also interesting to discover that 'curb' can be an alternative spelling for 'kerb'. *Robyn Caine*
- What a great pleasure in actually finishing this puzzle. I was a little worried for a while! *Julie Crowe*
- It was a great relief when I finished and discovered that I didn't have any of those pesky little syllables left over! *Kath Harper*
- I can't see how to get 'tahini' in Clue 6 but it's the only possible word left! (tai is a Japanese sea bream and hin is a Hebrew measure – JB) *Christina Lee*
- I did wonder about "curb" in the quote. Should it not be "kerb"? (Quite a few solvers mentioned this. According to my *Chambers*, it can be spelt either way, so I followed the quote in my reference as cited above: JB) *Judy Randall*
- Nice clues Jean, especially 'holiday' and 'sellers'. *Joan Smith*
- Thanks for a GREAT quiz with GREAT clues and a GREAT quotation from the GREAT Will Rogers. *Brian Tickle*
- Many thanks for a jolly hard but enjoyable puzzle which kept half of Bermagui hard at work for a few weeks. I'm sharing the prize! *Robyn Wimbush*



New Members: We extend a warm welcome to **Wayne Bradbury** from Kingston ACT, **Peter McDonald** from Hughes ACT, **Kate Williams** from Clifton Beach, Qld and **Roger Hearn** from Manjimup, WA (a Membership Gift from Bob Hagan. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworl ding!*)

Puzzle Adjustments:

- Margaret Davis gained a dot for December Slot 1.

Mail delivery of Crozworld in 2016

Since 4 January 2016, there has been a choice of three delivery speeds when sending a letter within Australia. The first one is Express Delivery which guarantees delivery on the next business day. The cost is priced from \$5.75 for each delivery. The second one is Priority and the delivery is 1-4 business days, depending on destination. Cost: \$1.50. In addition to the envelope and stamp, a Priority label is required to be attached to the envelope. Priority labels will cost 50 cents each. They'll be available at all Post Offices. The third is Regular and delivery is up to two business days longer than Priority. Cost is \$1.00.

The ACC is planning to use the Regular letter service but that will mean *Crozworld* will take longer to deliver than previously. Whilst we would prefer to use the more expensive delivery service, the increased cost cannot be borne by the Club due to the fact that we are unable to afford that considerable increase in costs.

We are sorry for this change in delivery times. The only way this can be avoided is to take advantage of the electronic delivery of *Crozworld* which is usually on the day after the closure of mail and sometimes on the same day.

The other problem will be late-mailed entries but that will be entirely the responsibility of the solver being aware of the extra time needed to ensure delivery before the cut-off date. Alternatively, submission of your puzzles online via ACCOLADE (see link on p3) is free, almost instantaneous, gives you confirmation of receipt and provides a list of your solutions, which can even be entered into a spell-checker provided on the submission page. Better still, it will reduce the workload of our hard-working adjudicators. Do give it a try!

If you require further details, access auspost.com.au/letters

Quiz No 2/2016 As Easy as ABC by Brian Symons

All answers contain a triplet of letters (eg, the clue Learner (7) would be "STUdent"). This triplet may be at the beginning, the end or contained within the answer. Answers are given in alphabetical order of the word that includes them. Two answers are of two words so the triplet is interrupted by a space. For the purposes of this quiz the alphabet is regarded as a circle so the sequences YZA and ZAB may be included. Two answers actually have 4 letters in alphabetical order and these are asterisked. Send your answers to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Place, Grays Point NSW 2232 e-mail: bms65@bigpond.com . Closing date 11 March 2016. Prize \$75.

- 1 Tranquillity (8)
- 2 A cold (6)
- 3 A noise of illness perhaps (8)
- 4 The little grebe (8)
- 5 Pollute (6)
- 6 A cinema style (4,4)*
- 7 In the beginning (7)
- 8 A narrow passage (7)
- 9 A natural reservoir (7)
- 10 Boisterous play (7)
- 11 Untiring (13)
- 12 Study of lakes (9)
- 13 A type of sausage (10)
- 14 The prickly pear (5)
- 15 A full suit of armour (7)
- 16 A monkey genus (13)*
- 17 Cricket equipment (5)
- 18 A fundamental constituent of matter (3,5)
- 19 A language (8)
- 20 A type of custard (10)

January 1-2016: Cunningly Cryptic by Stroz (Patrick Street)

