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Authority of general usage, or even of the usage of great writers, is not absolute in language. There is a misuse of words which can be justified by no authority, however great, and *by no usage however general*. Richard Grant White, 1870, *Words and their Uses, Past and Present*, p14.

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In the last edition of *Crozworld* we mentioned a new TV quiz program to be aired on SBS later this year. SBS and Shine Australia are producing a local version of the internationally successful quiz program, *Des chiffres et des lettres* or *Countdown* as it's known in the UK. *Letters And Numbers* is a daily quiz show, in which two contestants face numerical challenges and word games, each competing against the other and the clock for the chance to return the following day as champion. The Australian version will be presented by the well-known television presenter Richard Morecroft and co-hosted by mathematic genius Lily Serna. If you like to register your interest in being on the program see the details on p9. Would you like to be in the audience for this program? If so, Please contact the Audience Coordinator to book your tickets on (03) 9524 2518 or visit: lettersandnumbersaudience@shineaustralia.com

Admission is by pre-booking only & tickets are free. ABC Studios, 8 Gordon Street Elsternwick Vic 3185. The studio is warm & within walking distance from Elsternwick (Vic) Station. Refreshments will be provided. See p6 for dates and times. Seats are limited so book early! You are welcome to attend more than one session. www.sbs.com.au/lettersandnumbers August recording sessions will be released in mid July 2010.

Our masterly Puzzle set-up person, **Ian Williams**, has again selected a challenging set of excellent puzzles and quizzes for you this month. Perennial favourites like *The Eager Beaver*, *Jesso* and *InGrid* are there for your ongoing enjoyment plus a skilful offering from *Betelgeuse* with an AJ and Australia's best Ximenean *Praxis* with a challenging cryptic in Slot 5. In the Slot 6 puzzle we welcome a new compiler *The EmCee* with a Thematic crossword. In the Slot 7 spot with an excellent cryptic is the venerable *dB* who has titled his cryptic TLS. In addition we have quizzes from *Virgo* and *The Eager Beaver*. On p16 we publish the results of the Clue Writing Competition and a message from the Adjudicator Steve Trollope. Best of Luck with your solving. —Patrick

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Many thanks for the cards and warm wishes. It makes the task very enjoyable. A well-received set of puzzles this month, with many favourable remarks for our two new setters, *Whynot?* and *Kaiela*. Well done; keep them coming. Some new words for us, and I hope you have managed to include a 'ratoo' or two in your conversation recently. A high standard, very few errors, and I am glad to say hardly any blank squares. Just a couple in Slot 1, 26dn, TOD. It is so easy to miss one square in those sneaky little three letter words, as I know to my cost. A few rather inventive words appeared. If you have to resort to entering a strange word your dictionary has never heard of, it is a pretty good sign that something else is incorrect, so do go over the checked squares.

Slot 1: FLOUSES caught quite a few, and a couple of blanks in 26dn, TOD. Other small problems, 1ac RETURN resulting in 7dn, UPSWAIN.

Slot 2: 27dn was the main problem here with ROUE for RAKE. So far I haven't found one in my garden shed. Also 22ac NODULATE, and 20dn OVERHEAD, OVERLORD and 7dn POSTCODE, BOLTHOLE. 14ac THE FLOOR, could be a story there! A few others.

Slot 3: 28ac caught a few. EXPRESSOS does not fit the clue for 'directions'. 27ac YELLS incorrect, the old=YE, records=LPS. SHOPPED for 15ac, and STREET DOOR for 3dn, TRAIPISE for 14ac.

Slot 4: Most members realised that QUININE and TURNKEY were interchangeable, and did not fall into the trap. A couple of RUINS, a few careless errors, EMPHASISD, UNSEEM. FINGERWIDTH gave me a smile.

Slot 5: Again a few careless errors, BREAK OF DYY, EIGHL LAHS, LIFE(LINE), FREE MEAT for FINE TRADE was inventive, but sorry, not correct. Overall a very good success rate.

