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Never contradict. Never explain. Never apologize.
(Those are the secrets of a happy life!)
John Fisher, 5 September 1919, letter to *The Times*.

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The year 2017 has been another impressive one for the Australian Crossword Club. We have continued to host and manage our website and furnished you with Australia's best crossword puzzles & quizzes. Thanks to the healthy renewal of subs and the generosity of member donations we will ensure that the ACC is the best place for great crosswords & quizzes in 2018.

In this edition of *Crozworld* you will find a number of prize and bonus puzzles compiled by the "Australian Crossword Club family": those people who work at the coalface and also in the backroom. Also, there is a new compiler (Kathy Horadam) who is featured in the Bonus 1 puzzle plus many puzzles by our highly capable compilers, including *Pentangle*, *Nigrum Cattus*, *Manveru*, *InGrid*, *Betelgeuse*, *Flowerman*, *Lexi Conner*, *Crowsman* and *Valkyrie*. And it all starts off with a puzzle by *Stroz*.

We sincerely thank our marvellous compilers who compose the puzzles to the high standards of our Club. Many thanks to the organiser of the Clue of the Month competition, to those involved in our first-rate quizzes, whether in setting, adjudicating or testing them, and to those responsible for the continual development and operation of ACCOLADE especially Roy Low. We sincerely thank those who adjudicated all the puzzles and quizzes during 2017. The Club could not function without your valued assistance. We are confident that 2018 will again bring out the best in our compilers and will provide an unending source of delight and challenge for all ACC members. Thank you all for a job well done!

A special thank you to our hard-working Secretary/Treasurer **Bev Cockburn** who has made an outstanding contribution to the success of the Club. And our sincere thanks to **Ian Williams** for his sterling work as the Club's masterly Puzzle Editor and to **Patrick Street** for his valued assistance in formatting and publishing *Crozworld* each month.

Finally, the Executive Committee of the ACC extends to all members and their families the Peace and Joy of Christmas and prosperity and success in the New Year. Happy Crozworlding!
—Patrick

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GENERAL: Usually not as many entries arrive in December but ACCOLADE, as well as a slightly easier set of puzzles, seemed to encourage the flow to continue. I hope your ACC year has been excellent and your 2018 is better.

Slot 1: It seemed a few solvers weren't familiar with the Monday's Child rhyme. They opted for Joyful instead of Woeful. Exegesis pulled a few miscues but little else was a problem.

Slot 2: Most errors were very close but seemed careless ACCOLADE input. Checking one's return email would've highlighted LICTT, SIRAPS, A LA CBRTE etc. Otherwise there was no consistent error and comments thanked *Murphyslore* for a great first effort.

Slot 3: Yes, 9ac Registrar did lack an R but no one actually had an error. The errors did come for Eighth however. The second was clear enough but the definition was a bit loose. A few other clues were also queried for accuracy. It's always good to check and check again.

Slot 4: Everyone loves an AJ and so it continues. Navahos popped up a few times but didn't hold the Javan needed. Overrates also appeared but wasn't good enough.

Slot 5: The intended answer for Engels' partner was Marx. The unintended answer was Mary. Both were okay as Mary apparently was Engels' life partner. I'm not sure if solvers knew that or just got lucky. Only they will know.

COTM: Eighteen different clues received a nomination. In 3rd place was WILDE from Slot 5. In 2nd place was HORSE FEATHERS from Slot 3. The eventual winner with 10 votes was PARK LANE from Slot 4. Well done, *The Lady and The Scamp*.
—Andrew Patterson

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	109	112	99	100	97	517
Correct entries	93	104	81	82	78	438
Success rate (%)	85.3	92.9	81.8	82	80.4	84.7
Prizewinners	Wayne Bradbury	Ken Callan	David Callan	Philip Coote	Julie Leigh	from 114 members

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Dec 1-2017

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR NOV 6 & 7 & DEC 1-5/2017

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Abbott P.	.	.	.					Gooderick R.		Meek D.
Allen W.	Grainger D.		Mercer P.
Anderson C.	Greenberger O.		Miles A.
Audrins K.	Hagan B.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Millard A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Axelsen U.	Hagan R.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Milton R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barbour J.	Halkyard L.		Moline R.
Barnes J.	Hambling C.		O'Brien E.
Barrett A.	Harper K.		Parsons D.
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Carpenter R.	Howells S.		Roddick M.
Carroll L.	Ibbott B.		Rolfe G.
Coates D.	Jarman L.		Roulston S.
Cockburn B.	Jones D.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Schulz J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cole G.	Kennedy L.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Shield A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Colgan L.	Kennedy M.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Siegman B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Collins M.	Lankshear J.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Simons A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cote P.	Lee C.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Skinner R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Copland F.	Leeds G.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Smith J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coulton L.	Leigh J.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Storey N.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cowan M.	Lemon G.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Symons B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cromer H.	Lord P.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Taylor R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Crowe J.	Low R.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Taylor S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dearie P.	Mackay-Sim C.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Thompson I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dennis M.	Martin A.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Tickle B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dobeale T.	Martin F.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Tofoni B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dubosarsky D.	Mason I.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Veress M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ducker R.	Matthews S.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Wenham J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dyer A.	McAdoo G.		Wilcox C.
Evans J.	McClelland C.		Williams K.
Fowler J.	McDonald P.		Wimbush R.
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Garner P.	McKenzie R.		Woodford J.
Glissan B.	McPherson T.		Young A.

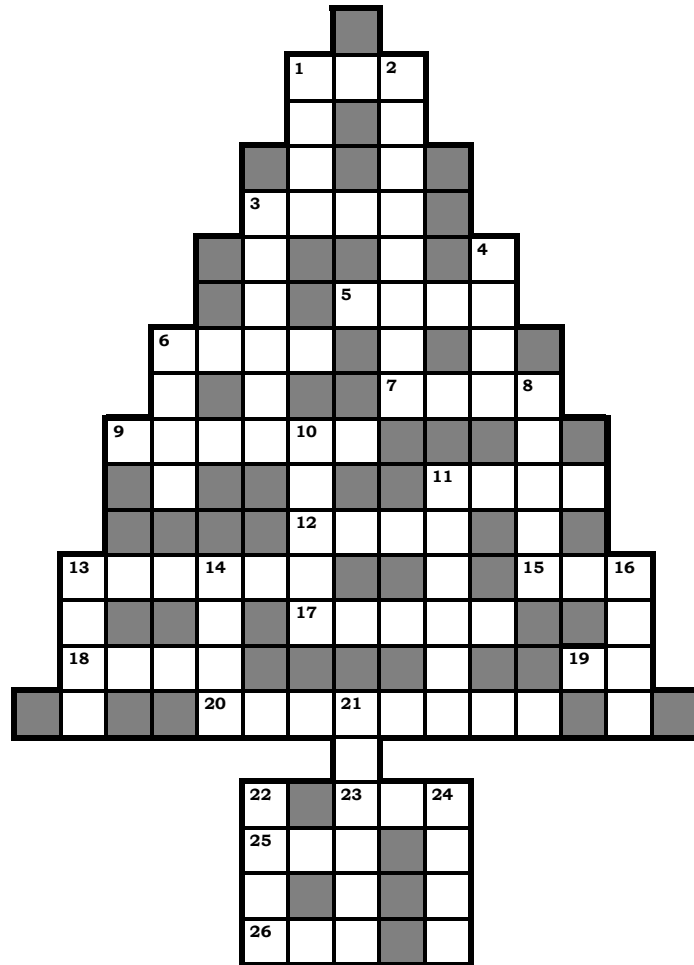


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Pat'stiche
by
Stroz



Solutions are all deducible but are not necessarily defined.



Across

- 1 Hit back (3)
- 3 Put time back (4)
- 5 Sound YY (4)
- 6 See right (4)
- 7 Wood sport (4)
- 9 Needlework! (6)
- 11 Make notes! (4)
- 12 Headless creature (4)
- 13 Packman (6)
- 15 Easy political grouping? (1,1,1)
- 17 Way to get married (5)
- 18 Onlookers! (4)
- 19 Beside (2)
- 20 Surgeon! (8)
- 23 Female in court (3)
- 25 Animal doctor (3)
- 26 Final message (1,1,1)

Down

- 1 Pusher (4)
- 2 Stocktaking! (8)
- 3 Old camping gear! (6)
- 4 Archer (4)
- 6 Party animal! (4)
- 8 Receiver (5)
- 10 Worktime (5)
- 11 Taken the wrong way (6)
- 13 Sounds expensive (4)
- 14 Take away (4)
- 16 Pet show (4)
- 21 Bra (4,2)
- 22 Past (4)
- 24 Napoleon's island (4)

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Closing mail date: 9 February 2018.

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Cryptic by Pentangle



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Across

- 1 & 11 What you see when Einstein opens his raincoat? (5,2,6)
- 4 I'm hemmed in by fish (9)
- 9 Funny, changing one printing measure for another shaped like a cornet (7)
- 10 Old woman and girl sharing new cereal (7)
- 11 See 1-across
- 12 Type of vote in favour of the Prime Minister (6)
- 14 Express ringing thanks for spicy sauce (5)
- 15 Maybe time to have lunch with workers – time for reconciliation (9)
- 17 Demolish Dutch salt mine somehow (9)
- 19 The empty heart of something could be false (5)
- 21 A seductive woman quietly drops a much-repeated word (6)
- 23 The true bearing first becomes heavenly (8)
- 25 Fools adopting gutless ratbag and Greek sisters (7)
- 26 To survive surrounded by unstable ice is resilient (7)
- 27 Steve Waugh on vacation with boat secures protection for swimmers (9)
- 28 Female tennis champion running back and forth (5)

Down

- 1 Female players' agents (7)
- 2 Denies investing billion and a quarter in semi-precious stones (9)
- 3 Poor writer getting money returned for a hired carriage (7)
- 4 Take a vote on uninitiated people who have changed causes of contamination (10)
- 5 Close broken hinge? Not quite (4)
- 6 Mutton-fish – a short bald one (7)
- 7 Grand opening to appear indistinctly in darkness (5)
- 8 US shoulder piece for Beatle aboard ships avoiding Florida (7)
- 13 Civil service admitting overtones lacking ring of secrecy ... (10)
- 16 ... and other people, including the Frenchmen, find a disembodied spirit! (9)
- 17 Mother declines compensation (7)
- 18 Hair clipped at the front with another piece of hair creates a blockage (7)
- 19 Entices with saucy back answer (7)
- 20 He's collecting parasites and coils (7)
- 22 Girl is a square (5)
- 24 A female tennis champion who won the US Men's Open (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks to the club for my slots 1-5 prize. I was thrilled to bits to see my name. It's always great to achieve the dots, and this is an added bonus. *Robyn Caine*
- Thank you very much for my cheque. What a thrill!!! So long since I've done the right thing! Thanks Patrick; keep up the wonderful work; I do love it so much. *Sally Knight*
- Good month: Six ticks and a bonus: a cheque for \$75. Handy with Christmas on the horizon. *Nea Storey*
- A belated Thank You! for my October Slot 5 win – a happy shock! Long may our Club flourish! *Max Roddick*
- Happy Christmas to all. *Barbara Ibbott and Valerie Howard*
- Having lot of trouble submitting these. Have to do multiple times. Must be reason I missed a dot for slot 3 last month. *Roy Taylor*
- A big thank-you for my Slot 1 prize of \$75 – a very pleasant surprise! *Laurence Kennedy*
- Good month of puzzles. *Michael Veress*
- It's so satisfying to determine an answer and then see how the clue fits! Merry Christmas compilers and thanks for a great year of puzzles. *Lynn Jarman*
- Another great year of puzzles. Thank you and a very Happy Christmas to all our members of ACC. *Betty Siegman*
- Many thanks for my Quiz prize – just in time to pay my dues! *Jim Fowler*
- Thanks to all for your hard work through 2017. *Stephen Matthews*