- Much harder Slot 1 than usual. *Lynne Coulton*
- A witty and entertaining puzzle. *Len Colgan*
- 15dn: Unsure of why "fan" (apparently) clues KISS. (According to the *Chambers Thesaurus* 1991 edn p361, kiss = fan: *stroz*) *Ian McKenzie*
- An entertaining slot 1 needing a bit of lateral thinking. *Roy Taylor*
- Took forever to get KISS – a run through the alphabet in the mind, then on paper. *Rob Moline*
- A great way to start the month. Loved 28ac AIRPORT and the 'cunningly cryptic' clues. *Ann Millard*
- Bit tough for a slot 1 we thought insofar as it was difficult to be absolutely certain on many answers. *Richard Skinner*
- Once I changed manhole to thimble, the rest fell into place. I hope! *Claire Batum*
- Bit devious but a lot of fun. Thanks *Stroz!* *Tony Dobebe*
- Tricky double meanings in across clues. Liked 'seer' and 'airport'. *Ulla Axelsen*
- 15dn is a bit of a worry. KISS or BIAS? Neither of which has anything to do with fan as far as I can see. *Doreen Jones*
- Thank goodness for exclamation marks! How else would we know when *Stroz* is being extra cunningly cryptic? *Kath Harper*
- My first thought for 16ac was SENATE COMMITTEE – really threw me off the track. *Nea Storey*
- Not too sure about some of my answers but the best I could do. *Margaret Davis*
- Agonised long and hard over 'get up' versus 'gee up': airhole' v 'airport'! *Lynne Coulton*
- This certainly was cunningly cryptic, and often quite clever. A bit harder than the average for a slot 1. *Ian Thompson*
- I think 28ac should have had a "?" since mouth is a clue for "airport" but not "airport". *Drew Meek*
- What a lot of quirky clues! Loved inroads, seer and especially airport. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Have I missed a *Stroz* trick somewhere? It seemed too straightforward. *Andrew Patterson*
- An interesting puzzle – I liked OBIT the best. *Michael Potts*
- A tricky Patrick puzzle. I'm not sure about the bottom RH corner; but can think of no other answers. *Barbara Ibbott*
- El Presidente is a cheeky, sneaky compiler with a penchant for exclamation marks!!!!!!! *Gabriel Fuller*
- A few tricky and obscure clues. *Hilary Cromer*
- A nice clean cryptic with no weird and wonderful words needed to complete the grid. *John Baylis*
- Liked THIMBLE and TWO-STROKE. *Max Roddick*
- Struggled with this one – well named! I entered BYROADS early for 1lac which made things harder. *Anne Simons*

January 2-2016: Cryptic by The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn)

- Excellent puzzle with consistently elegant clueing. *Ian McKenzie*
- This was a good, tough puzzle. No stand-out clues but plenty of interesting ones. *Ian Thompson*
- Good fair clues: many not easy. *Roy Taylor*
- Really enjoyed this puzzle. So many wonderful clues that took some solving for me; but so satisfying when they fell into place. Thanks. *Ann Millard*
- For some reason "Buttery" took some getting. I'm still limping having finally worked it out! *Richard Skinner*
- Some great clues in this one. I particularly liked jigsaw, crockery, calf, grow up and – best of all – forgery. *Brian Tickle*
- Took a while to work out word play for 'calf: clever. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Good clues including 25ac, 4dn, 15dn & 20dn (my COTM). *Catherine Hambling*
- Found this enjoyable with some clever cluing: a couple could have been my COTM. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- We had so many laughs as we solved this puzzle. Loved buttery, puritan and palindrome and would like to give all of them COTM. As we can only put one I think it is palindrome. *R & P McKenzie*
- Another enjoyable puzzle – I liked BREWERY. *John Baylis*
- Liked BREWERY, MERCURY and especially PALINDROME. *Max Roddick*
- Some great clues here – especially 8, 14, 25 & 26ac and 9dn. *Anne Simons*

January 3-2016: Cryptic by Blue King (Roy Low)

- 14ac and 27ac (COTM) especially are super clues. I'm not keen on "has" as a containment indicator in 12ac. *Len Colgan*

- I'm a bit baffled by 27ac's wordplay. NINETY is a high mark & so is "in excelsis" (on high)? [see p12 - Adj] *Ian McKenzie*
- Needed to have the brain working at its best to figure out several devious clues. *Ian Thompson*
- Not easy. I thought of NINETY for COTM but I think it lacks a definition. 90 is not a Roman cardinal. Perhaps putting "fairly old" at the start? *Roy Taylor*
- Couple of COTM contenders here! *Richard Skinner*
- So many great clues. My favourites were stupid, conquest, steady on and night. *Brian Tickle*
- A quite hard slot 3: SW corner my last in. *Tony Dobebe*
- I gave my brain an extra whack with the (metaphorical) cudgel when I finally worked out the answer to 27ac. Made me feel very 1ac! *Kath Harper*
- Not sure about some of my answers. *Nea Storey*
- 27ac and 19dn very clever answers: NINETY and HOWZAT. *Marian Procter*
- An amazing mixture of words/phrases not so often heard or perhaps a few mistakes! *Lynn Jarman*
- 10: Is "her" necessary? 17: Aren't horses gee-gees? 25: The clue would read better with KKK as KK is not 'most of' Ku Klux Klan. *George Rolfe*
- So many good clues in this Slot. Thank you Roy. I need more than 1 cotm this month. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Feeling a bit peckish after this one. Does MOUSSAKA go well with EGGS AND BACON, PEANUTS and COSTARD apple? *Michael Potts*
- Great clues. Loved HOLIDAYMAKER. *Bev Cockburn*
- This I found a real teaser with some very enjoyable clues. *John Baylis*
- Wouldn't have thought such a fine clue as 1ac could be STUPID. *Max Roddick*

