

# CroZworld

"The World of Crosswords in Australia"

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"Words are the physicians of a mind diseased."  
Aeschylus c525-456BC, *Prometheus Bound*, l, 378

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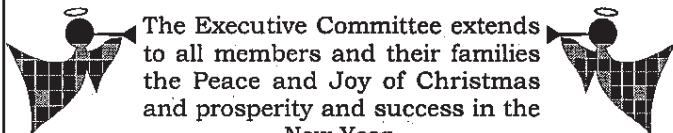
**A** century of greatness! Congratulations Australia in achieving one hundred years of 'Togetherness'. And welcome to the new Millennium. To celebrate these momentous events, we have given *Crozworld* a 'minor millennium makeover', we feature a Special puzzle *Since 1901* by Neir B'Odet and we announce the Prize schedule for 2001.

*Crozworld* has had a 'face lift'! Nothing major. But it retains all of its previous features such as clarity and above all, the 'best crosswords' in Australia!

This month we commence our new Slot 1 puzzles with a General Knowledge crossword by *Virgo*. We hope you find it to your liking. The 'masters' — Noel Jessop and *Southern Cross* — are featured with Cryptic crosswords and *Praxis* has contributed the perennial favourite AJ. *Stroz* has served up a seasonal Pud, and the 'ton of greatness' celebration commences with *Since 1901* by Neir B'Odet. Happy New Year puzzling!

There will be six prize Quizzes in 2001. The first for the New Year is contributed by *Sue Donym* and appears on page 9.

As a result of the generous donations by members and the popularity of the *Crozworld Compendium* we have been able to increase the prizes for all categories in 2001. See page 9 for a full schedule of prizes. Also, we have some wonderful book prizes to give away thanks to the generosity of Oxford University Press and the Macquarie Library Pty Ltd. Happy *Crozworlding* in 2001!



The Executive Committee extends to all members and their families the Peace and Joy of Christmas and prosperity and success in the New Year.

Patrick, Bev and Alan

## FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

**Slot 1:** 28ac: RITA. Of the 81 words which Doug Butler's *AxWord* fits in the grid, there are at least 15 connected with the clue. NINA and RITA were the popular ones with LISA a close runner-up. DIVA was accepted. 20dn: TRONE or 'tron' (according to *Chambers*) have the chiefly Scottish meaning of a public weighing machine and 'the market-place'. TROKE (22) was not accepted. TROKE is the Scottish word for 'truck' and means 'exchange of goods; barter; payment of goods'. This does not fit the definition of 'market place' nor does the US meaning of 'market-garden produce'. TROVE (4) is not a market place.

**Slot 2:** 13ac: CONSIGNOR. CONSIGNER (3) does not fit the anagram of 'no scoring'. 2dn: STALWARTS: STALWORTS is not correct. 3dn: OSMOSIS. OSMESIS does not fit the secondary indicator of Os (bone) + 'moss' with 'i' inserted. 5dn: CABANOSSI = sausage. CABONOSSI (7) does not fit the anagram 'basics on a ' and CABONASSI (1) could not be verified.

**Slot 3:** 14ac: ESCALATED. ESELATED does not fit the anagram 'scaled tea'. 17dn: DEPARTED. DEPORTED (3) was disallowed as it does not mean 'left' and PORT does not mean 'section'. 23dn: BEEF: BEEP (3) was not accepted. 'Complain about' is the definition.

**Slot 4:** 'T' = TALKIE = a talking film. The secondary indicator is 'Sing' = Talk + "one" = 'i' + "Note" = 'e'. TELLIE (2), TOLLIE, TOLLED, TELALIA, TALULA and TILITE do not mean 'A film' and accordingly, were not accepted. 'U' = UNFIXED. UNSIZED (8) was not accepted. The answer must fit both definitions in the clue to be accepted as correct. According to *Chambers* (1998 ed, at p1820) UNSIZED has two meanings: (1) 'not fitted, adjusted or sorted in respect of size'; (2) 'not treated with size'. The first meaning does not fit the second definition in the clue 'not glued'. In relation to the second meaning, as 'size' is a type of glue, it fits the second definition in the clue but not the first 'loose'. The *Collins English Dictionary* (Aust edn) defines UNSIZED as '(of a wall, etc.) not treated with size.' *Chambers* refers to 'paper' and 'fabric'. It could not be said that a wall, paper or fabric which is not sized could be described as being 'loose'. 'X' = XIMENES. XISEMEN, XIMESEN, XENENCE and XISENEM are not correct spellings of the famous English compiler's cruciverbalm.

**Slot 5:** 41ac: CREELS = 'Club' = 'C' + 'dances' = 'reels'. 'Eel' = half the puzzle's title of 'Fish'. CREIMS, CREEMS (3) and CREEPS (2) were not accepted. 33dn: MARLIN. BALLAN and CAPLIN (5) were accepted. 36dn: JUNK: PUNT (31) was accepted. *Theme 2* required the answer to mean a 'ship'. Whilst it is doubtful that PUNT fits the definition of 'ship', one of the other answers FERRY is arguably not a ship. Accordingly, the definition was given a wide meaning. TUNA (3) and LUNG were not accepted.

Many thanks for your kind expressions of Festive best wishes. I hope that Christmas will bring you all many Blessings with Luck and Good Health in the New Year.

—Patrick

## LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	77	99	97	91	90	454
Correct entries	49	89	91	74	73	376
Success rate %	63.6	89.9	93.8	81.3	81.1	82.8
Prize winners	B Solomon	S Hasenkamp	N Jessop	B Bennett	K Layton	From 101 members

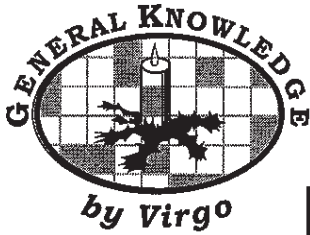
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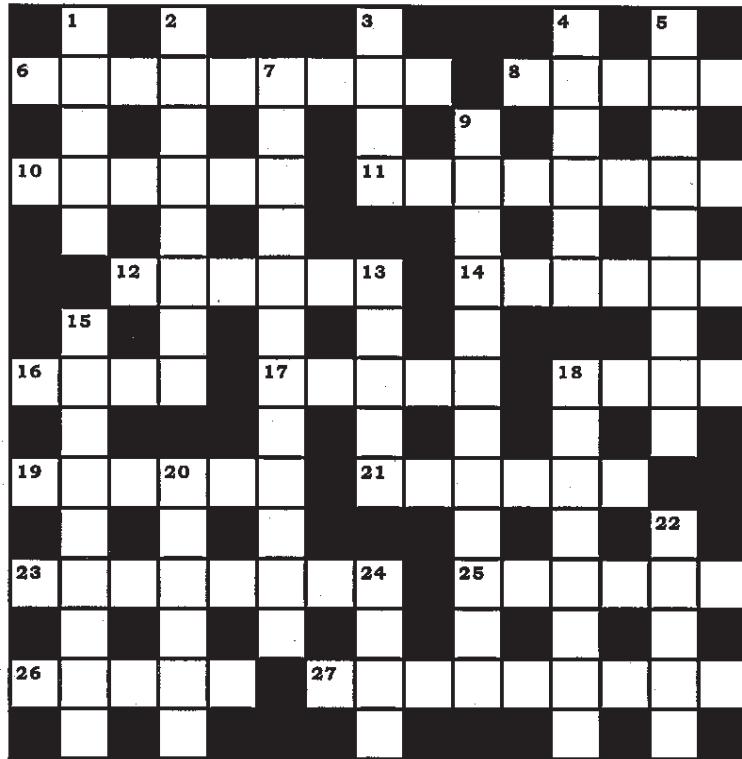
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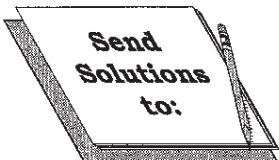
**Across**