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Cryptic
by
Nigrum
Cattus

Prize
\$75

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Across

- 3 Wild riot by small group (4)
- 5 A piano's apt as performance featuring key work is programmed (12)
- 8 It's old hat to take pictures secretly (4)
- 10 Queen amalgamated with Sting group, forming classical ensemble (6,7)
- 12 Go back out! Ought to be very hot (1,1,1)
- 14 Openers have to be playing composer's one hit wonder! (10,5)
- 15 Author imprisoned in light of having given false information (4)
- 16 "To the French wing!" (3)
- 17 Inland Revenue backed very strongly repeated phrase (4)
- 20 Some heavy metal groups are not resistant to the likes of Barbirolli and Toscanini perhaps (15)
- 23 England's Queen Elizabeth forever! (3)
- 24 Remarkably, article returned thanks to being found within a tenement. it was music to the ears (6,2,1,4)
- 25 Initiate nuns and oblates in temples (4)
- 27 Windowed elevations above existing roofs construction is secret role (12)
- 28 First rate regiment returned with a classical song (4)

Down

- 1 Money for impoverished countries raised in highly regarded broadcast (8)
- 2 The following melody is French, it's most pleasing (7)
- 3 Long past involvement in ram study (4,2)
- 4 Current member is a rascal (3)
- 6 It's a classic piece of footpath etiquette (10)
- 7 Italian gentleman ignores tour excluding Spain (6)
- 9 Dock nether ends. Spenser said it's easy! (4)
- 11 Section of Trudeau deal entailing Venezuelan moth (4,5)
- 13 Lost RU trifecta with three points (10)
- 17 It's frostier abroad, suits aquatic animals (8)
- 18 After the middle of Spring, shortly, birds are noted in groups of eight (7)
- 19 Mug upset young blood with eucalyptus product (6)
- 21 Initially pastrycooks enjoy sweating over dough (4)
- 22 French king enthralled by expert returning with 14 part 1 work (6)
- 26 Tune into broadcast (3)

From the Law Institute Journal Victoria December 2017

"The LIJ's 'Stroz' has been delighting legal word nerds since his retirement from the bench in 1999. Patrick Street's mind works in mysterious ways. Mr Street is the retired deputy chief magistrate behind Letters of the Law, the *LIJ's* legal cryptic crossword. His 200th cryptic crossword is published this month on page 82 – no mean feat by *Stroz* (his pen name) considering the complexity of the task but also longevity of effort – it was first published in the November edition of 1999. Cryptic crosswords are hard to do, much less create, but Mr Street has no difficulty coming up with the tricky, some would say impenetrable, brain teasers which stump all but the most dedicated word nerds. *Stroz* has many fans. "Traumatised for hours", commented one solver in the ACC newsletter. "What artistry, what poetry . . . brain wracking, wrinkle-producing, brow-creasing. Bedazzling!" said another. Others write actual odes to the puzzle master. Mr Street joined the ACC in 1990, when it started, and has been its president since 1992. It has more than 200 members around Australia and New Zealand, but only a handful set the cryptic crosswords. His favourite type of crossword, to set and solve he says, is one with no tiles blacked out, so every letter on the grid must work in multiple ways – no easy street."



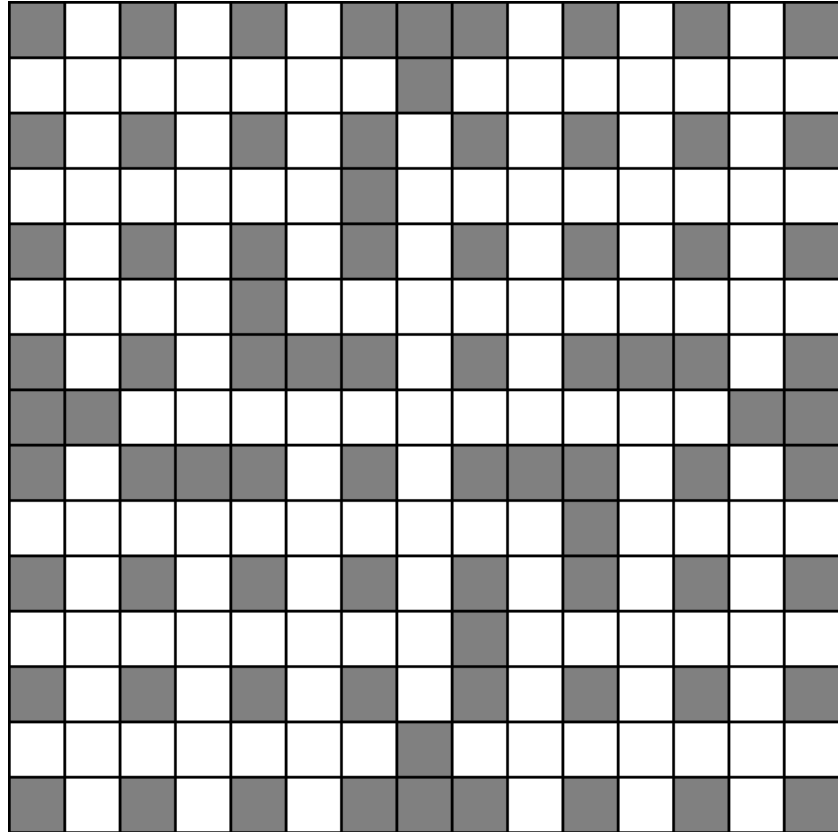


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AJ
by
Manveru



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



- A** Cheshire cat partially visible up tree – on the contrary! (4)
- B** Lion cubs seen wandering around a river with these? (10)
- C** Local shop replacing recipe with new base (11)
- D** Polluting decreasing with time? Bunkum! (11)
- E** Brought out 'legal' ecstasy to be stocked in experienced dispensaries initially (8)
- F** Metalwork shaping tool encasing new rig with cap of enamel (8)
- G** One's hip canal starting to rupture (7)
- H** A nun may wear one at the convent presumably (7)
- I** Furious Toscanini fires soprano for idleness (8)
- J** Vehicles from Japan needing blend of sugar to bring about acceleration (7)
- K** Bound like a jumper? (7)
- L** Thorny hedges? (10)
- M** Attack a public walkway reportedly (4)
- N** Try to impress with 'pardon me' after hiccupping (4-4)
- O** Date without using Tinder on the mobile say, or preparation? (8)
- P** Strike repeatedly after rising MP accepts union money to join European league (6)
- Q** Dispute with mine nearly has the French retreating (7)
- R** Coaching without leader will result in lots of drops (7)
- S** Auctions a turntable with Holst's fifth movement included (6)
- T** Tours around with Duke, Henry VIII and Elizabeth, for instance (6)
- U** Biblical city at bottom of valley is inundated with rain cascading like passing water (7)
- V** Opening a tin covered by very coppery lid and base (7)
- W** Woodwork with new coat is staggering (8)
- X** St. Francis, for one, is travelling via eastern routes initially, following the cross? (6)
- Y** Boats from small island capsizing with onset of hurricane, tides and swell (6)
- Z** Capital of Zimbabwe, Australia, Greece, Spain, Belgium or Croatia? (6)

Paula Mercer's retirement.

Paula was one of the original members of the Australian Crossword Club in May 1990. She was an excellent solver of the puzzles and won 25 prizes over the years. Bev Cockburn wrote: "I've just received a letter from Paula Mercer who has now moved into "Aged Care" and no longer can manage *Crozworld*, so she regrettably is resigning from the Club."

This is what Paula said: "After 28 (?) years it is a tough decision to make, but a combination of things have forced it – not having a computer, the postal service, a recent health hiccup & an unexpected move into aged care. I know I will miss the magazine & monthly brain work out & wish to thank everyone ever involved in its production – I have learnt such a lot from it. My best wishes for the future to all. Regards, Paula Mercer."

Sincere thanks Paula for your distinguished membership of the ACC and we wish you Good Health and the occasional cruciverbal solving.



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Only Eleven!
by
InGrid

**Prize
\$75**

Four clues are not defined but the constituents of their solutions are consistent with those of all other solutions.

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Across

- 1 Restrain inside the shop, please (6)
- 4 Rotten lashes are a bother (6)
- 9 Place to go if you are in a disturbed 32? (7,8)
- 10 Group reject final score (5)
- 11 Strike back at his empty ways (5)
- 14 College helps changeover to drag (6)
- 17 2 wild not hot (3)
- 19 Get a hit in on part of this island (6)
- 20 Glaze cover on mountain top (6)
- 21 Unsettled 28 not set (3)
- 23 Rag odd talker about gossip (6)
- 27 Climb despite loose laces (5)
- 30 Guy a seeker of some great holiness? (5)
- 32 Way to love 3, say. Reason for 9 visit? (10,5)
- 33 Insect held back in the greatest esteem (6)
- 34 State talks on a projection (6)

Down

- 1 Fuss over band of note (4-2)
- 2 Alkali from remains after saucepan burnt (6)

- 3 Sense to record one century (5)
- 5 An insult oddly points to passages (6)
- 6 Darn, theatrics are not reproduced! (6)
- 7 Go on over please (6)
- 8 Pursues tea for rescue group (6)
- 12 Cook using square kiln (5)
- 13 Undisturbed until now (5)
- 15 Bunker not tense but succeeded at game (5)
- 16 Chinese city gone to the dogs, at least to start with (5)
- 17 5 trouble without most of 15 (3)
- 18 Melted 20 – no ace (3)
- 22 Tennyson's pain at contemptuous dismissal of generation (6)
- 24 Shocked when Commander stumped (6)
- 25 Stand that man having the last laugh (3-3)
- 26 Great shots at these fliers (6)
- 28 10 takes pound to keep (6)
- 29 Tell it afresh Junior (6)
- 31 Neighbourhood has reduced energy (5)

Another Memorable Sydney Get-Together! Our Secretary Bev Cockburn writes:

"On the last Sunday in November, twenty-six ACC members and spouses or significant others assembled at William Ryan's Harold Park Hotel for our annual get-together. Patrick, our President was there and several members had come from quite some distance away to attend – South Australia, Queensland and Victoria as well as country NSW. The 'locals' were delighted to see them! There was a real buzz in the room as acquaintances got reacquainted and new friends were made. Brain teasers and quizzes kept the members amused and the food, as usual, was delicious! An added attraction was the distribution of Roy Wilson's collection of crossword reference books which his wife, Shirley, had kindly donated to the Club. There were over thirty books and every one found a new home! Our thanks go to William for allowing us to use his ideal premises and we look forward to seeing more of you there at our next luncheon in 2018."