January 4-2016: AJ by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- I really liked the clues for F and N. *Brian Tickle*
- Some entertaining pun clues. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Enjoyable AJ favourite clues: EXCHANGING and NON-FATAL. Thank you *Manveru*. *Joan Smith*
- A kinder offering from *Manveru* but enjoyable to solve. KAMIKAZE in slots 3 and 4. *Tony Dobebe*
- Another kamikaze! Is this a coordinated attack? *Kath Harper*
- What are the odds against two kamikazes in one month? *Margaret Davis*
- My favourite puzzle the AJ. I found this one hard to get into. *Manveru's* usual challenge and was delighted to complete it. Correctly I hope! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Good one. *Ken Watt*
- Thank you Michael. As usual a satisfying AJ. Francophile was very pleasing. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Nice clue for 'kamikaze'. A very suitably solvable AJ. *Andrew Patterson*
- KAMIKAZE again! *Michael Potts*
- This was more difficult than at first appeared. I had trouble fitting some words in the correct places and had to do a bit of shuffling. *Barbara Ibbott*
- The alphabetical is always my favourite. *Hilary Cromer*
- An excellent AJ – but what else would you expect when you cross a TRAMPOLINE with a FRANCOPHILE. *John Baylis*
- Loved NON-FATAL. *Max Roddick*
- Again, lots of good clues – loved BANANA. *Anne Simons*

January 5-2016: Cryptic by The Mythtics (Ulla Axelsen & Ian Williams)

- I liked the construction "contracted fever" in 22dn. In 18dn it seems to me that "about" must somehow clue "a". ["a" is an abbreviation for "about" in *Chambers* – Adj] *Ian McKenzie*
- No mythunderstandings. Hopefully, no mythtakes! *Len Colgan*
- What a brilliant tapestry of our many setters! Great job, Ulla and Ian. *Brian Tickle*
- Great fun getting so many setters in the clues. *Rob Moline*
- Reasonably tough as befits a slot 5. *Richard Skinner*
- Great theme! I make it 31 compilers mentioned. *Tony Dobebe*
- Excellent puzzle – so many great clues. Loved BANKS and JAGUARS. *Bev Cockburn*
- Not at all easy! *Nea Storey*
- What a stellar line-up: all squeezed into one grid. *Kath Harper*

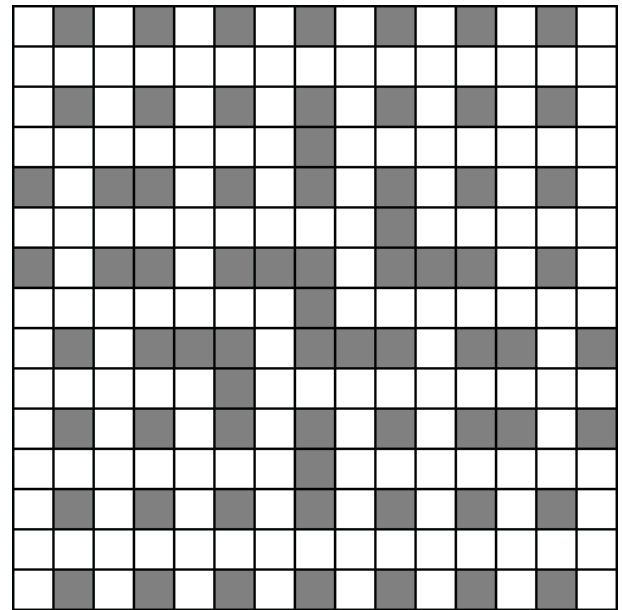
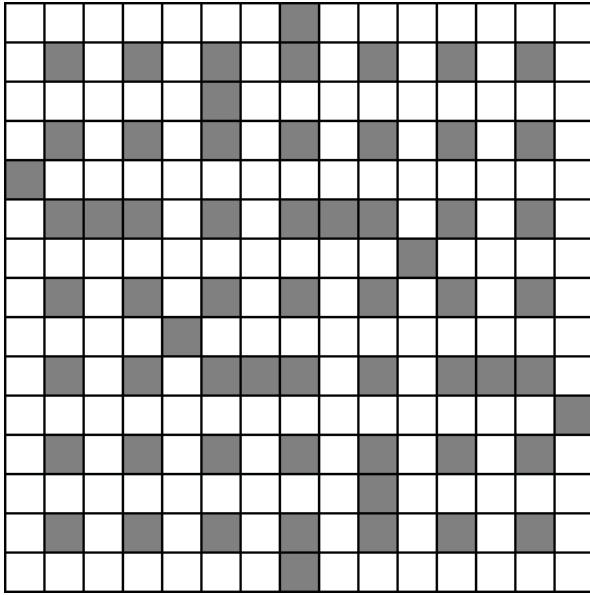