COTM: 36 members nominated 23 clues, with slots 2 and 3 being the most popular with 14 clues between them being chosen. Slot 5 had two clues nominated, STAR TURN (M) and ROCK BOTTOM (F), which gained 5 votes, but the winner with 7 votes was Slot 2, 1ac, INFORMATION. Congratulations *Whynot?* (Tony Dobe)

Note: Please allow sufficient time for mail delivery. A few entries last month arrived after the closing date; next day delivery cannot be guaranteed for outlying areas. —Betty Siegman

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	114	113	114	110	102	553
Correct entries	92	92	92	90	87	453
Success rate (%)	80.9	81.6	80.9	81.8	85.3	81.9
Prizewinners	K Watt P Mercer	M Dennis R Dorrell	I McKenzie R Ducker	I MacDougall	G Cole J Barbour	from 118 members

Prizewinner: June 2010 Slots 1-5: Joan Smith

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Jun 1-2010

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Jun 2-2010

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Jun 4-2010

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May 6-2010

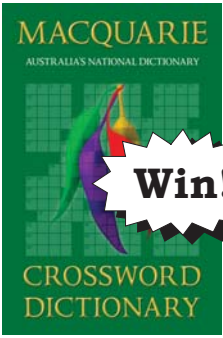
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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR MAY 6 & JUNE 2010 Slots 1-5

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ANNAND H
AUSTIN A
BALNAVES J
BANKS M
BARBOUR J
BARNES J
BARRETT A
BENNETT B
BENNETT D
BRYANT R
BUTLER D
CAINE R
CALLAN A&D
CAMPBELL G
CHAMPION G
CHANCE C
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COLE G
COLGAN L
COPLAND F
COWAN M
CROMER H
DAVIS K
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DE GRYS A
DENNIS M
DINHAM V
DOBELE T
DORRELL R
DUCKER R
EGGLETON B
FOWLER J
FREELAND J
FREEMAN H
GALBREATH M
GALLI M
GARDINER R
GARNER P

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GRAINGER D
GREENBERGER O
HAGAN B
HAMBLING C
HANNOUSH J
HARPER K
HAZELL N
HEATH P
HEENAN C
HEMSLEY D
HOCKING A
HORAN P
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JENKINS J
JERMY A
JONES C
JONES D
KENNEDY D
KENNEDY M
KNIGHT S
KNIGHT V
LEEDS G
LLOYD G
LOBSEY V
LORD P
McADOO G
McCLELLAND C
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McGRATH J
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SIMONS A
SMITH J
SPICER L
STANDARD J
STEINBERGER M
STOCKS J
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SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
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TOFONI B
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J U L Y 2 0 1 0 S L O T 1
Half 'n Half by The Eager Beaver
Prizes: \$50  Win! CROSSWORD DICTIONARY [2007 edn]

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Across

- 1 Document holder for a concise procedure (9)
- 6 Explosive dessert, I hear (5)
- 9 The mystic hid whilst I swam intently (5)
- 10 Confused Electric Light Orchestra in a daze of sufferance (9)
- 11 Growth quantity of a single deposit (4,3)
- 12 Serene expanse of salt water (7)
- 13 Mild reprimand could upset your watch? (4,2,3,5)
- 18 Completely engrossed in baring arms? (2,2,4,6)
- 22 A damaged asterid caused angry invectives (7)
- 24 A beguiler can recite backwards about noon (7)
- 26 South America, Sweden, South Africa, France, Romania and Sicily originally claimed the laurel tree (9)
- 27 On and on I muddle, searching for something edible (5)
- 28 Crannies' partners in the corners (5)
- 29 Prestige disappears when countenance is misplaced (5,4)

Down

- 1 Mythical serpent (8)
- 2 Embrace (5)
- 3 Soars alone (5,4)
- 4 Undertake (7)
- 5 Obscure (7)
- 6 Relating to atmospheric pressure (5)
- 7 Declaration of intentions (9)
- 8 Need (6)
- 14 Strives for (7,2)
- 15 Clamour (3)
- 16 Connections (9)
- 17 Draw together (8)
- 19 Nare (7)
- 20 Philosophic doubt (7)
- 21 Decoction (6)
- 23 Tipples (5)
- 25 Porcelain (5)

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 Closing mail date: Friday 13 August 2010.