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Displaced Definitions by Betelgeuse



The wordplay in each clue is in the correct indicated place, but the definition will be found at another clue for a word having the same length. Answers are to be entered at the clue containing the relevant wordplay. (Hint: solve a clue and then search for and confirm the definition in another clue with the same number of letters – and so on.)

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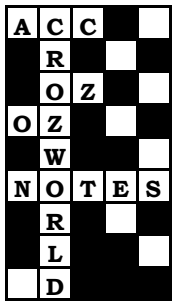
- 1 Injured captive four escape and hide (5)
- 5 Not any place for a crutched sheep with diamonds (7)
- 11 Retro novel by war poet? (7)
- 12 Lunar quality found, note, in colour regression (5)
- 13 Incomplete social comment on air (4)
- 14 Current loss of a tax return in bad knock back (8)
- 15 Note a revolutionary cricketer ... (6)
- 18 ... caught in a twist of bone (7)
- 21 Calls for charity for one child with gland to take out (9)
- 22 Fishy condition when one's changed position (9)
- 24 Losing number of lanterns, arranged torch (7)
- 28 Loonier one leaves country (6)
- 29 Sparkle not normal with fish guts ... (8)
- 30 ... or a noisy tea lady? (4)
- 31 King once heard ghost (5)
- 32 Native has secret sun dance (7)
- 33 Pillock in backward Queensland resort not quite a performer (7)
- 34 Prevent hell, when leader falls behind (5)

Down

- 1 God in silent manoeuvre with something to ease obstruction (8)
- 2 Drench for oarsmen returning in sulk (8)
- 3 Feels loathing for that woman in court (5)
- 4 Allowed back over honest confusion at the sports (9)
- 6 Come round about team slow down (6)
- 7 Trader cultivated pepper shrub (6)
- 8 Stands to entertain when drug's left for one partying (9)
- 9 Backward, yet small and sweet (4)
- 10 Red Cross has first of your questions (4)
- 16 His cattle wandering, wandering (9)
- 17 Untroubled times for one in agreement (9)
- 19 Nude assembly, very rosy following sun at summer pasture (8)
- 20 Tartare sauce, when prepared with no care, split (8)
- 22 Screeches heard when stood up (6)
- 23 Mother duck about to express approval for waterways (6)
- 25 Rock band around bar (5)
- 26 Top runners one leaves on snow (4)
- 27 Hate untidy nest (4)

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We have had plenty of crossword compilers featured in *CroZworld* during 2017. No doubt you have your favourite ACC compiler. If so, then we would like you to vote for him/her as the ACC Compiler of 2017. See p11 for the voting form or make your selection in General Comments via one of your ACCOLADE submissions.

CLUE OF THE MONTH:

We continued the COTM in 2017 and it has been keenly embraced by the solvers. We will continue it in 2018. During 2017, the results were as follows: *Crowsman* (Len Colgan), *Valkyrie* (Ulla Axelsen) and *Isla* (Rob Moline) 2 COTMS each (Congratulations Len, Ulla and Rob); Max Roddick (*Aeolian*), Audrey Austin (*Virgo*), Maurice Cowan (*Penobscot*), Brian Tickle (*Pentangle*), Ron Shapiro (*Lexi Conner*) and Ian Thompson (*Flowerman*) with one COTM. Well done!

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Subscription renewals/new members for 2018 kindly received

from: Anderson C, Archibald C, Barbour J, Baylis J, Bennett D, Champion G, Coulton L, Crowe J, Davis K, Dearie P, Dobe T, Douglas R, Dubosarsky D, Ducker R, Dyer A, Fowler J, Fry L, Garner P, Glissan B, Hearn R, Hemsley D, Horan P, Howat S, Kennedy M, Lloyd G, Martin A, Martin F, McAdoo G, McCulloch I, McDonald P, O'Hara H, Potts M, Rolfe G, Ryan W, Schulz J, Skinner, R, Smith J, Symons B, Tofoni B and Wenham J.

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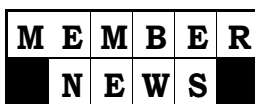
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Appeals: If you feel aggrieved about any decision made by an Adjudicator, then contact the Adjudicator and put your case. If your appeal to the Adjudicator is unsuccessful, you may contact the Executive Committee who will then finally determine the appeal.

Renewals of Subscriptions:

We have been delighted not only with the large number of renewals for 2018 but also the generous donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2018. Accordingly, in 2018, we will choose many ACC members and give them financial rewards for successfully solving the crosswords and quizzes. The amounts of the rewards will ultimately depend on the number of generous donations. A red spot (right) will indicate that according to our records you have not yet renewed for 2018. We would value your renewal soon.

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The troublesome "Y" by Ian Mason

I am grateful to newly enlisted member, John Tuckfield, for much of the following, who identified Y in English as having two origins – Greek/Latin and Germanic (old English, Old Norse). In the first it is a vowel. Greek Y – upsilon – is always a vowel, and we see it in words like hymn and rhythm. When Greek words were written in Latin, it was usually written as a 'u'. In Old English, y is often the modern representation of the lost letter *yogh*, which was a consonant. So in words like "yet", which comes from OE *giet* (using a g as the closest thing looking like a yogh) how can we accept in Quiz 11/2017, CLEMENCY and ZEPHYR as examples of words containing no other vowel than "E"? Every syllable in a word must contain a vowel in order for it to be pronounced. It defies belief that in English a word could start with SEVEN consonants and still be pronounced – STRYCHNINE?

It goes against the grain to submit an entry that I know does not meet the criteria, but I guess I will nevertheless do so, still clinging to the hope that one day, the letter 'Y' will be recognised as the sixth vowel, that context determines whether a letter is a vowel or a consonant, in the same way that context determines a word's role: FLAT can be a noun or an adjective, depending on the context; FLY can be a noun or a verb depending on the context; so it is with Y.

December 5-2017: Cryptic by Zplig (Dover Dubosarsky)

- Was 28ac anagram of senator/treason intended to be prophetic?
Nea Storey
- An enjoyable, interesting puzzle.
Ian Thompson
- The clue for MANIFESTO is as near to an &lit as to be almost perfect so I've given it my COTM.
Bev Cockburn
- Some tricky clues. Gave COTM to WILDE.
Roy Taylor
- WILDE for COTM, very neat. Liked MANIFESTO also.
Mike Potts
- 26 'walking' is redundant and the surface makes more sense without it.
George Rolfe
- Quite a challenging puzzle finally solved?? Thank you
Zplig
Joan Smith
- All stops out for this challenge! This is the first time I've submitted five slots thanks to people, books, internet.
Lynn Jarman
- I liked "LA-DI-DA" at 1dn and "dolts" at 9ac, but I was not won over by "incur" for "provoke" at 7dn.
Caroline Mackay-Sim
- I thought MANIFESTO was very clever, and gave it my COTM.
Betty Siegman

PRIZE SCHEDULE for 2018

Subject to the overriding discretion of the Executive Committee, the monthly prizes for Slots 1 to 7 and the Quizzes will be \$75 each. Books of a relevant nature will be awarded where appropriate. The prize for submitting correctly slots 1-5 inclusive each month will be a handsome prize of \$125. And the bi-monthly prize for the Clue Writing Competition will be \$50.

NOTES: (1) "Closing mail date" means that entries eligible for a prize must be received by the Adjudicator at or before the time of the postal mail delivery on the date specified each month in *CrOZworld*. This includes any entries sent to the Adjudicator by e-mail. The closure of any other form of e-lodgement, including ACCOLADE, is 00.01 hours on the closing mail date. Any entries received after that time and date will not be eligible to gain a 'dot' or to qualify for a prize."

(2) Only current financial members of the Australian Crossword Club are eligible to win prizes in 2018.

A Note about the Prizes for 2018

Thanks to the generosity of members, we have been able to establish an excellent prize schedule for 2018 and will continue with Cumulative Prizes for the best solvers in 2018. We recognise that we should reward the champion solvers with something tangible to mark this achievement.

As in 2017, we will honour the ACC's champion solvers with premium prizes. Generous financial payments will be made for Cumulative Slots 1-6 Jan-Dec 2018 and the top scorer(s) for the numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec 2018. Thanks to the generous donations made by the members, we are able to give these special rewards. Commencing from this edition of *CrOZworld*, the clock starts to run. Best of luck with your solving in 2018!

Note: In 2018, although multiple entries can be made using ACCOLADE, the acceptability of repeat mail entries for a particular puzzle by an individual, or repeat quiz entries, is a matter for the discretion of the Adjudicator.

December 1-2017: Half 'n Half by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

• Some tricky vocab, had to confirm meanings of nautical and shingle. Pulled EXEGESIS from depth of memory – from reading VALIS 40-odd years ago.

• Always great to start another month. Thanks Fortuna 48.

Rob Moline

• Liked the reference to the old "Monday's child...." verse. Perhaps showing my age by knowing it!!!

Ann Millard

• Adored 26ac!

Eileen O'Brien

• Great selection of answers, with the unchecked perimeter making the solving just a bit trickier than usual. Thanks, Nea.

Kate Williams

• A well-constructed puzzle with balanced clues. A pleasing Half and Half.

Len Colgan

• An enjoyable Half and Half.

Bev Cockburn

• Good slot 1. Enjoyed.

Barbara Ibbott

• Liked SHINGLE. Shouldn't a Half & Half be all Across plain, all Down cryptic? These were all over the place. [Depends on how the compiler wants to approach it – we've had all sorts of different ideas, which generally help to expand our enjoyment of the puzzles – Puzzle Ed.]

Roy Taylor

• Thankyou Fortuna 48. A great puzzle.

Max Roddick

• Fairly straightforward but still enjoyable puzzle.

Wayne Bradbury

• Very enjoyable puzzle with good clues. Favourites were URGENT, HAUNTING and IDOLISE.

Michael Veress

• A very fair Slot 1: a good introduction to the month's puzzles.

Joan Smith

• December already and another year of wonderful puzzles from a talented team. Thank you.

Robyn Caine

• Glad I wasn't born on a Wednesday.

Robyn Wimbush

• A very good Slot 1.

Ulla Axelsen

Gabrielle Leeds

December 2-2017: Cryptic by Murphyslore (Ken Callan)

• It is great to see a new setter. We found ourselves on your wavelength, perhaps because of your UK origin.

Julie Leigh

• Welcome to Murphyslore. More please.

Eileen O'Brien

• Congrats Murphyslore on your first puzzle published in CrOZworld.

Ian Thompson

• Murphyslore's puzzle was a delight to complete. Thank you and I hope for many more.

Trish McPherson

• A fine puzzle. Congratulations, Ken!

Robyn McKenzie

• A great first effort Ken. I look forward to more offerings from you.

Pat Garner

• Enjoyed Slot 2 – some clever clues especially 21ac, 2dn, 3dn.

Catherine Hambling

• Well done, Murphyslore – may the band play on!

Kath Harper

• Always nice to lock horns with a new compiler! Welcome to the ranks.

Nea Storey

• Excellent first puzzle from Murphyslore. Welcome Ken. Keep them coming!

Bev Cockburn

• Thanks for an excellent slot 2.

Barbara Ibbott

• 15: Poor surface.