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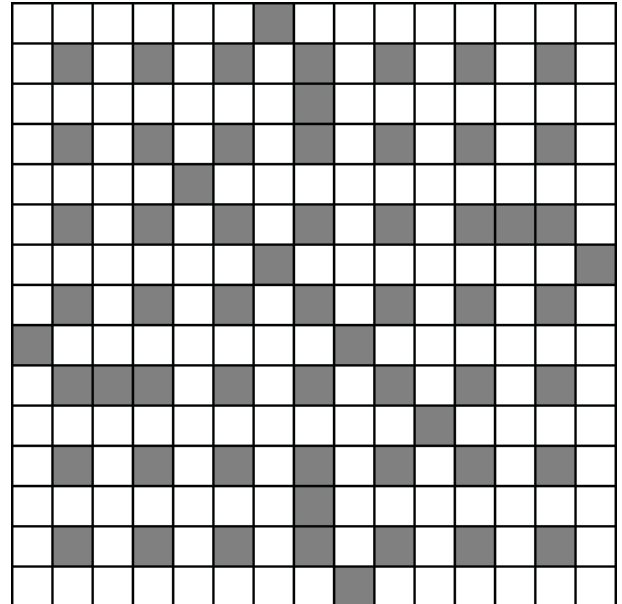
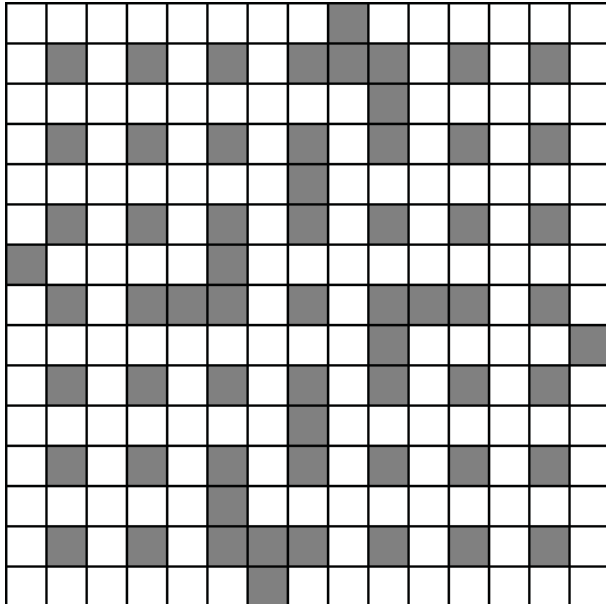
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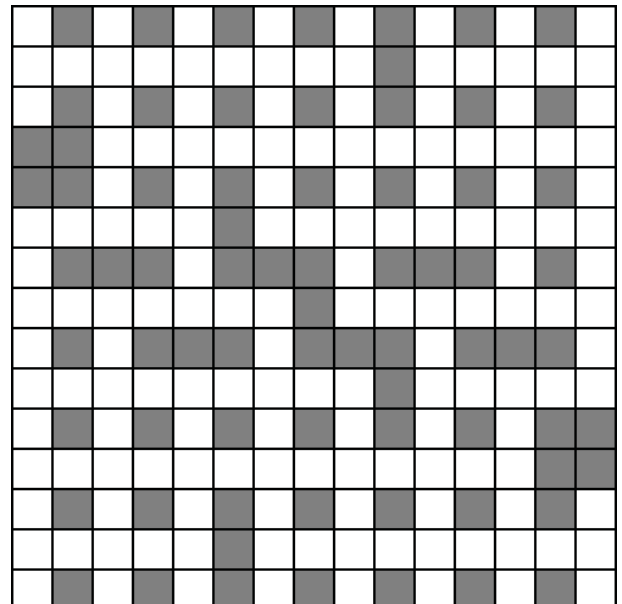
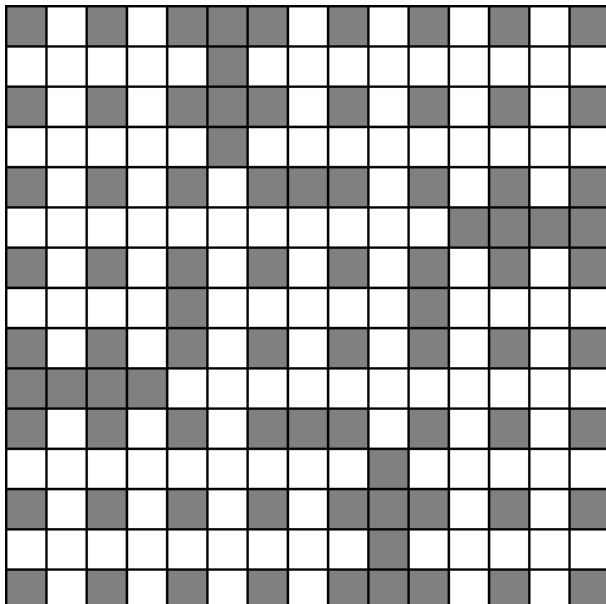
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Clue of the Month

December 6-2015: Cryptic by Hot and Cold (Jenny Wenham and Ian Williams)

Results: Entries: 82; Correct: 22; Success Rate: 27%.