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Cryptic by Jesso



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Across

- 1 South American liberator in the money (7)
- 5 Pelts with hot condiments (7)
- 9 Unreachableness. It is in a bicycle's construction (15)
- 10 Which place, say, may start after auction? (5)
- 11 Used old woman and soldier in town (9)
- 12 English hung out criminal French Protestant (8)
- 14 Russian water-craft? (3,3)
- 16 Two performers party around university (3)
- 18 Sell on end (6)
- 20 Game to throw a drink (3,5)
- 23 Put hose in the wrong way — in trouble! (2,3,4)
- 25 Existed around about gulf desert (5)
- 27 Dine out, finish with lobster and yabbie heads uncertainly (15)
- 28 Subject not all men work (7)
- 29 Note placard has no old racing expert (7)


Down

- 1 Vessels to equip in Bahamas (5)
- 2 First player to land in window (9)

- 3 Six arrive without their leader ... a nobleman (7)
- 4 Got up club for timber (8)
- 5 Junior raised backing on island to northeast (6)
- 6 Oh, please, the ripe sort (7)
- 7 Looking upon English philosophical principle at midnight (5)
- 8 Evading duty, young detective's in for the high jump? (9)
- 12 Agricultural chemical plant that's taking in detectives (9)
- 13 Pull fishing-line up (3)
- 15 Smart set troubled by the writer closest (9)
- 17 Finish the news, suffering with thrombosis initially (3,5)
- 19 Train that's somehow producing torpor (7)
- 21 Browning item, plus man's translation (7)
- 22 Call a facetiously-named opera discordant? (6)
- 24 Draws level with detective inside and takes over the bar (5)
- 26 Russian aristocrat's son starts to arm revolutionaries (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you – what a thrill to win 1-5. Also Thank you Patrick for last month's "Originals" – very entertaining and comparing the first Magazine to today's shows the change 20 years can make. Thought of the originals who have died or fallen by the wayside and of how many new members there are. Will now check out this month's. *Margaret Pyc*
- Many thanks for my Slot 5 prize in June. The dictionary is a perfect size to take on my holiday to Italy later this month. *Alison Shield*
- Thank you Patrick and the Club very much for the cheque I received for May Slot 3. A lovely surprise indeed! *Robyn Caine*
- Many thanks for cards and phone calls on the occasion of our recent Golden Wedding Anniversary. Some of us go back a long way, and what a journey we've had. I love this Club; it's so friendly. *Carole Noble*
- I was thrilled to receive two prizes in the mail! A big thank you! I've already made use of the dictionary and spent some of my prize-money on a bigger tub to hold my growing pile of reference books. *Anne Simons*
- A really enjoyable group of crosswords this month. *Hilary Cromer*
- It is always a thrill to have 5 dots, but to win the prize is an even bigger thrill. Thank you. *Margaret Pyc*
- Good to see some new setters. I thought *Kaiela's* puzzle was good and fair, and enjoyed most of the *Whynot?* Clues, giving my COTM to INFORMATION. *Shirl O'Brien*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">InGrid</h2>