George Rolfe

• Good fair clues.

Roy Taylor

• Welcome Murphyslore! A fine lot of clues, FEMINIST the best.

Max Roddick

• EATEN is a lovely example of a hidden word clue.

Jenny Wenham

• Fun puzzle with nice clues.

Michael Veress

• Especially loved SCRAPS and TIDIED. Thank you for a great puzzle.

Joan Smith

• Correction to this puzzle 'lie in wait' 3dn.

Marian Procter

• Should Sanserif be sans serif (in all fairness)?

Richard Skinner

• Great to see yet another compiler. Thank you Murphyslore.

Robyn Caine

• Welcome Murphyslore. Great misdirection in 9ac.

Ulla Axelsen

December 3-2017: Cryptic by Penobsco (Maurice Cowan)

• Liked SQUARE UP and AFT, but overall a bit looser than I prefer.

Rob Moline

• Not really confident about my answers to 2dn and 21ac. Looking forward to explanations. Rest of puzzle great. Loved "horsefeathers". Don't hear great putdowns like that these days. As I said before about the age thing!!!

Eileen O'Brien

• I think 9ac is a bit faulty – one r not clued.

Brian Symons

• I liked 'Jack's back' = AFT.

Brian Tickle

• Some tricky clues in this puzzle. HORSEFEATHERS and the target meaning of MAGPIE were unknown to me. Is plumbobs in a dictionary? QUARTET was tough to parse!

Ian Thompson

• I believe "a rare" in the 9ac clue for REGISTRAR should be "rarer". And I have not seen PLUMB BOBS spelt as PLUMBOBS.

Len Colgan

• Liked 32ac.

David Bennett

• Liked clues for 32ac & 4dn but anagram in 9ac? Catherine Hambling

Catherine Hambling

• Some lovely clues here, though I'm not sure about 7dn as I couldn't find this spelling in any dictionaries.

Kath Harper

• Loved 4dn HORSEFEATHERS!

Bev Cockburn

• Clue for REGISTRAR accounts for only two Rs, and PLUMBOBS is missing a B in the solution assuming that "suspended weights" is the definition, though either way the indication should be for two words. Sorry, but my Dad was a plumber, and my father-in-law was a builder! I'm just a nitpicker.

Mike Potts

• My COTM is "derriere", I also liked "magpie", which was new to me, and "stunt" as a double definition. Thank you, Penobsco!

Caroline Mackay-Sim

• Challenging puzzle, PIGSTY being my favourite clue.

Joan Smith

• The first few answers came quickly, the later ones took quite a while to figure out. Satisfying.

Lynn Jarman

• Had fun with the words (BALLYRAG) and meanings (eg MAGPIE) I'd never met.

Kathy Horadam

• BALLYRAG, almost my COTM. Loved it!

Cheryl Wilcox

• Liked 'eyesight', 'horse feathers' and 'derriere'.

Robyn Caine

• PLUMBOBS is nicely clued, but is this plural OK? (PLUMB BOBS 5,4) And methinks, in the REGISTRAR clue 'a rare' should be 'rarer'.

Max Roddick

• Last puzzle to be completed: a really mixed bag. Some very clever clues like 32ac and 4dn and others????

Ulla Axelsen

• I put in MAGPIE for 5ac because it fitted the 'bird' definition and the cross letters that I had but I don't understand how it could be 'targeted'.

[A hit on the penultimate outermost division of a target – Chambers – Adj] HORSEFEATHERS and BALDERDASH deserve to be far more widely used, in my 'umble opinion.

Susan Howells

• I really enjoyed this puzzle. Hard to choose my COTM, many excellent clues.

Gabrielle Leeds

December 4-2017: AJ by The Lady and the Scamp (Bev Cockburn and Len Colgan)

• "beyond chance" as a definition for PARK LANE was excellent. Some nice never-before-seen wordplays in K, X, H.

Rob Moline

• I liked the clues for FALLBACKS, INFERNO and NAVAJOS.

Brian Tickle

• So many COTMs – A or F or L – couldn't choose so I chose one from a different puzzle!

Eileen O'Brien

• Some wonderful clues like SPIGOT and TASMANIA. My COTM is there as well – PARK LANE. Thank you.

Ann Millard

• I particularly liked the L clue, even though it was one of those much-maligned Spoonerisms.

Kath Harper

• Clever clues!

Anne Simons

• PARK LANE clever clue, very nearly COTM.

Roy Taylor

• P: I believe proper nouns should always be capitalised, so chance as the Monopoly unit should be Chance. [The "!", as at the end of this clue, is often used by compilers to warn solvers of such examples of hanky-panky - Adj]

George Rolfe

• Thought this puzzle had some great clues.

Alison Hocking

• The packed lunch turned into a very nice Spoonerism!

Caroline Mackay-Sim

• Very enjoyable AJ with many good clues.

Joan Smith

• What a challenge with so many 7-letter words. I was glad to complete slot 4: thank you Lady and the Scamp.

Lynn Jarman

• So many great clues in this slot but chose "quicksand" as COTM as it's topical with the cricket season underway.

Hilary Cromer

• Not too difficult but most enjoyable, and with sound clues. FALLBACKS and PARK LANE were my favourites.

Ian Thompson

• Really enjoyable! The clues for N, X, B and P were especially ingenious.

Kathy Horadam

• A very worthy slot 4. What a team! Good Spoonerism and I liked A ATTENDANCES for COTM.

Richard Skinner

• My favourite monthly puzzle; found it a real challenge.

Cheryl Wilcox

• I always enjoy puzzles from Lady and The Scamp. Many good clues but I couldn't go past 'Park Lane' for my COTM.

Robyn Caine

• As usual a satisfying 4.

Robyn Wimbush

• A fine bunch of clues, ATTENDANCES notably smooth!

Max Roddick

• Thanks for a good workout.

Ulla Axelsen

• I found this slot 4 more difficult than usual. I kept trying words, in the wrong places and became really confused. Good clues, though. I liked N and O, also L.

Gabrielle Leeds

December 5-2017: Cryptic by Zplig (Dover Dubosarsky)

• Really liked 27dn Wilde and nearly gave it COTM. Nearly!

Richard Skinner

• A smorgasbord of philosophers.

Robyn Caine

• Mostly straightforward clues made this a quick solve. Gave COTM to 27ac which in 5 words referenced 2 talented men and a prestigious award.

Ulla Axelsen

• Following Zplig's twists & twirls is hard – but satisfying! The best – LA DI DA.

Max Roddick

• It's a pity we cannot choose more than one COTM. This puzzle has many worthy contenders. e.g. 11ac, 15ac, 29ac, 6dn, 17dn.

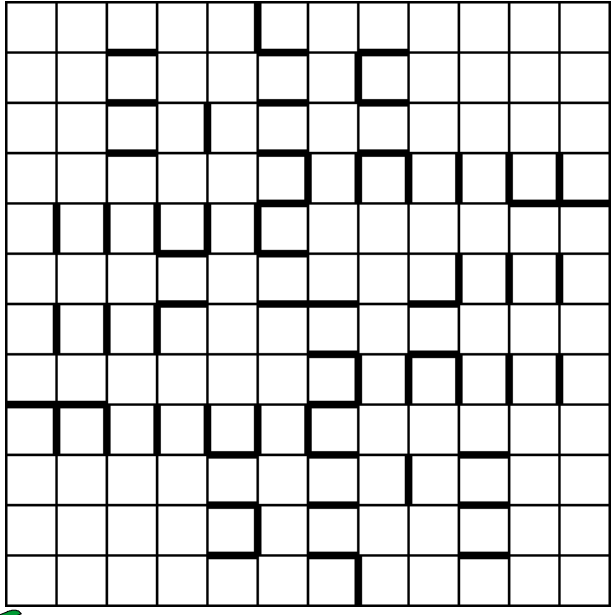
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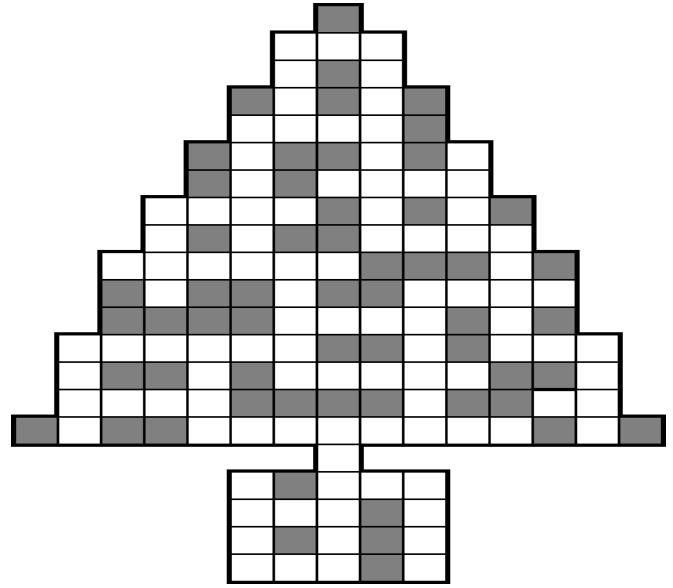
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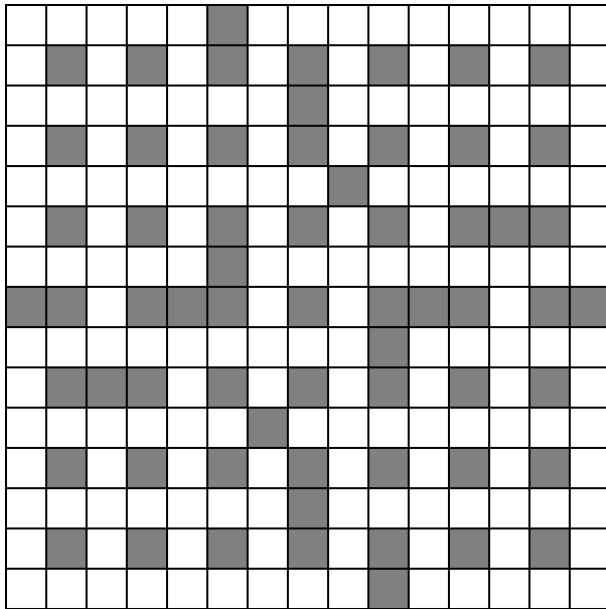
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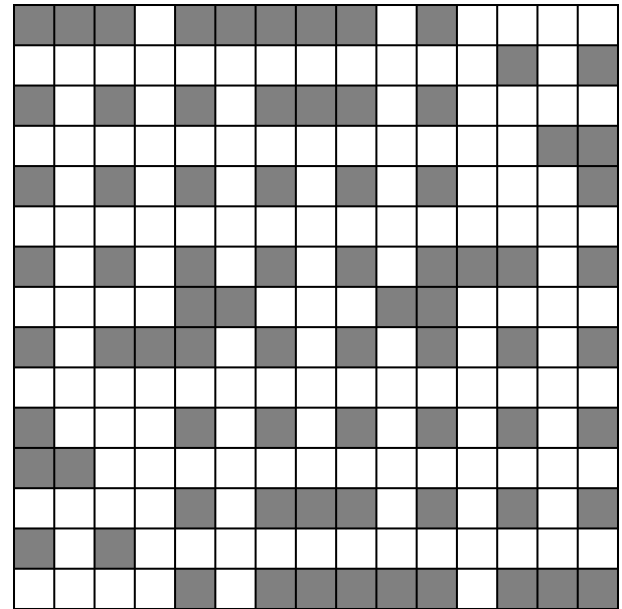
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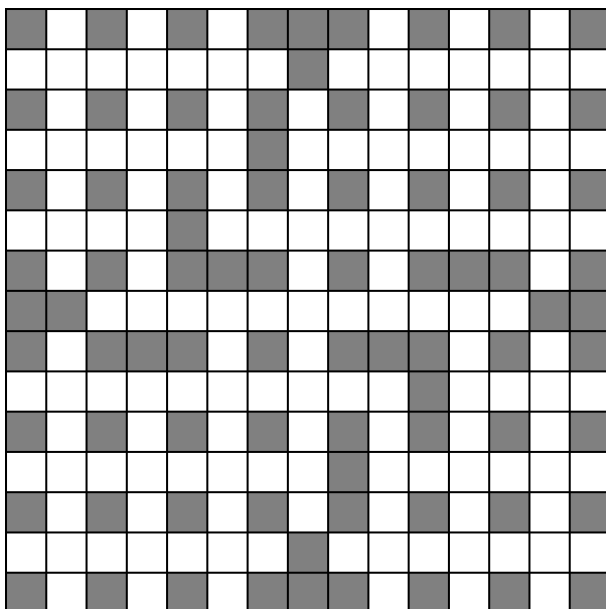
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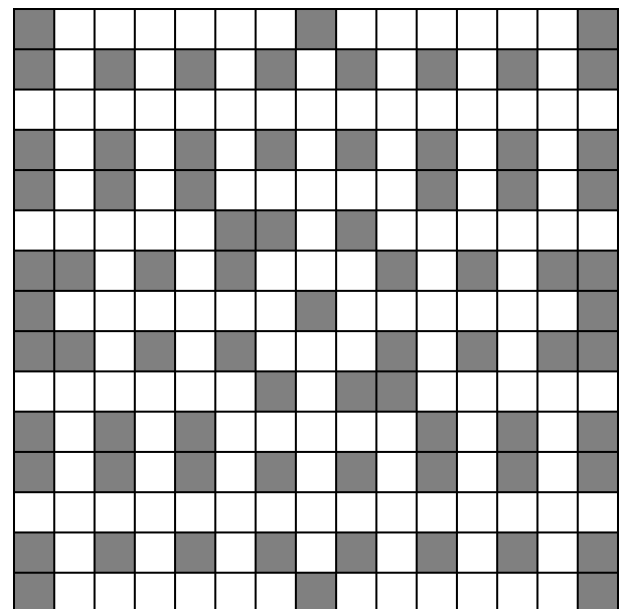
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Clue of the Month