Winner: Anne Simons. Congratulations!

Adjudicators' comments: Thanks everyone for your cards, Christmas greetings and comments. We received a pleasing number of entries but unfortunately not a high success rate. OOLONG TEA (instead of OULONG TEA) was the biggest contributor to missed dots, with variations on CHOKE-PEAR and FROG responsible for most of the rest. One entry also had blanks. If you have access to the internet, ACCOLADE is an excellent tool and will help eliminate those blank spots. Despite being correctly addressed, two snail mail entries have been on little holidays on their way to Jenny – one via Kilkivan and another via Cannonvale. Fortunately they still managed to arrive on time but we hope no others are still travelling around the state.

Solvers' comments:

- Great Puzzle! I found the spelling "OULONG" in *Chambers*, and decided that fitted the clue better than "OOLONG". Hope I decided correctly. *Robyn Caine*
- Thanks for a difficult but enjoyable cryptic. *Brian Symons*
- Just loved this puzzle. How clever you compilers are! Thanks for the challenge, didn't think I'd complete it. *Pat Lord*
- Your musical theme puzzle was entertaining. 26ac: CHOKE+P+EAR, being a silencer, was a new word for me v. cleverly put together as "stop, piano & organ". Could you please explain the wordplay for 28ac OOLONG TEA? [See *John Baylis's comment below: H & C*] Thanks for a challenging puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Great puzzle! As usual, bit of doubt about a few answers. *Catherine Jones*
- It was a very clever puzzle. I'm not too sour of OULONG TEA – it seemed more logical than OOLONG TEA. *Bob Hagan*
- What an excellent puzzle – Thank you for my own clue. *William Ryan*

- It amazes me how the talented setters in the ACC can think up such a varied selection. I cannot understand the workings of 23ac SMART SET, I think, and 28ac OOLONG TEA? *Graeme Cole*
- Thanks for a great puzzle. I came over all "hot and cold" when I saw the dreaded "not defined" but after a little tantrum really enjoyed the challenge. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Great puzzle! Great clues! Learnt some new words – FROG & TERRIERS other meanings! CHOKE-PEAR and the other spelling of OOLONG TEA. *Bev Cockburn*
- I'm old enough to remember another song: Let the sun shine in, Take it with a grin ... *Dale McManus*
- An interesting and ingenious puzzle that I greatly enjoyed. I presume "once fashionable" means OUT rather than IN to demand the OU version of OOLONG in 28ac. [Correct, John – H & C] *John Baylis*

- Thank you for an interesting puzzle. I enjoyed the musical theme. *Jean Evans*
- This was a lot of fun and a bit of relaxation after some of the earlier puzzles. *Pat Garner*
- An enjoyable puzzle. SOUTH PACIFIC was rather generously clued; so the theme was identified quite early. CHOKE-PEAR was new to me. I wonder how many will be caught by the TEA trap? *Ian Thompson*
- Great theme. Another enjoyable; challenging puzzle from Jenny. *Brian Tickle*
- This dates me! Although just OK; 23ac seems too verbose and disjointed. Why not merely use (TEST RAMS) [We were pursuing the musical theme – perhaps unnecessarily here – H & C] *Len Colgan*

- Great puzzle; loved the theme. Favourite clues: 18, 20, 28 and 29ac. Thank you *Hot and Cold*. *Joan Smith*
- Surprisingly straightforward for a slot 6. Mind you, I say that but it was structured around musicals I grew up with! *Richard Skinner*
- I liked the musical theme. Some hard words; last one solved was FROG. *Roy Taylor*
- 10; 19 Sunshine is one not two words [Not according to the lyrics, which form the basis for the solutions eg *www.songlyrics.com/hair/let-the-sunshine-in-lyrics/- H & C*] *George Rolfe*

- Hoots mon. Oot v out! *Karl Audrins*
- Brought back memories of travelling by bus from Brisbane to Sydney to watch 'Hair'. *Ulla Axelsen*
- West Side Story, South Pacific and Hair – what a lovely lot of memories! *Nea Storey*
- Very enjoyable but pretty challenging for me...never heard of a 'choke pear' before...sounds awful! *Stephen Matthews*
- What a word is chokepear! *Robyn Wimbush*
- What a doozey! Weird clues, unknown words, a theme, undefined clues: the Lot! *Rosemary Ducker*
- I enjoyed the theme and the associated songs. *R and P McKenzie*
- Just the right degree of frivolity for a holiday time puzzle. *Kath Harper*
- "LET THE SUN" gave me the theme – not too hard from there; though CHOKEPEAR was a new word to me. *Michael Potts*
- Most enjoyable. Thankyou. *Valerie Howard*
- Thanks for the Musicals memories. Particularly liked 11dn. "Choke-pear" was a completely new one on me – a very expressive word! *Gillian Champion*
- Jenny and Ian: enjoyed this puzzle, although was stuck on a couple of clues: here is hoping I managed a correct solution. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Three musicals and the title of one song from each of them. Loved the clue for 22dn. *Raoul* deserves a musical of his own. *Ron Carpenter*