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Across

- 1 Nobleman wore wrong name tag (7)
- 5 Gears church to deal with trash (6)
- 9 Deranged bloke in charge (5)
- 11 Find record finished (8)
- 13 Stop talk about pressure (6)
- 14 Young louse got back in the can (3)
- 15 Way to tear a ribbon (5)
- 16 Bottle top for drink with the tenor (4)
- 17 Perfect the thought left behind (5)
- 18 Blood-sucking soldier will pose for one cent (9)
- 22 Overly large implement (4)
- 23 Draw a small ship (6)
- 26 Mentions the view, apparently (5)
- 27 Note toy from Arkansas (6)
- 30 Formal power at the limit (4)
- 32 Foolishly presented lethal USA proboscises (9)
- 34 Fever after being very faint (5)
- 35 Tart using common narcotic (4)
- 36 Shut in old tavern after getting note back (5)
- 39 Leading one into keg is a rogue (3)
- 40 Boring speaker missed the point to pass on to the nitwit (6)
- 41 Oil plant is all about a better year (8)
- 42 Laughter of large parent at a game (5)
- 43 Plants found over Saturn (6)
- 44 Spoke disrespectfully about uranium being neglected (7)

Down

- 1 Thought on and made peace over time (9)
- 2 Good points at work over by secret police (7)
- 3 Article on soon (4)
- 4 Rotten mess that is over being sick (6)
- 5 Bird fruit (4)
- 6 Drug of choice to get you high (7)
- 7 Hint that you will sue over horse on the road (7)
- 8 Shot elephant to bits at this pub (5)
- 10 Skill at travelling some of the way backwards (3)
- 12 Summons majority of city to Alabama (5)
- 19 Capital account of credit ace (5)
- 20 cold suit misinterpreted as stress (5)
- 21 Child is a girl (5)
- 24 Justify a former patent (7)
- 25 Nymph actor gets a brittle notice (9)
- 28 Hen made from a straw plait (7)
- 29 High tea served on high (7)
- 31 Frame aliens for fraudulent schemes (7)
- 33 Plot in brother's heart a study (6)
- 34 Avoid, without sloth, god's drink (5)
- 37 Complaints about normal loss of birds (4)
- 38 Sleeve for a gun (3)
- 39 Silo made to hold fluids (4)


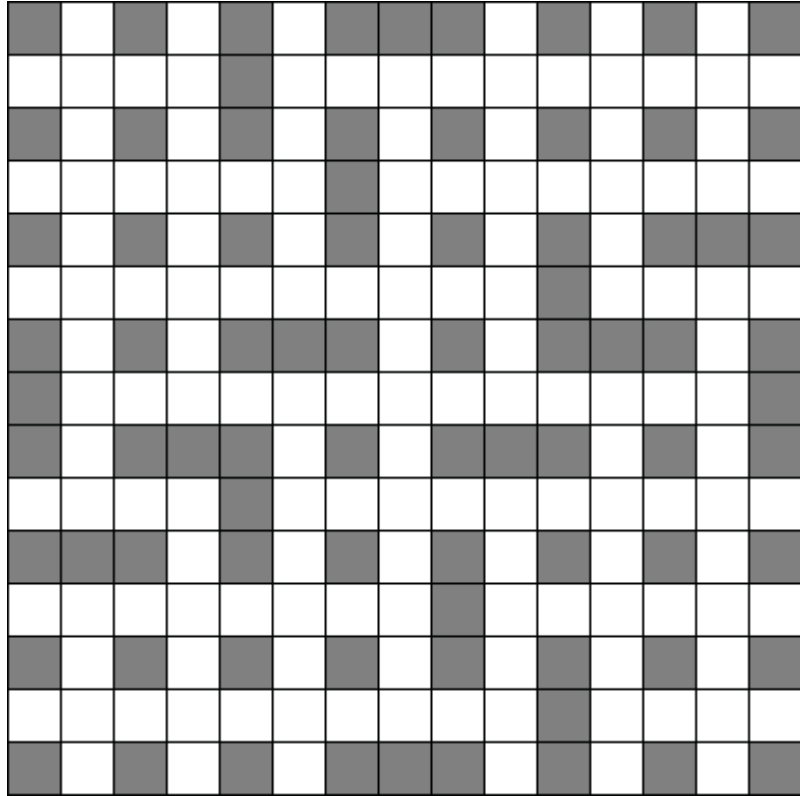
GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd from p4):