- 6 White gypsum powder used in making fine pottery (9)
- 8 Embankments for restraining the waters of a sea or river (5)
- 10 & 20dn French novelist on whose work the movie 'Swann in Love' was based (6, 6)
- 11 One of Barry Humphries' alter egos (4, 4)
- 12 The Academy Award ceremonies (6)
- 14 One serving a gaol term (6)
- 16 Anita — Author of novel on which the movie 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' was based (4)
- 17 Greeny-black stone fruit of the Mediterranean region (5)
- 18 Affectedly precise and proper (4)
- 19 A three-legged apparatus for supporting a camera (6)
- 21 A course served before the main meal (6)
- 23 A 1945 movie 'A Tree Grows in —' (8)
- 25 & 3dn He played the part of Bill Sykes in the musical 'Oliver!' (6, 4)

- 26 Low-branched spiny European shrub with yellow flowers, also known as furze (5)
- 27 A title bestowed on certain Roman Catholic dignitaries (9)

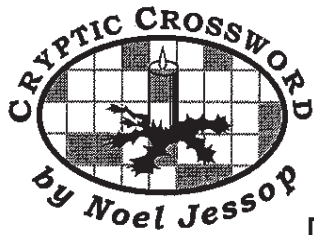
**Down**

- 1 Sir Edward —, composer of 'The Enigma Variations' (5)
- 2 Beaded calculating apparatuses (8)
- 3 see 25ac (4)
- 4 A building devoted mainly to instructional lectures (6)
- 5 Leonard —, American composer of 'Candide' & 'West Side Story' (9)
- 7 Spanish surrealist painter (8, 4)
- 9 Able to use both hands equally well (12)
- 13 The river that runs through Paris (5)
- 15 The setting for commercial company decisions (9)
- 18 The cutaway skins of fruit and vegetables (8)
- 20 see 10ac (6)
- 22 Instrument of a range between alto and baritone (5)
- 24 Inert gas used chiefly in glass tubes in advertising signs (4)

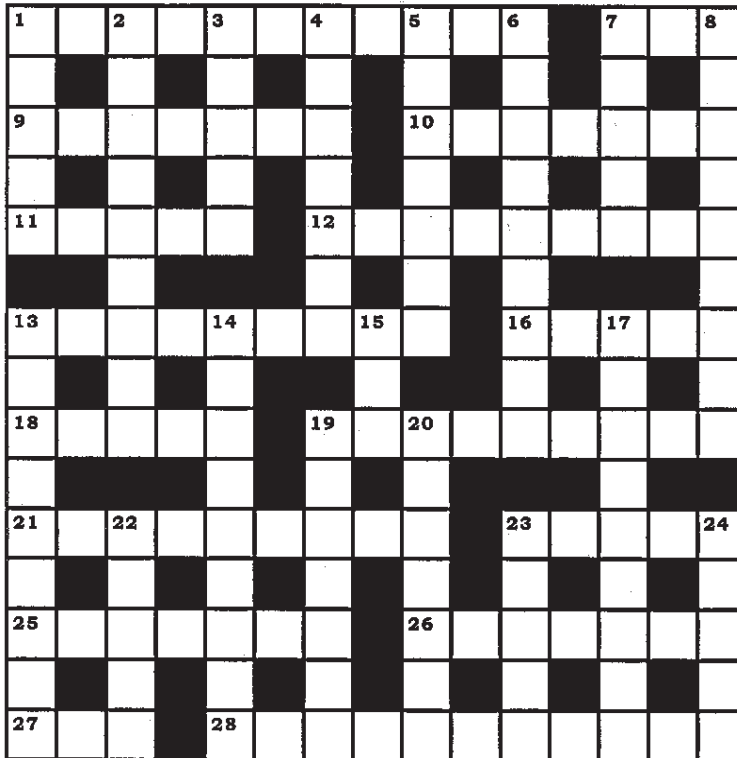


- Slots 1-5: Jim Colles, PO Box 600, Rye Vic 3941. Closing mail: Tuesday 9 January 2001.
- Slot 6: Ted O'Brien, 80 Hillview Circuit, Kiama NSW 2533. Closing mail: Friday 26 January, 2001.





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**Across**

- 1 Infamous Inspector-General no woman notes (11)
- 7 Loud operation for the dude (3)
- 9 Grisly bar came out (7)
- 10 Approval in a state island (7)
- 11 One transaction is perfect (5)
- 12 Extremely zealous at canal if upset (9)
- 13 Substantially small clue wrong about tooth? Au contraire (9)
- 16 Chance to seize sound old town behind ring (5)
- 18 Try a hard shell (5)
- 19 Messenger to miscalculate and put back lout (6-3)
- 21 French expression to annoy one key doctrine (9)
- 23 Less colourful friend has hesitation (5)
- 25 The best pig food in a part of the ship (7)
- 26 Ophelia's brother relates poorly (7)
- 27 Boy's level of proficiency (3)
- 28 Rare accent I developed. The result? Shut up! (11)

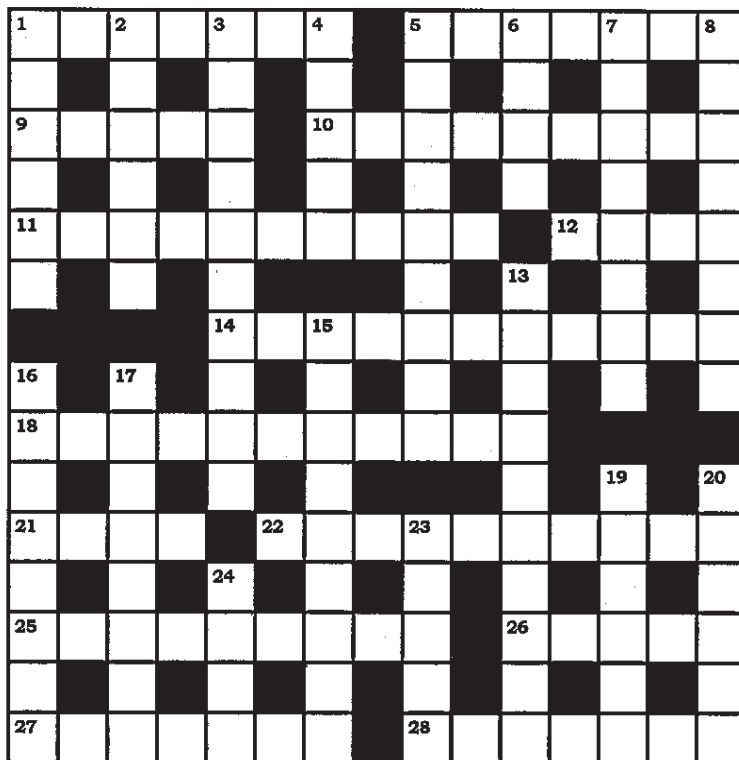
**Down**

- 1 Iowa doctor starting to introduce poetic measures (5)
- 2 Sick uncle with disturbed soul, just a body in a cell (9)
- 3 Blame wrong woman (5)
- 4 Requisite poverty almost complete (7)
- 5 Roderic, Officer Commanding on northern front (7)
- 6 It's Joanna's new play (5, 4)
- 7 Italian brother with North Carolina money (5)
- 8 Apple core at tea lends colour (5-4)
- 13 Relieved a midget it distressed (9)
- 14 Toast four on Arabic island in a mock serenade (9)
- 15 Magenta arrangement includes a Swiss flower (3)
- 17 A woman at secret party gives an operatic song (9)
- 19 English gentleman rising ... back to get in charge of controversy (7)
- 20 Rose to stroll in river surroundings (7)
- 22 A sort of plain fur (5)
- 23 Exercise woman's grievance (5)
- 24 Girl went up around the fourth of April (5)