Explanations for January 2016 grids

Slot 1: Stroz. Cryptic clues: Across: 11 I + N + ROADS, 14 cd, 28 cd AIR + PORT, 30 cd. Down: 2 anag, 3 A + BET, 4 anag, 6 (CHARADE - NO)*, 7 O + RATE, 8 (MEASURABLE - U)*, 9 homoph "sir" + CUM[=with] + homoph "navvy" + GATE, 15 dd, 16 (CT + SEAPORT)*, 17 dd (old slang), 18 BI + PET!, 21 homoph, 24 dd, 25 OB + IT, 26 PRO + F.

Slot 2: The Eager Beaver. Explanations: Across: 7 CUT + rely (LERY), 8 B (UTTER) Y, 10 JIG + SAW, 11 CR (OCKER) Y, 12 cd, 13 PAL + IN + (goD) ROME, 14 U (METAL ROD)* RN, 19 (NO RENT)* around STAR, 22 TOPS<, 23 (CALF + ROSE)*, 24 GARbAGE, 25 B (R + EWER) Y, 26 MER (CU) RY. Down: 1 PU (RITA) N ref to play "Educating Rita", 2 G + LASS + FLU*, 3 GRO (W) UP, 4 SU (BORN) ED, 5 STROKE moving R to end, 6 (E + MERIT) <, 9 AC (C + LAMA) TION, 15 rev hidden, 16 RE + STRICT, 17 dd, 18 FOR + GERmanY, 20 (L + WARPS)<, 21 dd.

Slot 3: Blue King. Across: 1 (DI + PUTS) <, 5 C + ON + QUEST, 9 DD, 10 GR + (DIVA)< ref. Melba and King George, 11 PE + (TUNA)<, 12 AN(TIP)ODE, 14 H (OLID) AYMAKER, 17 E (GGs AND (CAB)<) ON, 20 homoph Musak + a, 22 POT + GOD, both reversed, 23 JA (EBB<) R, 25 (I AMAZE + KK(k))* , 26 STEAD + YON (dd), 27 Hidden (XC) = NINETY. Down: 2 DD, 3 PAREN(t) + THESES, 4 (NO CELT HAD)*, 5 (CARDS TO)*, 6 NIGH + T, 7 dd, 8 S (KIND) EEP, 13 PLA I (NS + POKE) N, 15 (CATHY'S NAME)*, 16 IGNORANT is hidden, 18 B + LACK + E(verto)N, 19 HOW + Z + AT, 21 YARRA <, 24 BOA (cd).

Slot 4: Manveru. A (DISCRIMINATE - (I C))* , B CD, C (CULT)* + UN + CH, D DRY+RUNS, E EX+C+HANGING, F CD, G seethinG OVER Nra, H HAIL+ED (breaks as openings), I ILL+EG+AL, J JO(URN+A) L, K CD, L (QU+I+RULES)*, M (U + METHOD)*, N Non-fat + AL, O b(OX)+TAILS, P PROP(O+S)ER, Q s(QUAD), R RELI(E+V)ED, S S+O (BEER)* R, T (RELATIONS + MP)*, U dd, V VI(ENN)A, W W(ARN) ING, X X+(r)EBECS, Y YULE+LOG, Z breeZE, USually.

Slot 5: The Mythtics. Across: 1 Heads (48 = forty-eight), 4 MA+RIM+BA+S, 10 BE(CA+US)E, 11 (BANJ (o to SEI))* , 12 hidden, 13 MA + TO (GROSS)O, 15 hidden, 16 TI + TM + ICE, 20 B(L) ARNEY, 21 AND + whyNOT, 26 Replace O by M in COOP, 28 (iSLA +U+U+U+N)*, 29 Hidden, 30 RE+HASH+ED, 31 STAR + HC<. Down: 1 AR (S + BRIO)* T, 2 FICTIONAL + SAILOR, 3 Double, 5 A + M + BRO + S + IA, 6 IN+STRUM+anag of TEN, 7 Double, 9 (BOGEYMAN - boy)*, 14 START + GROwnUPS, 17 CONn (FORM) ER, 18 TELL + A + eLsIE, 19 AT + (PINdAr)* + CH, 22 J(AGUe) AR, 23 TakaBLE, 25 Double, 27 (KING after replacing G with T)*.

Solutions to Christmas 2015 Bonus Puzzles and Quizzes

Bonus Puzzle 1 Add & Stir by *Kaeila*

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Bonus Puzzle 2 Cryptic by *Flowerman*

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Bonus Puzzle 3 Half & Half by *Crowsman*

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Bonus Puzzle 4 Subtractive AJ by *Betelgeuse*

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Bonus Puzzle 5 Double Acrostic by *Penobscot*

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Bonus Quiz 1 Answers by Brian Symons: 1 Monkey Grip, 2 rooster tail, 3 dogma, 4 pigeon's-blood, 5 rather, 6 oxtter, 7 tigerish, 8 rabbits, 9 dragonnade, 10 snake eyes, 11 horseradish, 12 sheepshank (All start with the animals representing Chinese New Year). **Zodiac Animal:** 2016 Monkey, 2017 Rooster, 2018 Dog, 2019 Pig, 2020 Rat, 2021 Ox, 2022 Tiger, 2023 Rabbit, 2024 Dragon, 2025 Snake, 2026 Horse, 2027 Sheep.