- A very straightforward collection. My only hiccup was putting QUININE in the wrong place for a start in Slot 4. The new setters were very fair. *Bob Hagan*
- I would like to thank the club for my book prize last month the *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*. What a terrific prize and I'm sure it will come in very useful. *Marian Procter*
- A very enjoyable, interesting bunch of puzzles. *Phyl Heath*
- Many thanks for my book prize for last month – a delightful surprise. *Margaret Steinberger*
- I have had an enjoyable month – my cheque for May Slot 2 arrived before I realised that I was a prizewinner. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Not only did my sister and I *Kaiela* (Anne Simons) both win a prize for May, but she also scored a prize for the March Slot 6, so there was much rejoicing in the family! It was so nice to share our good fortune! *Nea Storey*

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AJ
by
Betelgeuse

11th edn. 2008
rrp: \$99.95

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

- A** Pitted a long love affair against adult resistance (8)
- B** Bear with one caught in endless argument (4)
- C** Dog parasites perhaps bolt inside and flourish (8)
- D** Going down a key for the finish but make an impression about it (10)
- E** Note: fumbled chore is a cause for repetition (6)
- F** Sporting rifles lose little to unknown menders (6)
- G** Nameless raving loony, overweight, finds hypothetical source of energy (8)
- H** Holiday ends with return of river plane giving a lift from the water (8)
- I** Drains are dug up, working in red soil (4-4)
- J** Old singer gets no justice with comeback about the English orchestra (6)
- K** Torturous fake squeak adds a mood of dark uncertainty (10)
- L** A Leo mixture? Capricorn perhaps? Definitely favours one side (10)
- M** Hands you final bill (4)
- N** A new return to life? Without the French it's simple! (4)
- O** Man reversing, almost hit rock wall (10)
- P** Early European's first selection after finding drop score that's off (1-5)
- Q** Mad Estonian absorbed in a lot of paper for survey (13)
- R** Footballers largely vacant but well behaved? (4)
- S** Fish jumping on the boat, or some other means of transport (13)
- T** Fellow, after time, has to be a native of the burg (8)
- U** In turning the tarp upwards find increase in size (6)
- V** Pedestrian crossing vote initially generates fury (10)
- W** Blemishes hid from new aggravation with signs of better weather (4,6)
- X** Walk 'way in middle of greeting INXS? (6)
- Y** Boohoo when first ordered into yard work (4)
- Z** Retirement of a Latin light-weight author? (4)



New quiz show 'Letters And Numbers'



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J U L Y 2 0 1 0 S L O T 5
Cryptic by Praxis
Prizes: \$50  [2006 edn]

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One phrase is in neither of the club's references. *Webster's New World & Roget's A-Z Thesaurus* define it and it is clued so as to make the answer obvious.

Across

- 1 Son's off on a remote island hunting ... (8; two words)
- 7 ... for a Malay vessel (4)
- 10 So what tabu will become things that occupy one? (10)
- 11 Woman's about to approve call up (5)
- 12 Re element: Impedance in cold part of year? (5)
- 14 Reserved different tier in arena (8)
- 17 Tex, initially deprived, run back for milk (6)
- 18 Faculty help brought back crowning glory (6)
- 19 Man's grabbed by wild dog; the dope (6)
- 20 View shows south-east's about to get rain (6)
- 22 Trick Ben endlessly; the chump! (6)
- 24 Fodder is turned over and left a time (6)
- 27 Play golf wary of a predator (8; two words) (8)
- 29 Silver one's popular once more (5)
- 30 Check if trains beginning to vibrate rail (5)
- 31 No new cloth? It just won't do! (10; hyphenated)
- 32 Relative has time to stay (4)
- 33 Man chased dog to find rock strata had outcropped (8)