ACC Compiler of the Year



November 6-2017: Checked versus Unchecked by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Entries: 73. Correct: 64. Success rate: 87.7%.

Prizewinner: Caroline Mackay-Sim — Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Not everyone was familiar with the crossword terms "checked" and "unchecked", used in the titles of both Slots 6 and 7. Chambers dictionary defines:

checked square *n* a square in a crossword that belongs to the solution of two clues.

unchecked *adj* (of a square in a crossword puzzle) holding a letter that forms part of one word-solution only

In other words, checked letters are where Across and Down answers intersect. Unchecked letters belong to an Across or a Down answer, but not both. In this puzzle, every checked letter is a consonant, whereas every unchecked letter is a vowel.

The dominant error was entering LURID instead of LURED for: 22Dn: Drew made judgements, but swapped sides (5). The definition is "drew = LURED". The secondary indicator is "made judgements = RULED", but L, R swapped.

Explanations to Slot 6. Across: 1 MO(LOT)O + V, **5** PO(UP<)LAR, **9** S(treet) + EVEN, **10** RACIALIST*, **11** SO + LICIT, **12** GEN + (am)ERIC(an), **13** SEMI(PAR + AS + I)TIC, **16** RE(CAP)IT)ALISES, **20** FEELING*, **21** KIL(TOO*)N, **24** ALTITUDES, with L moved to front, **25** TIMER<, **26** RESID(u)ES, **27** N + (m)ODULAR. **Down: 1** MIS(U)SES, **2** palindrome, **3** C(IN)UT<, **4** VIS(IT)OR, **5** POT(AGE)S, **6** RAIN* in PETAL, **7** RICE in COILS*, **8** hidden, **14** MARIN(AT)ES, **15** (s)PECULATED, **17** SAD(O)GAP<, **18** TAKE + SON, **19** SEN(AT)OR, **20** dd, **22** RULED, with R,L swapped, **23** TA(M)IL.

Members' comments:

- Rampant versus reined? Both puzzles are brilliant, therefore a tie is in order. *Odette Greenberger*
- Herewith your very challenging but always fair Slot 6. The 'Checked versus Unchecked' heading has me puzzled. *Bob Hagan*
- Many thanks for another great puzzle. *Jill Freeland*
- Really liked MOLOTOV – moo always makes me smile – POPULAR, FINELEG and RECAPITALISE – you shoulda been there when BP had that blowout off Texas a few years ago! Guessed the vowels/consonants after the first quadrant was filled, making the rest a bit easier. *Rob Moline*
- Ah, memories of Quiz 3. *Julie Leigh*
- Silly me completed this before thinking what the title meant. Now this will make the mirror puzzle 7 easier. *Roy Taylor*
- Surprisingly straight-forward for Slot 6. *Nea Storey*
- Clever construction and execution as usual. *Michael Kennedy*
- Where would we be without those five little vowels. Knowing where to expect them certainly helped. *Betty Siegman*
- I really enjoyed doing this puzzle. The variety Crowsman produces never ceases to amaze me. Thanks, Len. *Ann Millard*
- The consonant/vowel structure actually helped a lot with the solving. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Thanks Len. I enjoy checked versus unchecked. Just another dimension to make you think. *Robyn Wimbush*
- 20, 24ac & 20dn were hardest. *Anne Simons*
- Only vowels in the unchecked cells. Thanks, Crowsman. *Ian Thompson*
- These two wonderful puzzles must have been really tricky to construct. I really liked the containment clues for POTAGES, SENATOR, TAMIL and especially RECAPITALISES. *Brian Tickle*

- Very precise, typical Len clues. Loved the mental image of Bill Shorten in a hip-length garment provoked by 3dn! *Julie Crowe*
- Completing this puzzle in ACCOLADE reinforces how cleverly it is compiled. *Kath Harper*
- I liked the double def in SOLICIT. I was unable to parse TUNIC or the inside of SEMIPARASITIC. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Thank you Len for a great puzzle. A great anagram for 20 across. *Joan Smith*
- N-C- J-B! *Andrew Patterson*
- Thanks Len for enjoyable puzzle. However, excuse my ignorance; do not understand the significance of the title of this puzzle, or slot 7. If you have time, could you explain, please? *Eileen O'Brien*
- I am puzzled as to why we can't nominate COTM for a number 6 or 7. Your puzzles, Len, are amazing. *Robyn Mckenzie*
- Another list of wonderful clues. My favourite is FINE LEG. *Bev Cockburn*
- Very clever! *Mike Potts*
- SOLICIT is a gem! *Max Roddick*
- Len, you do make me think! *Cheryl Wilcox*

Explanations for December 2017 Slot 1-5 grids

Slot 1 Fortuna 48 Cryptic clues. Across: 8 UR + GENT, **9** H(A)UNTING, **10** Anag., **11** DD, **12** CAR+OUSEL, **13** (I)IGNITE, **14** I DO+(LIES)*, **17** UN+DYING, **20** CD, **22** M(U+TIN)OUSE, **28** DD. **Down: 2** GEL+AT+O, **4** DD, **5** J+UNCTION, **7** CD.

Slot 2 Murphyslore. Across: 1 anag, **5** B (LE) ACH, **9** (FRANCHISES - ch)*, **10** dd, **12** hidden, **13** homoph "habit you ate", **14** word play, **18** (AURAL CONDUCT)*, **21** (COMEDIAN + N)*, **23** EX following I+N+D, **24** END + homoph "you" (U) + RE, **25** TAKE + NOTE, **26** TI + DIED, **27** DE + MEN + TED. **Down: 1** L (IST) ED, **2** (FEMINIST - MS)*, **3** LIE + IN + WA + IT, **4** K + NIGHT + ER + RANTS, **6** LI + C + IT, **7** (AC + ART) inside ALE, **8** (HOLY REST)*, **11** double dd, **15** (PILL I'M)< + E+D+E, **16** cd, **17** OUT + MODE + enD, **19** AD + ROI + T, **20** rEX + T + END, **22** RON< + SE.

Slot 3 Penobscot. Across: 1 homoph & dd, **5** dd, **9** GIST in (A RARE)*, **11** dd, **12** rev, **13** rECCE, **14** ref to Tasman; homoph & dd, **16** anag, **17** anag, **20** anag, **21** QUAR.[terly] + TET, **22** rev hidden, **25** anag, **26** PER + I, **27** anag, **29** cd, **30** anag, **31** PI (GS) TY, **32** homoph "Derry air" & cd. **Down: 1** ER + RA + TA, **2** h (EIGHT) H moved to bottom - ref to "one over the ...", **3** IN (SEMI) NATE, **4** dd, **6** hidden, **7** double dd, **8** EX + TOLLED, **10** cd, **15** OUT (FIELD) ER, **18** dd, **19** B (ALLY) RAG, **23** STY (MI) E, **24** cd, **28** cd.

Slot 4 The Lady and the Scamp. A AT TEN DANCES, **B** BAN + JOB, **C** C(RED)ITED, **D** DE(B)ARS, **E** (L)EAVES, **F** F + (ALL B(I) ACKS), **G** GYPS + Y, **H** HE(LIP)AD, **I** INFER + ON<, **J** JO(KIN)G, **K** K + (DEREK CAN)<, **L** Spoonerism "packed lunch", **M** MEN + TAL(k), **N** (SO JAVAN)<, **O** OVERT + AXES, **P** P(ARK) LANE, **Q** QUICKS + AND, **R** RE-SERVE, **S** S(PIG)OT, **T** SAT< + MANIA, **U** US + AGE, **V** VICTOR + I + A, **W** W(OO)INGS, **X** (LONELY + X)<, **Y** YOU + (a)NGER, **Z** Z(h)ERO)ING.

Slot 5 Zplig. Across: 1 UMP'S UM after L, **5** SING around OBB, **9** DO + LTS, **10** T+ Z in (Chinese)*, **11** TIE C ED< + FU(e)L, **12** (THORN)*, **13** rev hidden, **15** heads, **18** (Korea)* in fut., **19** MAR + X, **22** (AQUInaS)*, **24** EX + CUR + SION, **26** (LEVITY)* round DEN, **27** WILDE(r), **28** (SENATOR)*, **29** MARTS around Y + R. **Down: 1** phoLADIDAe, **2** MO + (CUREALL)*, **3** SUS + HI, **4** (AIMSOFTEN)* &lit, **5** DD, **6** BY + ZA + (MINUTE)*, **7** INC + U + R, **8** GO + E + THE, **14** (RESHAPE + I)* +S, **16** CAM around TA + C + (churchil)L + (trinit)Y + (king)S, **17** CORDIAL + L + Y, **20** Cryptic def, **21** GELS after E(lectio)N, **23** AL + ICE, **24** homoph "Eton", **25** (g)ROWER.