Bonus Quiz 2 Answers: Movie Magic by Virgo: Part 1: 1 Ian Richardson, 2 Emilio Estevez, 3 Morgan Freeman, 4 Elvis Presley 5 Laurence Harvey, 6 Ian Carmichael, 7 Fernando Lamas, 8 Eddie Fisher, 9 Michelle Pfeiffer. **Part 2:** 11 Oceans Eleven, 11 Rear Window, 12 Love Actually, 13 Norma Rae, 14 American Beauty, 15 Ice Castles, 16 Forever Amber, 17 Evil Angels, 18 Lawrence of Arabia

Explanations for Bonus Grids

Bonus 1: Kaeila. Across: 1 anag, 8 (HORSE + D)*, 9 (HORSE + PPS)*, 10 (HORSE + C)*, 11 hw, 12 rev hidden, 13 HORuS + E, 16 E (Y) RA, 19 soOAKS, 21 A + N + GST, 24 RED rev round ALE, 25 (HORSE + ENT)*, 27 anag, 28 (HORSE + TLC)*, 29 HO (A) RSE, 30 anag. **Down:** 1 WASP + IS + H, 2 T (ROd) OPER, 3 hw, 4 (HORSE + CoP)*, 5 T + RUCKMAN, 6 MON + OX + ONLY*, 7 (HORSE + FRED)*, 14 OBJECT + ION, 15 SAIL + BOARD, 17 heads, 18 HORSE + MEN, 20 (HORSE + OT)*, 22 GUN + PLAY, 23 TREE + SIT, 26 homoph "terra".

Bonus 2: Flowerman. Across: 1,5 CO (TOOK)* W + NOR + CHID, 10 REFER (END) A, 11 coSTATE, 12 (EA + I + NEAT)<, 13 (A/p)LIGHTS, 16 OFF + S, 19,7 P(IN + K + HE)ATH, 21 L(A) EVER<, 25 (BUTLERS)*, 27 BLUE + MUG<, 28 INJUNction, 29 (IN THEATRE)*, 30,14,20 STUaRTS + (DESPERATE)*, 31,15 (K Of ARAGON)* + PAW. **Down:** 1 (ORCA)* + TIdE, 2 OFF + SEASON, 3 T(ERR)IER, 4 WIN(C)E, 6 RU(SH I)*N, 8 dd, 9 (ArE) in (WHAT)*, 17 F(R[EIGHT]E)R, 18 ART in SHED<, 19 PI + SLITS<, 22 dancE + LU (DIN) G, 23 pLUMBAGO, 24 P(LANE)T, 26 JIB< + O + U, 27 BU(N)Y + A.

Bonus 3: Crowsman. Across: 1 This and other across answers require the addition of the letter G. **Down:** 2 H(YEN)A(d), 3 dd, 4 IDIO(ma)TIC, 5 G + OTTER + DAMMER + GNU<, 6 dd, 7 NO STRUM, 8 ELECT + ricks(homophone), 14 LOG inside (I SEE NO)*, 17 F + (d)RAUGHT, 18 RIG + IDLY, 20 TIR(AD)ES, 21 ROB + RATE* (singer), 24 (E + SOON)<.

Bonus 4: Betelgeuse. A L(A)UNCHER, **B** CO(B)WE(B)S, **C** (C) HARMFUL, **C** (C)UPHOLDER **D** SA(DD)LES, **E** GARNISH(EE), **F** (F)LIGHT PATH, **G** THU(G)S, **H** C(H)UFFED, **I** SUPPL(I)ANT, **J** (J) IM(J)AMS, **K** IC(K)IER, **K** STON(K)ER, **L** PICK(L)ED, **L** TRO(LL) OP, **M** CRE(M)ATED, **M** (M)ACERATE, **M** RU(M)INATION, **N** (N)ACRES, **N** OPI(N)E, **O** T(O)ASTERS, **P** DE(P)LORES, **P** (P) ENCHANT, **Q** S(Q)UITS, **R** TO(RR)ES., **S** (S)HELLHOLE, **T** PA(T) ELLA, **U** FIREHO(U)SE, **V** (V)ALLEY, **W** (W)ALLAH, **X** SE(X)ER, **Y** FUND(Y), **Z** SO(ZZ)LE.

Bonus 5: Double Acrostic Penobscot. A bonnie young lass from Blantyre/Played Scottish tunes on her lyre/In response to the gripes/She said "Stuff the pipes"/The lyre can play the notes hyre.