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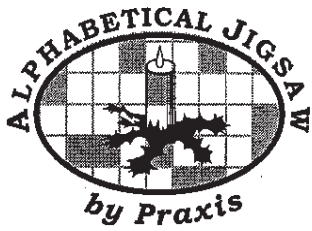


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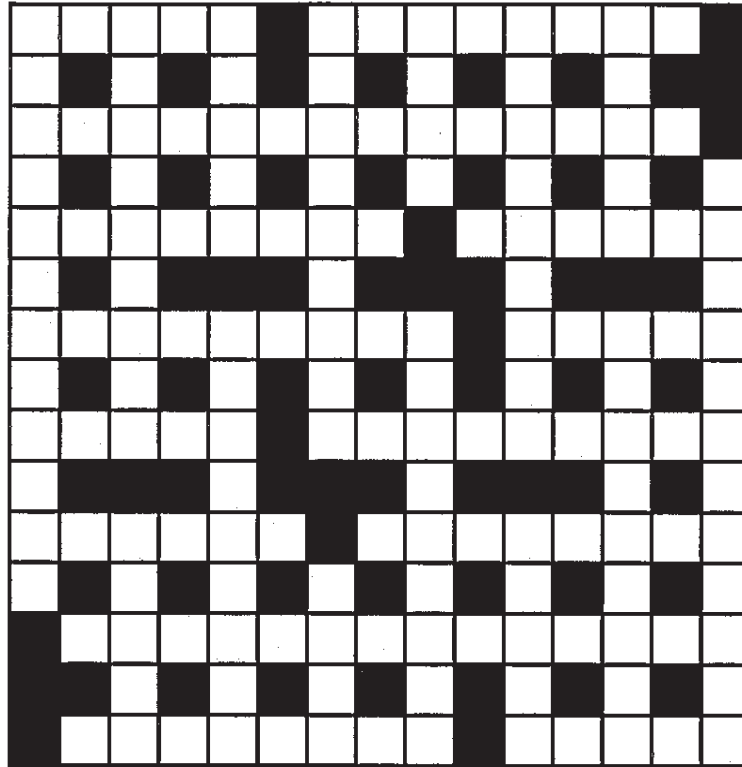
- 1 Small paragraph adequate for allegory (7)
- 5 Pip is taken out by Fr. Nobleman and corrupted (7)
- 9 Country taking its name from trade in diamonds (5)
- 10 Medical man, very French, embracing "in" creeds (9)
- 11 League studies buccaneering (10)
- 12 A tune recalled — "One Fine Day" perhaps (4)
- 14 Covered in stitches by English doctor, ordered approx. about one (11)
- 18 What we hire will finally adapt to what's needed (11)
- 21 Medical infusion — doctor has one on the quiet (4)
- 22 Silly fool split cane — take in First Aid (10)
- 25 Look at home — son inside is obnoxious (9)
- 26 Where the wizard was by one — in invigorating fresh air? (5)
- 27 The highest position in the church? (7)
- 28 Have P&O ships around Evans Head (7)

**Down**

- 1 Photos said to reveal the Queen's son ... (6)
- 2 ... being driven in the car in part of Yorkshire (6)
- 3 Cursed and reproached, she stays inside keeping quiet (10)
- 4 Duck down, Producer! (5)
- 5 Dismiss clergymen if using the penitential garb (9)
- 6 Appalling sort of ride (4)
- 7 Stropky cantor mucked up line (8)
- 8 Some of the pack cast aside? (8)
- 13 Do rituals performed around circle become adulatory? (10)
- 15 Sulphur making edge of vessel overweight (9)
- 16 Binds tightly and goes off to the south-west (8)
- 17 Contemplate partner, about to check prior to printing (8)
- 19 Reversed by one in Paris taking Ken on (6)
- 20 Dissociates — though always among the Nazi elite (6)
- 23 I have a meal, say, or freeze (3, 2)
- 24 Small piece of wood shouldered by resentful chap (4)



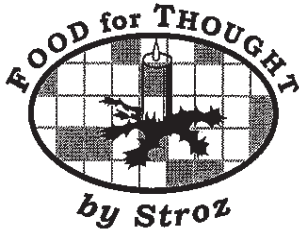
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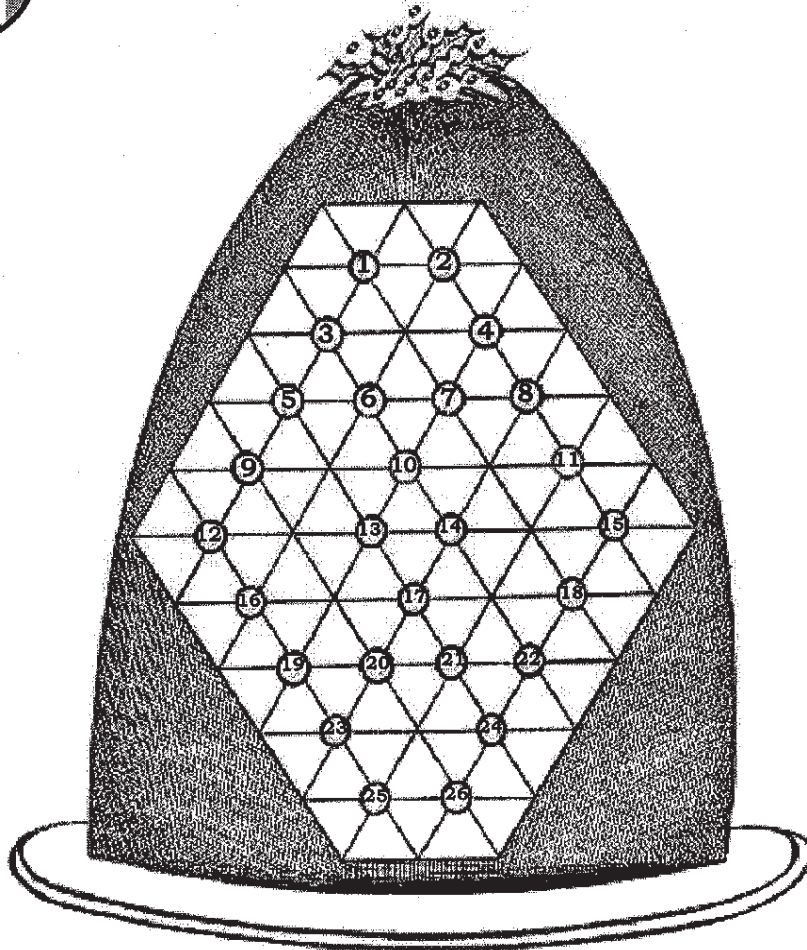
The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.