Down

- 1 Make withdrawal with royal banker (4)
- 2 Writing the book I name names (10)
- 3 More than one student crams anyway? (5)
- 4 Spenser's 'queene' sees aged engulfed in wild fire (6)
- 5 One cut included university's Roman room (6)
- 6 Enid modelled after artist showered (6)
- 7 Detach Italian flower popular with swell (8; two words)
- 8 Enough to cover the little guy with nothing? (5; two words)
- 9 Flatline while the old hold back crowds (8)
- 13 PLO carnage destroyed transporter (10; two words)
- 15 Europeans see short Sanskrit verses first (8)
- 16 Visionary's pattern is ahead of time (8)
- 21 A type of sleep came over spies in Offa's kingdom (6)
- 22 Snakes come around this way to get crows (6)
- 23 Greek poet in cathedral city's about to rest (6)
- 25 Partners after grazing land with slopes (5)
- 26 Vi got work with German physicist (5)
- 28 D-dwarf rose and left (4)

Excerpts from *READING THE OED* by Ammon Shea (text supplied courtesy Merv Collins)

- **Accismus** (n.) *An insincere refusal of a thing that is desired.* As in: "No please, I really would like for you to have the last donut."
- **Advocitate** (v.) *To call upon frequently.* The secret and inescapable fear of unstudied schoolchildren the world over— that they will be advocitated.
- **Balter** (v.) *To dance clumsily.* It's nice to find a word I can use to explain why I've always hated to dance. I'm a balterer.
- **Consenescence** (n.) *"Growing old together; general decay."* Perhaps it was unintentional, but it is nonetheless humorous that the *OED's* editors saw fit to include the notions of decaying and growing old together in the same entry.
- **Dapocaginous** (adj.) *Having a narrow heart.* A somewhat literary insult rather than a medical term, *dapocaginous* goes nicely with *pusillanimous* (which comes from the Latin words for "narrow" and "soul").
- **Finifugal** (adj.) *Shunning the end of anything.* Many things in life deserve being finifugal about: the last twenty pages of a good book, a special meal that someone has just spent hours preparing for you, a slow walk in a light rain. Also see: *indesinece*.
- **Indesinece** (n.) *Want of a proper ending.* One of the things I find nice about reading the dictionary is that I always know what the ending will be, and I've yet to be unsatisfied with it. I believe this word is referring more to a sense of ending as in "never-ending" rather than "crap-Hollywood-movie type of ending", but it's not entirely clear.

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Thematic by *The EmCee*



Six clues have a similar theme and are not defined

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Across

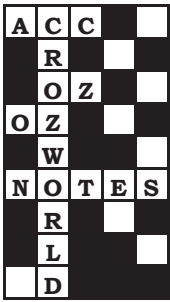
- 1 Two ladies knitting together (7)
- 4 Kayakers by the sound of it (7)
- 9 A popular supporter with an attempt to become foot soldier (8)
- 10 The mini-model lost a lot of weight - became a puny specimen (6)
- 11 Renford or O'Connor unable to manage the highest part... (7)
- 13 ...and Rae must change her faculty for discriminating pitch... (3)
- 14 ...on an instrument the Cockney called a tramp! (4)
- 15 Keating owned much, including a robe (4)
- 17 Employing, certainly, but mostly confusing (5)
- 18 A recurring theme conditionally follows the French word (5)
- 20 Expels from the tournaments without justice (5)
- 23 Modern Sheila, looks elegant and a thousand bucks (5)
- 26 Stop the aural misery (4)
- 28 The unarticulated notes are an insult (4)
- 29 Content I'd included the tyrant (3)
- 30 Village up Canberra way where the spoon bender stood beside the unfinished tapestry (7)
- 31 The temp, loyal to the company, has to hire staff (6)
- 32 Everything comprehensible? No worries! (3,5)
- 33 The settler reorganised support (7)
- 34 The double reed plays the opposite of 11 with nothing on (7)