Macquarie Dictionary's Word of the Year 2015

The Committee's Choice for Word of the Year 2015 goes to **captain's call**, noun, a decision made by a political or business leader without consultation with colleagues.

Captain's call perfectly encapsulates what happened in Australia over the past year. There has been an interesting change in usage; an infrequent item of the jargon of cricket makes the leap into politics and is now being used generally with an ironic tinge to it that is very Australian.

—The Committee

Macquarie Dictionary editor **Susan Butler** says the 'captain's call' faced stiff competition to take out 2015 Word of the Year. *Captain's call* emerged after Mr Abbott made a series of controversial choices and is used when somebody makes a clueless or embarrassing decision without consulting colleagues. It was a term commonly used when talking about cricket, but it has slowly seeped into the game of politics. According to the committee, the term has an "ironic tinge to it that is very Australian."

Many slang terms have been added to the newest edition of the *Macquarie Dictionary* and Ms Butler said it needed to cover the whole gamut of the Australian English language. "Language lets you decide if a person is a metrosexual, a hipster or lumbersexual and also whether you're a person who says 'that's cool' or 'amazeballs'," she said.

Some of the words added to the dictionary are said to be a little bizarre, but Ms Butler said they were all very Australian.

The Committee gave Honorable Mentions to—

1. lumbersexual, noun, an urban male who wishes to associate himself by his appearance with a rugged outdoors way of life, as by wearing outdoor clothes such as check shirts, jeans and large boots combined with a beard as typical of a lumberjack.

It used to be all about women's fashions, but the words are now being dominated more and more by those related to men's fashion. Lumbersexual is an organic phenomenon that someone has identified and named. It is a neat coinage and perfectly describes this style that peaked in Australia over the past year.

2. deso, noun, Colloquial a designated driver. Also, deso driver. The idea of deso is very topical. It combines a drinking culture with that of a law-abiding society. The word structure itself is typically Australian – a shortened form with an -o ending. It is astonishing how quickly and smoothly the deso became part of our lives.

Some other Committee favourites:

fitspiration

Anybody who has Instagram knows the #fitspiration hashtag is near impossible to avoid. The word is always attached to pictures of bodies you envy, activewear and of course, kale. "I'm not too keen on this one myself," Ms Butler said. "Looking at beautiful women undertake strenuous exercise is not my cup of tea."

abandoned porn

This is probably a term that means something completely different to what you are thinking. It was made popular by those with an eye for photography, and there are actually tours in many capital cities that focus on abandoned porn. It's a photography trend where snappers tour around looking for derelict buildings and rundown machinery.

price baiting

A term used to describe a sneaky move emerging in the real

estate market. It's no secret that housing prices continue to soar, and some with properties on the market advertise them with a low price to reel in potential buyers. "They know it's going to sell for a lot more than that at an auction, but it's designed to get people in," Ms Butler said.

fur baby

This term is for people who treat their pets as if they are children. They dress them up, put them in prams or handbags and let them sleep on the end of their beds.

slackpacking

Going for a walk or hike? Don't worry about carrying all those heavy items. Slackpacking is when somebody delivers all your goods to your destination so there's that glass of wine waiting for you at the end of a tough journey.

wombat gate, noun, a swing gate installed in a ditch going underneath a fence, so that wombats, who follow very predictable patterns pass under without destroying the fence.

listicle, noun, a type of article in online journalism and blogging which is presented in the form of a list.

Frankenfruit, noun (also lower case), a fruit produced as a hybrid of other fruits, or infused with the flavour some way.

cool burn, noun, a bushfire mitigation procedure in which small fires are lit in circumstances which do not allow them to develop the kind of intense heat which is destructive to vegetation and wildlife, but which reduce the threat of uncontrolled bushfire.

grolar bear, noun, a hybrid species, the offspring of a grizzly bear and a polar bear; occurring naturally in greater numbers as a result of climate change.

Macquarie Dictionary's Word of the Year category winners

Nominations for Word of the Year are selected from new words included in the annual update of the *Macquarie Dictionary Online* in 2015. There are a number of categories for selection, with five words nominated in each category. The Committee's Choice and the People's Choice winning words are picked from the same word list.

The Committee's favourites in each category are:

Agriculture	wombat gate
Arts	abandoned porn
Business	price baiting
Colloquial	deso
Communications	listicle
Eating and Drinking	Frankenfruit
Environment	cool burn
Fashion	lumbersexual
General Interest	grolar bear
Health	fitspiration
Internet	dox
Politics	captain's call
Social Interest	fur baby
Sport	slackpacking
Technology	selfie drone

Word of the Year 2015 Committee:

- Anne Bell, Director of University Libraries at the University of Sydney.
- Stephen Garton, Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney.
- Joe Hildebrand, opinion editor and columnist, *The Daily Telegraph*; co-host Studio 10.
- Susan Butler, The Editor of the *Macquarie Dictionary*.
- Mark Di Stefano, political editor for *BuzzFeed News*.
- Nick Enfield, Professor of Linguistics and Chair of Department at the University of Sydney.