- A** Therapists find Stanley's ill, without energy after one (8)
- B** US actor/balladeer deprived four, which in Paris is a travesty (9)
- C** Grotto has a lure, gold — buyer beware (6, 6)
- C** Zachary turned briefly to embrace girl in Spanish port (5)
- D** Guard seen making duds (9)
- E** Tree fails to mature? (9)
- F** Love to deceive English (5)
- G** Gorsy waste — survive with a compass (9)
- H** Anger follows first hike in rent (4)
- I** Influencing current government with religious call (9)
- J** Yes German company champ is going up to fight in Scotland (8, 6)
- K** Noble loses direction with Spenser's hawk (5)
- L** Draw course for Olympic event (4)
- M** Once moderate, that is a miserable person (6)
- N** Grandness? Count this Scottish lake (9)
- O** Dumb award for troll (6)
- P** Problem model? (5)
- Q** Fifty stop smoking without a comforter (5)
- R** Tries to advance and look around (8)
- S** Ross, the Spanish bus is back — he will release (9)
- T** Chests of drawers contain playthings including burst ball (8)
- T** It isn't discounted — it's perfect (9)
- U** Boat is missing in action in British Territory (5)
- V** Cosmetic for the invisible man? (9, 5)
- W** Boxer in turmoil over import (12)
- X** Run from turning in direction of an armadillo (8)
- Y** Hunger for story about sweetheart (5)
- Z** Some seize style that's sapid (5)





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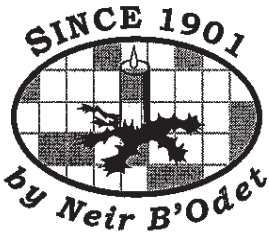


**Sentiment** .....

Each clue is at the centre of a hexagon. Each answer of six letters is to be entered in its relevant hexagon, starting at a triangle to be determined and travelling around in either direction. In each clue, one letter has been misprinted in the definition. The correct letters when taken in clue order will spell out a sentiment which solvers should PUD in the space provided below the diagram. All answers are in *The Chambers Dictionary* 1998 ed.

**Clues**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Spanish dine when Her Royal train appears</li> <li>2 To scorn, that is to say, turn to companion</li> <li>3 Brood (<i>old slang</i>) is hatched from Tom clutching fifty midstream!</li> <li>4 This strong drink of Panada is made from water and tea (Chinese)</li> <li>5 If milk loaf and cream begin tea, connect with the boss</li> <li>6 Start talking gold then referee-in-charge leads about a pale, bovine animal</li> <li>7 The roar of the Bard: "The uncivilised brute takes a medal"</li> <li>8 Vegetables grown in parks of Australia by firms importing sound wine</li> <li>9 Vegetable with grange root often associated with a stick</li> <li>10 Crims bolt when caught with small Spanish currency</li> <li>11 Sancho served up these farm 'Tex-Mex' snacks</li> <li>12 Remove surgeon from the camp to discover fermented juice from the cock palm</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13 Vidal principle: Gore embraces religious instruction</li> <li>14 Feels with the lands, for example, when small Australian State receives setback</li> <li>15 Tip quality brandy over the boss. Good number held to account</li> <li>16 Fill flavoured fish delicacy with roughly half a dozen freshwater fish topped and tailed</li> <li>17 Heady when Italian vermouth wrapped in fine Cuban tobacco</li> <li>18 Sterling band encircles elegant dish</li> <li>19 Australias shrub or tree finds sunless caucasian cook</li> <li>20 A short ooze comes from around a stopper on a barrel holding quarter pint</li> <li>21 A soft drink holder takes liquor but no tea</li> <li>22 It goes if the soup is made from half-size peas and English turnip tops</li> <li>23 Uses as a piquant sauce then acts up queer</li> <li>24 Fruit from the tree of the Ruse family is OK</li> <li>25 Late-night stack produced ruin when caught out</li> <li>26 Teresa damaged fenders</li> </ul> |
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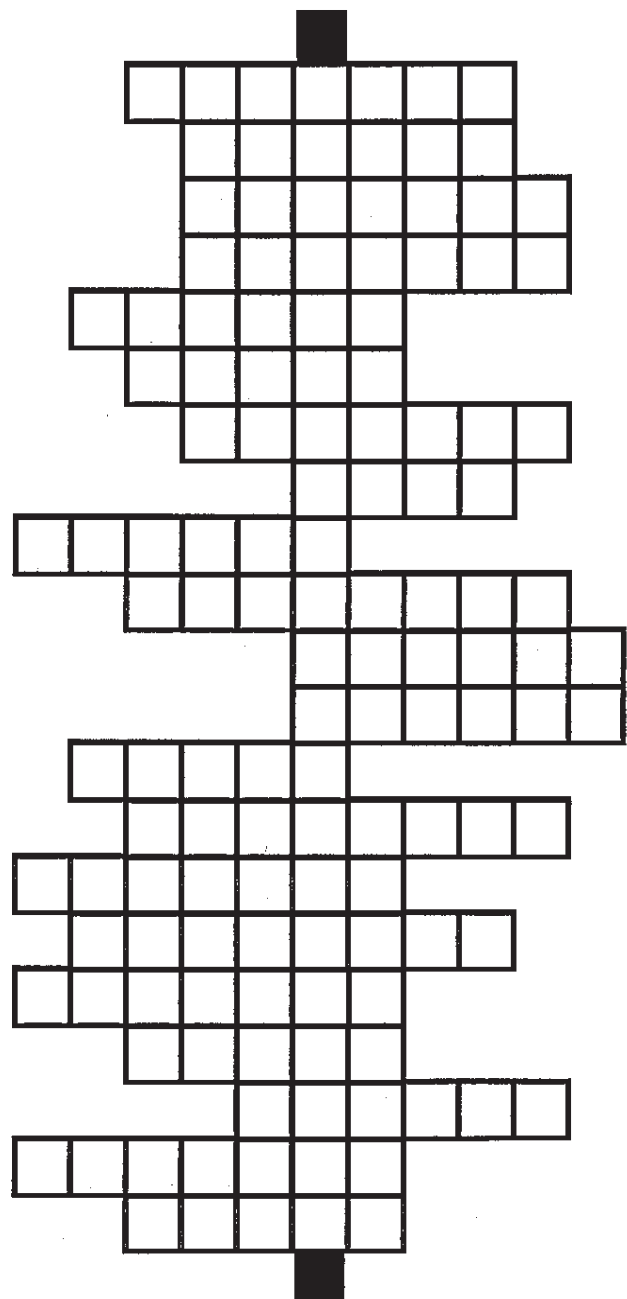
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**S**OU BRIQUETS, **I**NSULTS, **N**ICKNAMES,  
**C**OGNOMENS, **E**PITHETS

A number of Federal Politicians since 1901 has been given derogatory, demeaning, condescending or completely appropriate appellations. Some of them are here by surname only in alphabetical order. Having found these surnames, solvers should insert them in the accompanying grid. The central vertical boxes will spell out a reason for celebrating 2001. (3 words: (9,2,10))