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A superfluous word needs to be removed from the wordplay of 12 clues before solving. The first letters of these words in clue order provide an instruction for altering answers to eight other clues before they are entered in the grid. In these clues, definitions apply to the word before alteration and, mostly, the entries are not words. Word length indicators refer to the grid entry. One solution is in *Macquarie* but not *Chambers*.

Across

- 1 Detective wearing English poet's bloomers (4)
- 3 Curious blurbs at times frightfully defamatory (10)
- 10 Craft mostly beginning to cross Thames before noon (7)
- 11 Condiment's drunk in grave accident (7)
- 12 Rush to stop one chasing friend out of hospital (5)
- 13 Synthetic substance prone to disintegrate in joint, reportedly (8)
- 15 Knights seize outlaw heading west (3)
- 17 Start to remonstrate with bad doctor about crude medicine (3-5,3)
- 19 Small ruminant occasionally taps on ground (11)
- 22 Sailor extremely bitter after temperature dropped (3)
- 23 Stir over cut down wild coastal tree (8)
- 25 Islander playing cards with maniac getting whipped (5)
- 28 Australian worker eating fruit for nourishment (7)
- 29 Hang out with fellow tucking into excellent wholemeal bread (7)
- 30 Saint on train keeping recipe in safe place (10)
- 31 Get into a temper after smashing end of toe (4)

Down

- 1 An arch criminal Monsieur Poirot considered initially (10)
- 2 Solid doctrine arguably underpins public relations (5)
- 4 Supported redevelopment of old phosphorus mine in African country (7)
- 5 Endlessly desire fresh oil on international dish (7)
- 6 Private banquet to see off young duke (5)
- 7 Front part of church derelict for a long time (5,4)
- 8 Spectacular marks on birds with a harsh cry!! (4)
- 9 After losing day 2, giant-killer's caught up in sporting event (5,3)
- 14 Italian keen about learning New Testament (10)
- 16 Rubbish openly aired by American prison officer (9)
- 18 Moved nearest to grab good part (8)
- 20 Bird list including Orpington duck (7)
- 21 One supporting chief over unusual plea to leave islands (7)
- 24 Pick up amateur dancer in valley (5)
- 26 Annoy beetle briefly (5)
- 27 Better dry up about queen, one fancies (4)

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Quiz No 1/2018

Quiz No 1/2018. What's in a name? *By KA (Karl Audrins).*



by **KA**

Answers are of a kind, and are in alphabetical order. Some letters of the alphabet are not used.

Send your answers to Karl Audrins, 10 Elizabeth Parade, Charlestown NSW 2290. email: karlishane@optusnet.com.au .

Closing Date: 9 February 2018. Prize \$75.

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| 1 Morning food (7) | 12 Asian tent is next to vessel (7) | 23 Smuggled vegetable (6) |
| 2 Pound grain (8) | 13 State is in a mess (6) | 24 True daughter has drink (8) |
| 3 Good Italian saying (8) | 14 Warm that lady (7) | 25 Little sister takes in money (7) |
| 4 Theatrical instrument (8) | 15 Inside network (6) | 26 Dismal animal (8) |
| 5 Preserve fish (7) | 16 German says yes to child (5) | 27 Endeavour to hug winner (6) |
| 6 Precipice at river (8) | 17 Temperature scale (6) | 28 Bullfight movement (8) |
| 7 Father is in the river (7) | 18 African native is at the railway (6) | 29 Gains weight (7) |
| 8 Dingy American toilet (6) | 19 Pleasant wine (7) | 30 Jedi master accepts computer network (7) |
| 9 Bird is with holy man (6) | 20 A long distance (5) | |
| 10 Be scared of girl (7) | 21 Very large vehicle (5) | |
| 11 Drug found in valley (6) | 22 Pamper ruler (5) | |

Results of Quiz No 11/2017 by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

Winner: Ray Gooderick – Congratulations!

Entries received: 33. Percentage correct: 70%.

Results:

26: W Allen, K Audrins, R Caine, B Cockburn, L Colgan, J Crowe, P Garner, B Glissan, R Gooderick, B Ibbott, J Leigh, G Lemon, P Lord, I Mason, C McClelland, R McKenzie, A Miles, M Procter, A Simons, R Skinner, N Storey, B Symons, C Wilcox. **25:** J Fowler, D Jones, A Millard, B Siegman, R Taylor, R Wimbush. **24:** P Heath, M Potts, D Procter. **21:** J Pearce.

Answers:

1 Breeches, **2** Clemency, **3** Credence, **4** Deterrent, **5** Entrench, **6** Fleece, **7** Geezer, **8** Henpecked, **9** Jezebel, **10** Kedgere, **11** Legend, **12** Medley, **13** Nevertheless, **14** Persevere, **15** Qeshm, **16** Resplendent, **17** Retrenchment, **18** Shepherd, **19** Trencher, **20** The bees knees, **21** Vertex, **22** Well-heeled, **23** Wheedle, **24** Xebec, **25** Yes-men, **26** Zephyr.

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thanks for all the positive feedback. It was lovely to receive quite a few hand-delivered letters and cards. The main problem was that the Gremlin of Disorder made an appearance and hence #19 and #20 were out of order. Everyone seemed to cope with this, however, as there were no other words for *platter* that would fit. A few didn't realise that *cove* need not be a geographical feature. A couple of others had *The very best* for #20 but that was the wrong length. Wishing you all the best with your puzzling in 2018.
—Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

Members'Comments:

- Yet another great quiz Ulla. #15 was quite an education. *Betty Siegman*
- Thank-you Ulla: you have no idea how much we enjoy your puzzles. *Julie Leigh*
- Thanks for a great quiz. *Brian Symons*
- Good fun – took quite a while to realize all the answers had E as the vowel. *Anne Simons*
- Thank-you Ulla for a not so eesy puzzle. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Thanks for another great quiz. Lots of E's. *Ann Millard*
- Thank-you again for one of your quizzes. *Doreen Jones*
- An enjoyable quiz. Didn't take too long to figure out the 'E' theme. *Roy Taylor*

- A very clever idea. 26 took me ages. *Julie Crowe*
- Thanks for a great quiz. It should have been eesy but took a fair bit of thought. Very enjoyable. *Jim Fowler*
- Thanks for another quiz which was fun to work out and complete. *Robyn McKenzie*
- The EEEEs have it! *Phyl Heath*
- Thanks for another of your quizzes which took a while to fathom. Not certain of #7 as my answer is an unusual one. However it was fun and enjoyable. *Bev Cockburn*
- I tore my hair out over a couple of your EEEEs puzzle. The Z clue was particularly tricky as even my woolclasser husband couldn't name the wool, but *Chambers* finally yielded the answer. I also struggled with *cove* as I was looking for a geographical feature until I heard someone being referred to as a real *cove* – aha that solved it! Thanks for all the fun. *Barb Ibbott*
- Enjoyed chasing the answers and was pleased to realise what they had in common, made the rest of the quiz easier! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Another tough but interesting quiz. *Michael Potts*

Members' Comments from p11:

December 5-2017: Cryptic by Zplig (Dover Dubosarsky)

- Found it hard to decide between 20dn and 27ac for COTM. Decided to opt for 27ac. *Eileen O'Brien*
- I liked the subtractive clues for WILDE and ROWER. *Brian Tickle*
- Enjoyable and clever puzzle. Thank you Zplig. *Trish McPherson*
- I appreciated the &lit clue effort for MANIFESTO. However, 16dn is too verbose, and I would never merely use "Green = Al", but "Green, perhaps = Al" is better. *Len Colgan*
- We have struggled with 19ac. Hovering between Marx and Mary who was also his partner, X and Y both being unknowns? Shall be interested in any ruling on this. *Julie Leigh*
- Revolutionary aims often gets my vote for COTM because it is so beautifully concise. I also loved "green diamonds for Dodgson's girl" (*Alice in Wonderland*) even though I am still wondering how "green" gives "AL" [*the American singer, as a change from the frequently-encountered American gangster, but see Crowsman's comment above – Adj*] *Ron Carpenter*
- Power-packed puzzle: Marx, Engels, Nietzsche, Goethe – and Oscar Wilde! *Kath Harper*



November 7-2017: Unchecked versus Checked by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Entries: 59. Correct: 48. Success rate: 81%.

Prizewinner: Rob Moline — Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments: In this puzzle, every checked letter is a vowel, whereas every unchecked letter is a consonant. Several members could not fully reconcile 23dn ASIDE, even though they got it correct.

23 Marketable song is away! (5)

Chambers dictionary defines:

A-side *n (music) the side of a single which holds the principal track being marketed.*

Also, 'away' and 'aside' are listed as synonyms in both directions in the *Chambers Thesaurus*.

Yes, the alternative (1-4) word-length indicator would have been easier, depending upon whether A-SIDE or ASIDE is the intended answer.

Explanations to Slot 7. Across: 1 BE LOW, **4** palindrome, **10** CLI(v)IAS*, **11** (UP ONE)* + DEN<, **12** PERON in PIE*, **13** I + RISES, **14** REMAIN* + LOGICAL, **17** PACER< + LATE in SUIT*, **21** (OIL + MUD)*, **22** (I)ITERATES, **24** BA(r) + SILICA, **25** UNIS + ON, **26** SEAL* in BEVEL, **27** palindrome. **Down: 2** EPI(DEMI)C, **3** O + EVIL<, **5** SILICA in EMULATION*, **6** reverse hidden, **7** A + ERICA in MAN*, **8** APE + SEX<, **9** DA(KO)TA, **15** EXECUT(IV)E, **16** PEN + ELOPE, **18** AS + I + NINE, **19** (m)USEFUL, **20** SON + AT + A, **23** A-SIDE (record).