- 1 Whoever named him "Cocky" seemed to have read the Bridge hand successfully (8)
- 2 Bobbie Vansittart mentions "Biggles" in his dispatches (5)
- 3 ET was about a tax "Doc" (5)
- 4 "Artie" was the 'in-thing' by the study (6)
- 5 A muddled chief sister caught up with "Two Minute Tim" (7)
- 6 "Kerr's cur" was a backward umpire round the Royal Agricultural Society (6)
- 7 Sing alongside "Flash Al" (7)
- 8 He was a "Silver Bodgie" not a tailless rep (5)
- 9 "The Mouth from the South" could be a US agent under the brick carrier (7)
- 10 "The Little Digger" clasps a male (6)
- 11 Do away with a measure and "You're Magnificent" (6)
- 12 Dame Enid's pride, we hear, was "Honest Joe"! (5)
- 13 "Black Jack" sounds like a Scottish sheep heading north (6)
- 14 From Capri "Tiberius" telephoned Rome 1900 and disturbed Noah (7)
- 15 "Pig Iron Bob" offered masculine comfort to the ear (7)
- 16 A moving open pram was not "Oppie's" winning mode of transport (8)
- 17 Synge had him as Juno's partner but he really was "The Colt from Kooyong" (7)
- 18 A top and tailless muddled weirdo was "Yes/No" (4)
- 19 "Red Ted" entered by the east door somehow (8)
- 20 A backward slice before clue for "Iron Bar" (6)
- 21 Age dries up "The Toe Cutter" (7)





**WINNERS**

**CUMULATIVE RESULTS SLOTS 1-5 JULY-DECEMBER 2000:**

**Equal 1st with a perfect score:** Catherine Hambling, David Procter, Joyce Sheahan, Alan Walter, Roy Wilson and Steve Workman.

**Equal 2nd:** Col Archibald, Bev Cockburn, Mal Cockburn, Ann Jermy, Iain MacDougall, Carole Noble and Brian Tickle. Congratulations solvers!

**CUMULATIVE QUIZ COMPETITION RESULTS 2000:**

Out of a possible total of 217 points from 8 quizzes, four members achieved 216 points: Audrey Austin, Carole Noble, Joan Smith and Alan Walter. 5th prize to David Procter with a total of 215. Congratulations!



**MEMBER NEWS**

A warm welcome to new members **Andrew Waring** from North Fremantle, WA, **Richard Waring** from Alice Springs, NT, **Elva Gould** of Glen Waverley and **Marilyn Murray** from Ashburton, Vic and **Muriel Carr** from Vaucluse, NSW. Happy Crozworlding!

**Adjudicators:** Many thanks to the following for the sterling job done as Adjudicators during 2000: Jim Colles, Col Archibald, Veniece Lobsey, Rob Watson, Ken Davis, Betty Cumming, Bev Cockburn, Steve Workman, Catherine Hambling, David Procter, Roy Wilson and Patrick Street.

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:** We have been overwhelmed by the renewal rate of subscriptions for 2001. For those who have not yet renewed their subscription, the cost of the annual subscription is \$50. If you would like to renew, kindly send a cheque/money order to the Treasurer, Alan Walter, 7 Allunga Close, Mona Vale NSW 2103.

**CROZWORLD COMPENDIUM:** *The Crozworld Compendium Vol 1* is proudly distributed with this historic copy of the January 2001 *Crozworld*. Some of the members have been ordering multiple copies of the *Compendium*. The cost is only \$5 and it features 31 previously unpublished puzzles and 3 Quizzes compiled by members of the ACC. There are also prizes to be won. Why not order some extra copies to give away to your friends at Christmas, to celebrate the new millennium or a 'ton' of Australian greatness? Kindly contact Treasurer, Alan Walter and place your order.

**The Macquarie Concise Thesaurus** (\$32.95rrp; 879pp) published by The Macquarie Library Pty Ltd includes over 200,000 synonyms arranged in dictionary format and is an ideal ready-reference book. As this thesaurus is based on the English of Australia and New Zealand, it is particularly useful for solving clues which have a 'local' flavour. The thesaurus provides a comprehensive list of phrases such as 'clued-up', 'cross someone's palm', 'light on one's feet' and 'words of wisdom' and gives a wide range of synonyms for these phrases. The thesaurus also contains Special Lists of Plants, Animals, Matter and Language. Thanks to the generosity of The Macquarie Library, a copy of this excellent resource will be awarded as the Slot 1 prize each month throughout 2001. You might like to visit The Macquarie Library's website which can be found at: [www.macquariedictionary.com.au](http://www.macquariedictionary.com.au)

**PRIZES IN 2001**

- Puzzles 2-4 and 6:** \$50 each puzzle each month, the winner to be selected at random from all correct entries received on or before the closing mail date by the Adjudicator
- Puzzle No. 1:** *The Macquarie Concise Thesaurus* each month, the winner to be selected as above
- Puzzle No. 5:** *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* each month, the winner to be selected as above
- Cumulative Puzzles 1-5:** \$1500 every 6 months as follows: 1st=\$250; 2nd=\$225; 3rd=\$200; 4th=\$175, 5th=\$150; 6th-10th=\$100 ea. In the event of a tied score, the prize money will be divided equally between those sharing top score
- Cumulative Puzzle 6:** \$300 every 6 months to be divided equally between those solvers sharing top score
- 6 Quizzes:** \$50 each Quiz to the member with the top score. Where more than one member shares top score, the winner to be selected at random from those members by the Adjudicator
- Cumulative Quizzes:** \$450 per year as follows: 1st=\$100; 2nd=\$90; 3rd=\$80; 4th=\$70; 5th=\$60; 6th=\$50. In the event of a tied score, the prize money will be divided equally between those sharing top score.

**NOTE:** 'Closing mail date' means that entries must be received by the Adjudicator on or before the mail delivery on the date specified in *Crozworld*. Any entries received after that date will not be eligible to gain a 'tick' or to qualify for a prize.

**QUIZ No. 1 2001**

**NICKNAMES II by Sue Donym**

Can you identify the owners of the nicknames listed below? All are in alphabetical order of surname. Countries of origin are in brackets. Entries please to Bruce Austin, 24 Hempstalk Cres, Kariong NSW 2250. Closing mail: Friday 26 January 2001. Name: .....



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|---|---|
| 1 The Louisville Lip (8, 3) (US) _____      | 11 The "Rocket Man" (5, 4) (UK) _____       |
| 2 Satchmo (5, 9) (US) _____                 | 12 The Brown Bomber (3, 5) (US) _____       |
| 3 The It Girl (5, 3) (US) _____             | 13 The Forces' Sweetheart (4, 4) (UK) _____ |
| 4 An Appetite on Legs (4, 7) (US) _____     | 14 The Golden Bear (4, 8) (US) _____        |
| 5 Schnozzle (5, 7) (US) _____               | 15 The Big O (3, 7) (US) _____              |
| 6 Big Bird (4, 6) (W Indies) _____          | 16 Popeye (5, 5) (Aust) _____               |
| 7 Gazza (4, 9) (UK) _____                   | 17 The Little Sparrow (5, 4) (France) _____ |
| 8 The Million Dollar Legs (5, 6) (US) _____ | 18 Slammin' Sammy (3, 5) (US) _____         |
| 9 Whispering Death (7, 7) (W Indies) _____  | 19 The Boss (5, 11) (US) _____              |
| 10 Ol' Rubber Lips (4, 6) (UK) _____        | 20 The Iron Lady (8, 8) (UK) _____          |

### DECEMBER 1-2000 — CONVENTIONAL by Colinebrii (Col Archibald)

- 28ac: DITA, NITA & RITA were 3 possible girl's names to fit this clue. I chose RITA as she was listed in *Chambers* under 'First Names' whereas NITA & DITA weren't. 24dn: *The Macquarie Dictionary* gives TAIBEI as the capital of TAIWAN & indicates that TAIPEI was formerly the capital. Alan Walter
- 24dn: Someone has been reading his *Macquarie Dictionary*. He already knows that he is a cheeky devil, folks. Bev Solomon
- 28ac: There should have been a clue which gave a definite answer. The answer could be GINA, LISA, LIZA, RITA, TINA or a few other girls names. This gives the adjudicator a difficult task to know if some outlandish name has been given to a girl. DITA would have to be accepted (Dita Cobb). An answer of GILA, MICA, or VISA with a suitable clue would have been more appropriate. As this is the last of the conventional puzzles in Slot 1 we shouldn't have this problem in 2001. David Procter
- Lots of solutions for 28ac. I chose NINA as it is the name of my grand-daughter. Catherine Hambling
- 28ac: The clue is GIRL, not GIRL'S NAME so I'm not sure if DIVA answers it but I can't find anything else. Marian Procter
- 28ac: GIRL? I could only put TINA because *There Is No Alternative*. Roy Taylor
- Should be by *Torquemada*. Daryl Ikin
- Good riddance to these! June Parker
- It was probably fitting that Col left his mark on the Slot 1 in its present form. With allusions limited to Scot (2), Shaks (1), Spens (1), colloq (1) and Heraldry (1) we escaped lightly! Tom Phelan
- Convivial Col's Conventional was an apt final offering. Hardly a word that didn't need verification. Farewell to these type puzzles, and R.I.P. (off). Jim Colles
- Not too sure about 33ac SEMEED. Maybe my dictionaries are out-dated, as semé & semée give the definition of 'powdered'. (Rosemary, please refer to *The Chambers Dictionary*, 1998 edn. page 1502. Patrick) Rosemary Wenham
- I was exhausted by the time I got to No. 2! Just hope Col is taking his medication. He is definitely **not** a well lad. Del Kennedy
- Thank goodness this is the last of these No. 1's! Paula Mercer
- Col's puzzle will probably cause an outcry. For a No. 1, even if it is the last one, it had too many outlandish words. Also, as Col who gives us (Scot) as an indicator regularly, he should have indicated VIGOUR (Lat). This would have saved me hours trying to find a SYM-word for 'contractions' when I put VIM in the grid. Ted O'Brien
- I am very sad to say goodbye to the Conventionals, with this one. I still think that they should be retained. General Knowledge and other "Variety" puzzles should be at Slot 6. Irene Watts
- Definitely a COLINEBRIATED effort judging by the number of girls who could compete for 28ac. Barb Ibbott

### DECEMBER 2-2000 — CRYPTIC by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Another good one from *Virgo* — my favourite clue 10ac. Catherine Hambling
- Most enjoyable puzzle. Loved 8dn and 14ac especially! Catherine Foster
- This wasn't the easiest No. 2 puzzle in the history of *CroZworld*. The *Virgo* mind seemed to be in freewheel mode and I found it quite a handful to finish it off. Jim Colles
- Is Audrey becoming mellow? Or is this the calm before the storm? Col Archibald
- An enjoyable No. 2 from Audrey and somewhat topical with CHRISTMAS and POST OFFICE in the clues. Irene Watts
- I liked your sneaky commas in 7dn and 8dn, Audrey. Brian Tickle
- Some clever plays on words. I particularly like 17dn (POTPOURRI). Barb Ibbott

### DECEMBER 3-2000 — CRYPTIC by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- 23ac: Loved 'Favoured position for kinky sex ...' BO+XSE+AT. Hope it didn't rock the BOAT too much! Alan Walter
- Loved Shirl's offering — almost fell into the trap of putting DEPOTED for 17dn until I realised that that would leave the clue with no definition. Catherine Hambling
- Great clues — tricky with a good sense of humour. I particularly liked 19ac, 23ac & 24ac. Catherine Foster
- I can usually cotton on to all SC clues, they're so impeccable. But I don't get the gist of 8dn in this one. How does 'A moral dilemma? Judge ...' connect with the answer? I seek enlightenment. (Jim, 'Spoken' = 'oral'; the word 'has' is an indicator that the answer is hidden or found in or possessed by the phrase immediately preceding. Patrick) Jim Colles
- Have you been watching Jerry Springer, Shirl? (23ac). Great puzzle! Col Archibald
- Shirl is wonderful — David Williamson & *Don's Party* in the same puzzle. Ted O'Brien
- A good puzzle from *Southern Cross*, as always, though I think the clue for 25ac could have been phrased better. Irene Watts
- I liked the David Williamson connections. Took a long time to find the 'boxseat'. Brian Tickle
- I had forgotten all about the play *Don's Party*. I guess some younger members than I am (if there are any!) may not have even heard of it.) How time flies. Barb Ibbott

### DECEMBER 4-2000 — ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- As 'SIZE' is 'glue' then UNSIZED could equate to 'not glued'. However, UNSIZED does not equate to 'Loose'. UNFIXED certainly implies LOOSE, & something that is 'not glued' would also be 'loose', so I chose UNFIXED (rather than UNSIZED). Alan Walter
- An excellent AJ from Audrey — loved the Solomon quote. Catherine Hambling
- My favourite! Quite a tough one — but that's a real bonus for the puzzler. Catherine Foster
- A most entertaining AJ with plenty of deviousness. Had difficulty with the 'T' clue and the 'U' answer. Jim Colles
- Not sure about the 'U' clue: UNFIXED/UNSIZED both fit. Size is a glue used in wallpapering. I settled for UNFIXED. Col Archibald
- Got sidetracked for a while trying to fit JADE in for 'shameless woman' until my Biblical studies came good. Ted O'Brien
- I love the Alphabeticals and Audrey gave us a good one, though I didn't care for the 'T' clue. TALKIE doesn't seem quite right but what else could it be? Irene Watts
- I came up with two possible answers for the 'U' clue — UNFIXED and UNSIZED — and have gone with the second as it seems more cryptic. Then maybe they're both wrong! Kev Layton
- Great to see Ximenes getting a mention. Brian Tickle
- I found the T and I clue difficult. I don't really see how TALKIE fits the clue but have settled on it. Barb Ibbott

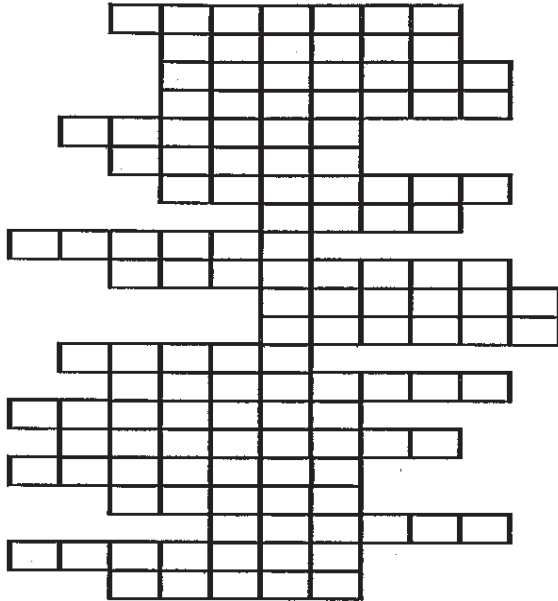
### DECEMBER 5-2000 — FISH 'n SHIPS by Daintree Lady (Daphne Titus-Rees)