Members' comments:

- I have ruminated long and hard about the titles of Slots 6 and 7, but am still none the wiser. Ditto 23dn in Slot 7, so am looking forward to the explanations. *Robyn Caine*
- This one had the lot: long words, cross-referenced clues, palindromes, and a chemistry lesson! I particularly liked the clues for 1ac and 18dn. *Nea Storey*
- Reverse of Slot 6, and again very clever. I'd like more of these. *Betty Siegman*
- I breezed through until bottom right corner. Not at all confident with HELEN. *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks Len. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Easier knowing what to look for, but ASIDE took a lot of head-scratching at the end; very tricky. *Rob Moline*
- Tough one to crack; as usual. *Anne Simons*
- All the unchecked cells have consonants. I struggled for some time in the SE corner but got there in the end. *Ian Thompson*
- No idea about 23dn but no doubt all will be clear in a week's time. Thank you Len. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Will this man ever run out of ideas? I'd love to see a book of all of his Ninas, diagonals, etc. I liked the clues for OLIVE, PENELOPE and ASIDE. *Brian Tickle*
- Another brilliant puzzle from *Crowsman*. However, too good for me and have had to guess something for 23dn! *Ann Millard*
- The crosschecked consonants are easier to solve than the vowels. *Doreen Jones*
- And just to prove the previous one wasn't a fluke ... Len does it again! *Kath Harper*
- -I-E -O-! *Andrew Patterson*
- Was cock-a-hoop about getting "base level" then fell on my sword with 23dn! Have no idea!!! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Loved 23dn once I understood it! The A side! *Bev Cockburn*
- Loved 9dn. Another great crossword. Didn't like 23dn! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Liked UNOPENED, PEPERONI, SEXES, AMORINI, and DAKOTA for its succinct brevity. *Max Roddick*
- I sweated for hours before getting ASIDE! Very neat clue, and a clever pair of puzzles. *Mike Potts*
- A clever juxtaposition of puzzles in this and Slot 6 – we'd expect this from *Crowsman*, of course! *Susan Howells*
- Another very clever puzzle! Had to guess one answer. *Robyn McKenzie*

Solution to Slot 7 Unchecked versus Checked by Crowsman

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Some Christmas Cracker Jokes

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comedy/what-to-see/50-best-christmas-cracker-jokes/>

- How will Christmas dinner be different after Brexit? No Brussels.
- What do workers at Sports Direct get for Christmas dinner? About 5 minutes.
- How do you recognise a Christmas tree from BHS? All the branches have gone.
- I bought my mum Mary Berry's cookbook for Christmas. I tried to get Paul Hollywood's but he'd sold out.
- What's David Cameron's favourite Christmas song? All I Want For Christmas is EU.
- Why has Hillary Clinton asked Santa for a 23-letter alphabet? Because she is sick of F.B.I.
- Why didn't Roy Hodgson go to visit Santa at The North Pole? He couldn't get past Iceland.
- Why are Jeremy Corbyn's Christmas cards on the floor? His cabinet collapsed.
- Philip looks out of the window on Christmas Eve: 'That's some reindeer' he says. The Queen replies: '63 years. Yes, that is a lot.'
- What's the difference between the clementine in your Christmas stocking and Donald Trump? Nothing, they're both a little orange.
- What do you get if you cross Donald Trump with a Christmas Carol? O Comb Over Ye Faithful.
- What's the best advice you can give at the UKIP Christmas party? Avoid the punch.
- Why did the three wise men only have frankincense and myrrh? Because Team GB took all the gold.
- Which parent is likely to do the Christmas shop at Tesco this year? Dad might, Marmite not.
- Why can't the England football team play Yahtzee this Christmas? Because they got rid of Allardyce.
- I can't get to the chocolates in my advent calendar. Foiled again.
- Why is Bob Dylan's sleigh so quiet? Because it has Nobel.

**Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 6/2017****Write a clue for CAMEL (7)**

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition)**n** a dark-brown substance produced from sugar by loss of water on heating, used in colouring and flavouring food and drink; a chewy sweet made with sugar, better, etc**adj** made of or containing caramel; of the colour of caramel Fr, from Sp *caramelo*

Thank you to all the contributors to this competition during the year. The aim, as it has always been, is to provide a fun and creative format for compiling clues. If we happen to learn something along the way all the better! Originally, I had another word in mind for this month's competition, but then I was given a free jersey caramel sweet with a takeaway coffee recently, and that compelled me to change it. It's a neat word as it lends itself to various parsing options as well as rolling off the tongue sweetly. I received a bagful of entries with several contenders for the top prize. Ultimately, **Roger Douglas** claimed the title this month with the following clue. Well done Roger!

Light brown gunners in desert transport (7)The entries are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions, where appropriate, are *italicised*.**Colour problem a racist covered up ******

Read as a down clue, this manages to hide caramel within the fodder upside-down. It's simply but elegantly parsed, as well as managing to make a perfectly sensible surface.

Cricket and Rugby: Aussies maul England Lions! Leading lights get sweet reward **This summery sporting clue is a reference to the recent Lions tour (rugby) and the current Ashes series. Of course, the English cricket team is not referred to as The Lions (perhaps it would help if they were), but that's a minor point. Obviously the parsing is based on the initial letters as indicated by *leading lights*. There's a slight embellishment (i.e. reward) in the definition but the compiler admitted being influenced by his own tin of caramel.**Dark brown, in the lolly, top cricketer (WI batsman) came back and hugged me ****I have to admit I struggled a bit with this one...and I'm a cricket fan! The letter C comes from *top cricketer* (*top of cricketer* would be more indicative), with LARA (as in Brian Lara) going back around the letters ME. The main issue is with the definition or in this case, definitions. Given the clue has secondary indicators I would have left out the *dark brown* definition and just gone with *in the lolly* (i.e. in the money) which not only makes it fairer for the solver, but disguises the definition nicely. I'm not sure how *dark brown* fits the clue's surface sense.**Flavour seed with honey? No way! *****The parsing in this clue subtracts *way* from *seed* (*caraway*) with honey (*mel*). I like the flavour definition and it obviously fits the foodie theme well. While *caraway* is familiar to us in its seed form, strictly speaking it is a plant and I would have added '...a type of aromatic seed with...' to give the solver more accurate information about the seed, as well as fleshing out the clue somewhat.**Jam includes a small measure of sugar product ******Here the compiler is indicating to place the letter A into *cram* (Jam) next to EL – *small measure* which refers to a reduced *ell*. It's neatly parsed to create a clue that makes perfect sense.**La Crema! Creamed sweet! **½**A simple but sugary clue that uses the anagram fodder *lacrema* to produce *caramel*. As crema is the brownish foam in an espresso coffee, I would have removed the punctuation and potentially placed *cream* at the front of the clue – *Creamed la crema to make sweet...* something like that.**Light brown camel blown apart by Royal Artillery ***½**I'm pleased I learnt that a camel can be a plane that was used in WWI. If I hadn't, this clue was going to be messy. As it is, the clue makes perfect military sense. I did read the parsing as an anagram of *camel* next to RA, but in fact it's *camel* being 'spread apart' by

RA. Dare I say it's a bit of stretch both figuratively and literally?

Light brown gunners in desert transport ****Here we have RA in *camel*. This parsing option proved to be a popular option, but this one edges the others with its clever synonyms, that create a picture of a camouflaged military vehicle tracking through the desert. It also manages to create a gettable clue for the solver.**Lolly found in car on top of ashtray, half melted ******

Do cars still come with ashtrays? Maybe it's an optional extra now. In any case, this is a very evocative clue as I'm sure everyone has experienced the melted lolly or chocolate in the car, especially at this time of the year. The clue is assembled well and there are no superfluous words.

Marc and ale concoction is sweet! ***A neat anagram of *marc* (brandy) and *ale*. It's always handy to find related words in anagram fodder. I've no idea if mixing marc and ale together produces a sweet drink, but I suspect it might.**Memory wrapped in fancy lace. What a sweet thing! *****This evocative clue places *ram* in an anagram of *lace* as indicated by *fancy*. The definition suits the clue's surface reading as well.**Old plane captured heart of Gary Sweet ***½**In this clue *camel* (a humped plane used in WWI) literally captures the letters AR from *Gary*. I'm sure most of you would recognize the Australian actor, Gary Sweet. Most famous people would have to be deceased to rate a mention in a cryptic clue so Mr. Sweet is fortunate indeed.**Return the French brandy with a sweet ***½**This is a reversal of *le* (*the* in *French*) and *marc* with (i.e. in the possession of) the letter A. It's strange that you don't see this handy usage of 'with' more often. It's almost universally used to indicate just *by* or *besides*. The surface sense is fine although I would have been tempted to place 'return(ed)' indicator in the middle of the clue for a touch more misdirection.**Ride in tramcar, a Melbourne treat! *****Here, *caramel* is hidden away in the middle of the clue that reads exceptionally well. It would be preferable to have *riding in* rather than *ride in*, but I can appreciate that the surface reading would not have worked as well. Clever misdirection with the definition.**Strauss personal barber heard revealing the colour as light brown *****My knowledge of operas is about the same as it is of Strauss – not great. Luckily, I was provided with a succinct explanation. *Caramello* is a leading character in the Strauss opera, *A Night in Vienna*. He plays the role of the Duke's personal barber. One then needs to read *Caramello* as *caramel lo*, – a colour revelation! Would it be more orthodox to say 'Lo Caramel'? A tricky clue to solve and one that would be served well by a checked letter or two.**Sweet flavouring produced from almost all cream *****A simple culinary clue that is essentially an anagram of *all* (*cream*). It works well and is very solver-friendly.**Unusual meal followed starters of candied asparagus replacing the sweet *****

The accurate parsing involves an anagram of meal after the initial letters C, A and R. There's little doubt that candied asparagus would make for an unusual meal.

Vehicle on a motorway with an elevated railroad. Sweet! ***We finish with a charade clue that joins CAR with A, M and EL. *The car on a motorway* was a good spot, and works well with the rest of the clue.**Clue Writing Competition No 1/2018**For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **POT (3)** complete with explanation. Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: manveru@bigpond.com

Closing mail date: Friday 9 February 2018. Prize \$50.



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Across

- 1 Artificial intelligence smells first human fear: fear of self-reflection (11)
- 7 Alias a sawn-off Kalashnikov (3)
- 9 Replace first engine part by last and it still turns (5)
- 10 Holden model can be heard in Russian city (9)
- 11 Yes, tear through the last day (4,3)
- 12 Exercises in the middle of lightning and showers (6)
- 14 Light cavalryman shouts "Hooray" (6)
- 15 & 29 & 18 Boney's lament before the mirror: "I used to be great!" (4,3,1,3,1,3,4)
- 18 See 15
- 20 & 23 Do-little beast struggles mulishly up, up! (6,6)
- 23 See 20
- 25 Inspect rainbow to see colours within (7)
- 27 Like Pol Pot, make a clan go die horribly (9)
- 28 Tribe travels west through fine cities (5)
- 29 See 15
- 30 First man's introductory words are repellent (5,1'1,4)

- 2 Gamble online so first cheats! (7)
- 3 Proper metier found for the Arabian after exchange of words? (5,4)
- 4 Frost covers outside of dambuilders' stores (8)
- 5 Spa town bust shifted sites for a scrub-down (8)
- 6 Swedish group holds hostage a part of African capital (5)
- 7 Japanese theatre, back in Samoa's capital, demonstrates the lack of voice (7)
- 8 Indian currency girl (4)
- 13 Tiny Turnbull is more at first, means less (10)
- 16 Mum's niece moves toward Christian unity (9)
- 17 In endless numbers the corrupted undead had BO (8)
- 19 Graduates using the last manual (7)
- 21 Match liable to flare up? (7)
- 22 Intended refuge could be bedlam! (6)
- 24 First solo circumnavigator scratches head, gets medico perhaps (5)
- 26 Hop garden regularly conceals huge man-eater (4)

Down

- 1 Beat in song is irregular beat (10)

Katydid (Kathy Horadam)

"I was born and raised in northern NSW but have lived and raised my own family in Victoria since 1980. I'm a mathematician and have spent my working life in universities apart from three years with Defence. I did cryptics as a uni student (when I had more free time!), then none for about thirty-five years. A few summers ago, getting ready for retirement, I started doing *The Age* crosswords again. The idea of trying to create puzzles in my first language was really appealing. I constructed a few in isolation, then found ACC through David Astle's entry for 1992 in *Cluetopia*. As for my crypto-name, I always wanted to be a "Katy", and katydids, apart from being a beautiful green, are excellent at camouflage — they can mimic an ant when hatched then a leaf when adult."