- 36dn: Although JUNK and PUNT are possible answers to consider, I rejected PUNT on the basis it wasn't a *ship* which was *Theme 2*, whereas JUNK is definitely a ship. The double theme of *Fish 'n Ships* was quite innovative Daphne. Alan Walter
- A beauty from *Daintree Lady*. 16dn a superb clue. We hope to visit her next winter to celebrate my prize! Catherine Hambling
- *Fish 'n Ships* was very innovative. Bill Bennett
- 16dn: NOISELESS: I got a surprise when I looked up LESION and it said "wound". I had read "wound" in the clue as a verb (different pronunciation). Bev Solomon
- I'm more at home now with these 'theme' puzzles and I love them! (Especially 6ac & 16dn.) Catherine Foster
- What a great title for this tricky puzzle. Didn't spot the connection with the themes until it was finished, but now hunger for more from the shady lady of *Daintree*. Jim Colles
- Good effort from Daphne. Now you've got to work on a symmetrical grid; I know that it took me ages to achieve! Col Archibald
- *Daintree Lady* had us fishing for answers. There were some clever angles to the clues & some nearly got away from me. Irene Watts
- My favourite clue was 13dn. I think both JUNK and PUNT would be acceptable for the answer to 36dn. Brian Tickle
- Enjoyed *Daintree Lady's Fish 'n Ships*. My favourite clue 16dn — very clever & 18dn. Marian Procter
- I enjoyed the 'Fish 'n Ships' for dinner, but took a long time to finish due to clue 16dn (NOISELESS). Barb Ibbott



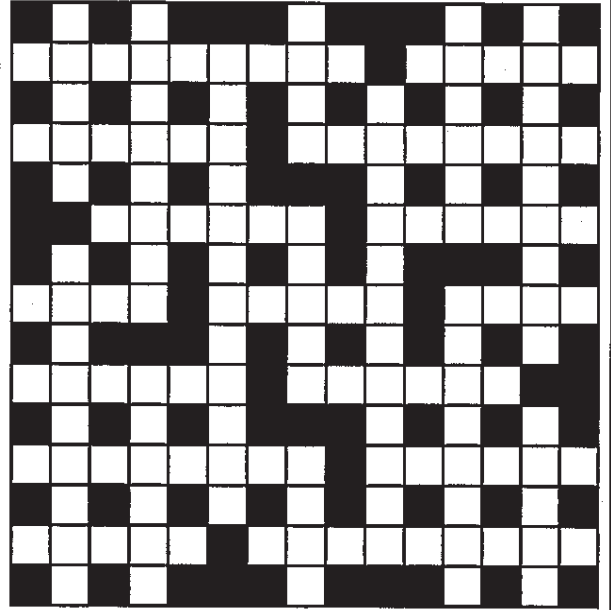
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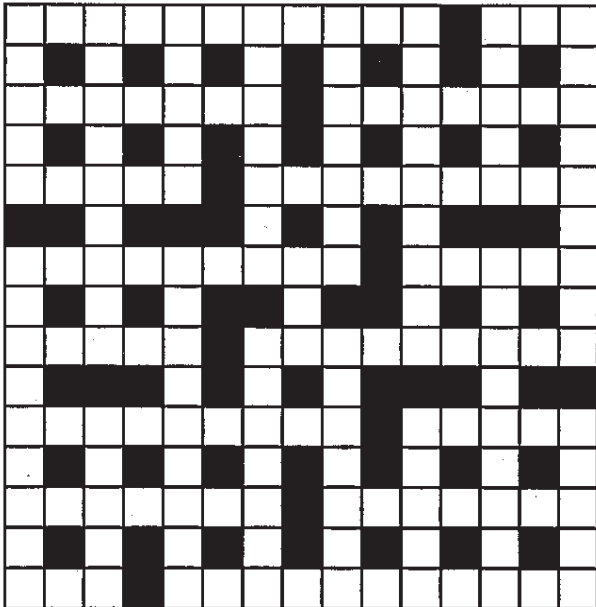


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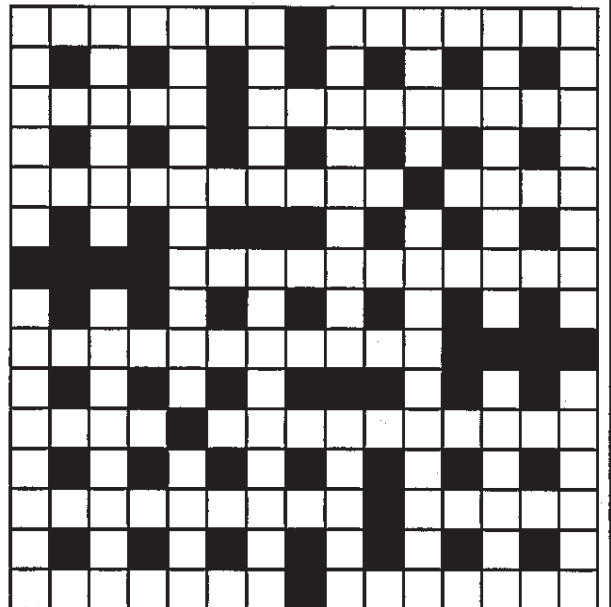
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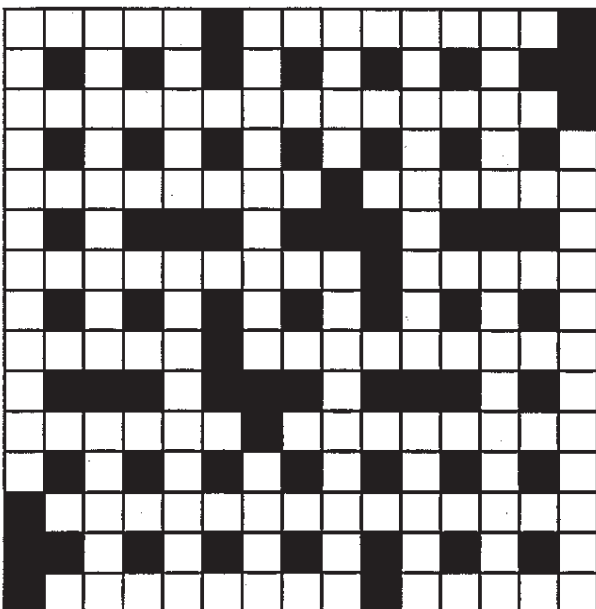
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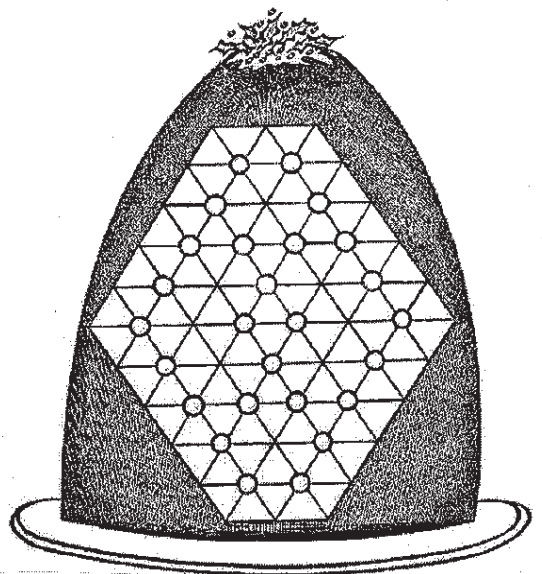
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Post entries for puzzles 1 to 5 to: Jim Colles, PO Box 600, Rye Vic 3941.  
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**NOVEMBER 6-2000 — "RIGHT SAID ..."** by Fred (Audrey Austin)

Entries: 94. Correct: 78. Success rate: 83.0%. Prize winners: 1st. Catherine Foster. 2nd. Roy Wilson

**Members' Comments:**

- I'm a new member and I haven't done one quite like that before. Claire Townson
- Is this really you? I thought it was great, most innovative. When I first started on it I thought: 'What is all this about?' But as I got into it I realised how very clever it was with a lovely balance of humour through it. Congratulations on a top puzzle. Ron O'Rourke
- Are you both VIRGO and FRED? Sounds a bit Hermaphroditic! I can't quite justify my solution to 23ac. ASH is a tree but I suppose TR is half a tree and AT is indeed. (ASH is a tree, TR is half a tree and AY is 'indeed'. A.) Bobby Roberts
- I anticipated a really tough number 6 puzzle but found you (or Fred) had been really generous. My dictionary stayed on the shelf, which was a relief after finishing number 5. Barbara Ibbott
- I enjoyed this puzzle but of course I found it tough. It was a good idea brilliantly executed. Keep them coming! Betty Cumming
- An intriguing puzzle though I didn't understand all the unclued references to 'Right said'. Bev Cockburn
- I enjoyed your puzzle. I think you are very clever. Rosemary Wenham
- Another 'Goodie' for us; just hope I'm right. (No worries! A.) Del Kennedy
- The No 6 puzzle does not seem like one of yours, so I presume you are being a good Samaritan and are checking our solutions on Fred's behalf. Some of the clues were amusing and made me smile but there were a few I could not justify or reconcile with the answers and the clue words in the title didn't really give much help. I suppose they were selected to rhyme with 'FRED' a la rhyming puzzle by Bill Bennett last month. Irene Watts
- 7dn: 'Momentum' means 'mass times velocity' & would be better replaced by 'movement'. 71ac: If the correct answer is 'disembodiment' then the anagram given is not completely valid. 7dn: I don't completely follow 'sometimes said, often written' as equating to OR. (7dn is NOR not OR. 'North' is often abbreviated to 'Nor' in text. A.) Alan Walter
- Nice one, Audrey. I really enjoyed the clever wording of 7dn! Brian Tickle
- I couldn't see the connection between the unclued answers; I thought the hint had been omitted in the printing. Daphne Greening
- An interesting, fair Xword with some great clues. ASHTRAY was my favourite. Eunice Altman
- A fairly easy puzzle for a slot 6, but I think that it was made difficult to compile by virtue of the large grid. I could not comprehend what the unclued lights had in common with the absence of directions. I was up the creek without a paddle! Col Archibald
- I thoroughly enjoyed it and the further I went the more I found to like about it. Tom Phelan
- Another Audrey gem. I must confess my ignorance but I do not understand the significance of the unclued answers, which made it difficult in places! Ann Jermy
- I enjoyed solving 'Right said' by Fred. I haven't worked out what relationship the unclued answers have unless it is to do with Taoism or the Paths of Righteousness. David Procter
- This was a real challenge as Debby made her debut into my word list this month. Ted O'Brien
- Ah, the 'path to enlightenment'! Right on! Keep them coming. Roy Wilson

**Adjudicator's comments:** Most errors occurred with Debut instead of Debby. One member had disembodiment, one had 'um' for 'Om', and the rest were missing letters. The unclued answers all had something in common — as usual in this type of puzzle. I'm not hermaphroditic; there was a reason for the name 'Fred': Buddha would have made it too easy! Those who can remember Alan's ACC 8th Birthday Quiz a couple of years back will recall the question concerning the Eightfold path to Righteousness as decreed by our Lord Buddha: Right Understanding, right Resolve, right Speech, right Action, right Livelihood, right Effort, right Mindfulness and right Meditation. These were the words you needed for the unclued answers. 'Right said Fred', a song about a carload of youngsters having fun in the back seat had nothing to do with it (except for the rhyme). Thanks to Del Kennedy, Irene Watts, Barbara Ibbott and Bev Cockburn for their lovely Christmas cards sans Christian theme and the French cathedral postcard from Eunice Altman. Much appreciated!  
—'Fred' (Audrey Austin)

**BOOTS AT THE DOOR:** This new book in paperback (155pp), is a collection of 25 short stories of the Central Highlands of Queensland. One of the writers is our well-known and cheerful member Jenny Wenham who lives in rain-drenched Comet, Qld. The fictional stories — some sad, some thought-provoking — take the reader on a journey through the life and times of the Central Highlands. Themes range from romance to murder! Jenny has written 3 stories in the book and her daughter, Kim has written one. This charming book costs only \$19.95 (inc pp. to anywhere in Australia) and may be obtained by sending a cheque/money order payable to the 'Central Highlands Writers' Group' to Jenny Wenham c/o Post Office, Comet, Qld 4702.



**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- The gridatorial mentions the pleasure given us by *Virgo*, *Southern Cross*, *Daintree Lady* and *Griffin*. I, with other members, thank them for this month's contribution. May all members enjoy the peace of Christmas, hopefully, surrounded by loved ones and may all be blessed with the tranquility of a peaceful New Year. Tom Phelan
- I'm glad to see that the new *Crozworld* is softening its style a little. Many members still hope for more. It is members who matter, not the opinions of Internet outsiders. Irene Watts
- I hope that the increase in prizes will go to the monthly winners, rather than the elite group that regularly wins the cumulative prize money. This may encourage more of our members to submit puzzles. I also endorse Brian Tickle's comments re the use of standard references. Tassie may be the smallest State, but I am still 100kms away from our State Library and have to rely on my own limited library. However, I do look forward to each month's magazine. Margaret Dennis
- I thought we had an outstandingly interesting set of puzzles this month. Betty Cumming

**CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL:** Once again, the Victorian crossworders joined in the Festive cruciverbalations with liberal dosings of crosswords, puzzles, fresh pasta and good wine. Betty Cumming's cruciverbal composition *A Christmas Carol* kept us entertained. Betty described it as "A quick cryptic Christmas confection". We were thrilled to welcome Del and John Kennedy from Bateau Bay in New South Wales. The book auction was a highlight of the day and made a valuable contribution to the Prize Fund.

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**RENEWALS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2001:** See column 7 page 2 for renewals since the December *Crozworld*.

**THE CROZWORLD COMPENDIUM:** In No 18, delete the word "former" in 15ac and change 22ac to read "Digits total 18".

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**NOTE:** Irene Watts gained an extra point for the last J.C.'s Quiz and Valerie Howard gained a tick for the Sept 6-2000 puzzle.

**ERROR MESSAGE:** In December 6-2000, the word length indicators for the clue to 8dn should read (4, 5).

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