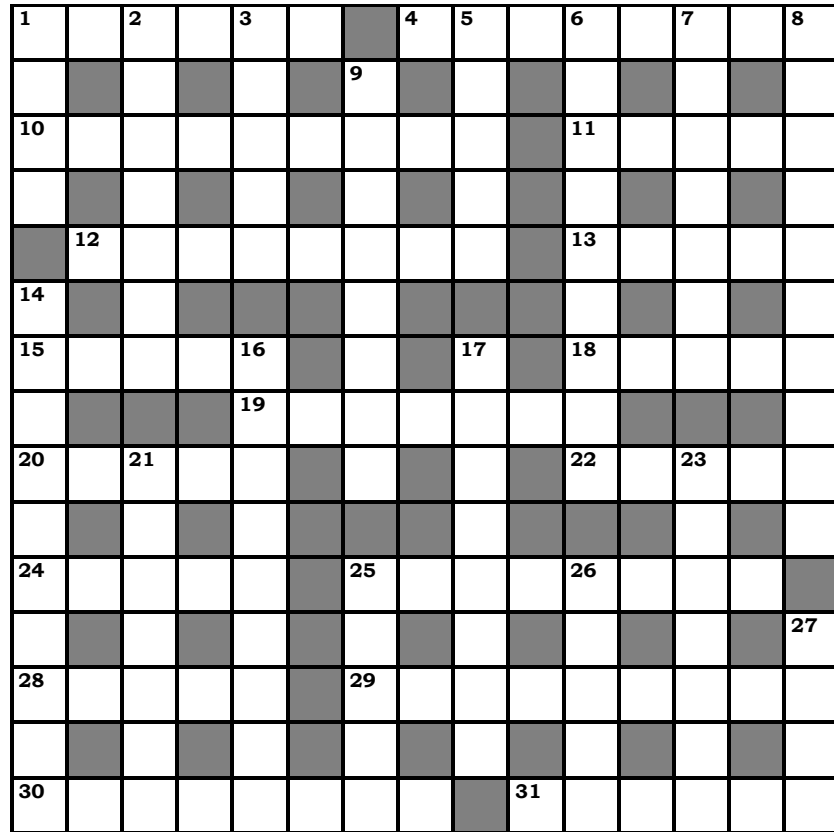
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A Proper Puzzle

by
Lexi Conner

All solution words normally begin with a capital letter.

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Across

- 1 Monk takes time to identify one-time Turnbull follower (6)
- 4 No middle bit found on damaged moleskins at Russian battle site (8)
- 10 Tradesman lends heart to evil spirit joining a beauty in play (9)
- 11 Caesar notoriously held Italian town (5)
- 12 It's said Ellie undressed where 20 million+ people live (3,5)
- 13 Gulf emerges among heads of a questionably active business association (5)
- 15 Low class American lawyer got fired! (5)
- 18 Almost half of Muslims and a third of Guinea write in an African language (5)
- 19 & 29 Amerindian ballerina points to parrot on skyscraper (7,9)
- 20 Began journey encircling Henry II's county (5)
- 22 Wild bears put to the sword in America (5)
- 24 Germany associates war cry with Asian capital (5)
- 25 A magnetic effect misrepresents near misses as lost (8)
- 28 Doing translation into a Dravidian tongue (5)
- 29 See 19
- 30 She managed to cover up identity of Irish playwright (8)
- 31 Angry Rasputin abandoned by one of Nicholas' successors somewhere in Tamil Nadu (6)

Down

- 1 A way to get pregnant has links to a fictional princess (4)
- 2 Biographer feeling good after small contemptible person retreats (7)
- 3 Pretty penny for a flower (5)
- 5 Pilgrim aimed at having backing to attain US city (5)
- 6 Girl hugs a tree at a Spanish port (3,6)
- 7 William's countrymen were originally nomadic violent Romans (7)
- 8 Call to poach a municipal hockey star? (10)
- 9 Obscenity in a British Isle? (8)
- 14 Poor grade given to extremely dissolute fluid artist (5,5)
- 16 Grain unit designed by famous Tasmanian (9)
- 17 Initially Forster was between affairs with some Belgians (8)
- 21 Little Aussie entertainer revealed: "In Paris I appear with Ms Proulx" (7)
- 23 Well deteriorated according to reports of the conflict (4,3)
- 25 Conductor performs most of anthem on flipside (5)
- 26 Developed a skit on part of 19th century purchase (5)
- 27 Aphrodite's son scored zeros in the main (4)



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Cryptic
by
Crowsman

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Across

- 7 You are heard interrupting producer of chocolate liqueur (7)
- 8 Lady Bird Johnson originally had her protectors filled with praise (7)
- 10 Sly chap, perhaps, gets first compartment (8)
- 11 Unaccompanied male comes back, through great character (6)
- 12 It meant cup was misread by imprecise laboratory apparatus (9,6)
- 13 & 16 Apollo turned back party animals (3-3)
- 14 Free rent again? (7)
- 16 See 13
- 19 Constant irritation is brass instrument carried by mini team we support (5,2,4,4)
- 21 Turn over drug! Follow person in charge! (3,3)
- 22 Killer storm traps one competitor (8)
- 23 In the middle of brief time in apprehension (7)
- 24 Ignored Rolls reversing in front of base (7)

Down

- 1 Type of fungi on pulp lodges under bottom (6,9)
- 2 Financial rescue creates trouble in competition (7)
- 3 Damage made by clog over time (8)
- 4 Get down! Fired! (6)
- 5 Gut feeling ignored in training (7)
- 6 Invention (great hoax) has heavier laboratory apparatus (6,9)
- 9 Sailors hated climbing up carrier (8-3)
- 15 Referee involved in smart dismissal (8)
- 17 Harsh, not small, classical weapon of mass destruction (7)
- 18 Give credit to a writer (7)
- 20 Jokingly, heard swallow (6)

Bonus Quiz

Namesakes by Virgo.

Find surnames for the following well-known pairs. Answers are in alphabetical order and each contains the name of at least one famous Aussie.

Answers next month.

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Samuel & Tony (6) | 11 Jack & Jennifer (7) | 21 Anthony & Kieren (7) |
| 2 Hamish & Robert (5) | 12 David & Valerie (6) | 22 Clive & Geoffrey (9) |
| 3 Raelene & Susan (5) | 13 Dave & Mervyn (6) | 23 Mat & Roy (6) |
| 4 Greg & Ian (8) | 14 Barbara & Deborah (6) | 24 Mark & Robert (6) |
| 5 Elvis & Peter (8) | 15 Ronan & Paul (7) | 25 Emma & Jack (8) |
| 6 Judy & Steve (5) | 16 Henry & Kay (7) | 26 Emma & Shane (6) |
| 7 Dawn & Malcolm (6) | 17 Arthur & Graham (7) | 27 Evelyn & Mark (5) |
| 8 Cathy & Morgan (7) | 18 Antonia & Nicole (6) | |
| 9 Henry & Mel (6) | 19 Iris & Rupert (7) | |
| 10 Corinne & Hugh (5) | 20 Jack & Matthew (6) | |

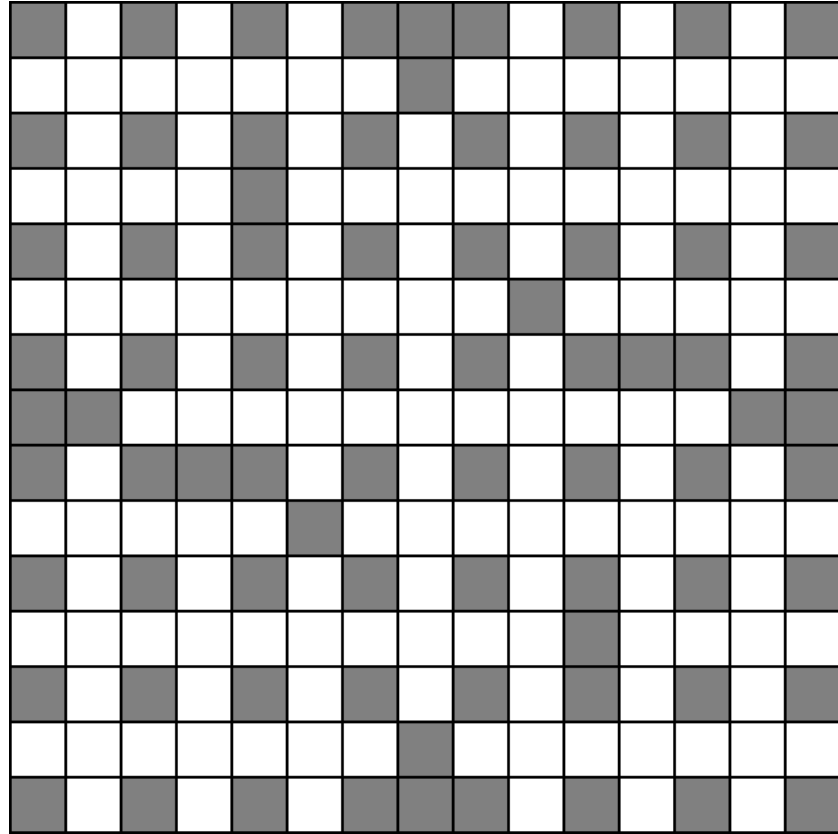


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Reverse AJ by Valkyrie

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

This puzzle is not solvable using ACCOLADE.



- A** Animal stuffing was soft all round (5)
- B** Middle Eastern allegory first lost the French? No! (4)
- C** Faithful are assembled – record with one hundred followers (9)
- D** Dismissed newspaper editor extremely offended (8)
- E** Animal team amended to accommodate an Englishman (7)
- F** Small explosion hampered king's evidence (5)
- G** An outer position, stabilising projection requires energy and length say (4,3)
- H** Bond villain had grand leading lady replaced by church singer from Europe (9)
- I** Half of cabinet, perhaps, used for clothing (4)
- J** Officer is cut down, not one hospital in sight, crowd recoils (3,3)
- K** All, bar this, depicts mundane reality of life? (7,4)
- L** Only one person was affected as a result of late inclusion in urinal scheme (10)
- M** Pruned nut found on road (7)
- N** Segregation speech underwent change of direction after one slur at the beginning (9)
- O** Game tip-off swindle (6)
- P** To build too much e-love proved calamitous (11)
- Q** Divorce perhaps in Iraq, a Latin reversion (5)
- R** Odysseus, over wandering, welcomed happy retirement (7)
- S** Fruit juice popular with some of escorts (10)
- T** Pulse starts from heart: accelerated rate indicates circumstances of tension (7)
- U** Submit gold presentation in an artistic manner (7)
- V** Bowler, from Western end of Pakistan, lived to swing (5,3)
- W** Prophesised warning was rejected (7)
- X** Utopia is going without drug? Bull! An absurdity! (7)
- Y** Cup year in trouble concerning finances (9)
- Z** Extreme characters were supporters for head stone (5)