Down

- 1 First a celestial light show then we heard a truck and a single poet! (7,8)
- 2 The very loud South African and little Ronald developed a crocus (7)
- 3 Rubbishes families to pigs - and epistles to Kiwis! (7)
- 5 In form while performing aria (2,4)
- 6 Almost sounds like everybody loves him on TV - and the clothes he wears (7)
- 7 Disoriented brewers in a fry up (6,5,4)
- 8 Mrs Bucket and the Scotsman - aw, that's enough! (8,5)
- 12 Half the jungle drum announced the piper's son (3)
- 16 Wrongdoing or evil initially lead to wretchedness (3)
- 19 Up the pole or gone to the highest degree (3)
- 21 Pip slew, swinging part of the flail (7)
- 22 So uncle held a worthless coin? (3)
- 24 Everyone returns, following the centre (7)
- 25 Medicinal aid made the cop able (7)
- 27 Sounds like Plymouth's football team have their own tartan! (6)

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CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2010: Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held at noon on Sunday 25 July at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy. The Dining Room does not usually open on Sundays, but we persuaded them to open specially for us if we can guarantee at least 30 persons. So we need your support for this function. We already have quite a few attending, including members from interstate: we need quite a few more. Help! Please. We have organised an excellent lunch:

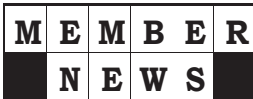
tasty savouries on arrival, a choice of three delectable main courses and a selection of three desserts followed by coffee/tea. All this for only \$35 per head. Some wine – Red and white – will be provided too. And you can purchase all sorts of drinks from the bar at very reasonable prices. Pay on the day. Bookings and enquiries to Patrick Street, ph (03) 9347 1216 or email: pstreet@bigpond.net.au anytime now please. There will be an exciting Crossword, a Quiz and plenty of prizes! Not to mention a lovely warming open fire. Come along and join in the merriment! We look forward to renewing acquaintances!

Results of the Bonus Quiz: April 2010. Musicals by The Busybodies (Bev Cockburn and Carole Noble).

Answers: 1 A Chorus Line 2 A Little Night Music 3 Anything Goes 4 Carousel 5 Funny Girl 6 Guys and Dolls 7 Hello Dolly 8 How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying 9 Kismet 10 Kiss me Kate 11 Les Miserables 12 Mamma Mia 13 Man of La Mancha 14 Miss Saigon 15 My Fair Lady 16 Phantom of the Opera 17 Show Boat 18 South Pacific 19 Sunset Boulevard 20 Sweeney Todd 21 Sweet Charity 22 The King and I 23 The Lion King 24 The Sound of Music 25 The Wizard of Oz. **Winner: Bertha Foott.**

2010 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!


The ACC's **Annual Get-Together** will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's new 'Gastropub' *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on **Sunday 28 November 2010** commencing at 11:30am. William says: "The year 2010 sees the hotel celebrate its 122nd birthday, and purchase by Australia's first fifth-generation hotelkeeper, William Ryan. Built in 1888 and opened as the 'Centennial Hotel', the hotel changed its name in 1903 to the 'Lillie Bridge Hotel' because of the Lillie Bridge carnival grounds opposite. The carnival grounds were on the site of the current race track, which was formerly known as Forest Lodge. The grounds were leased, and then sold, to the NSW Trotting Club in 1911 and became known as 'Epping' until in 1929, when, due to the confusion of the name with the well-known Sydney suburb, it was renamed Harold Park after the imported trotter *Childe Harold* – one of the great progenitors of the stock of the early night trotting days. The original hotel, a magnificent three-story structure, was destroyed by fire in 1959. During the 60s and 70s, the hotel was known as a place where one could be heard: Politics in Pub and Poets in the Pub were regular events. It was Sydney's Home of Comedy for most of the 80s and 90s. Extensive renovations were undertaken early this century and the current building reopened in 2007. It has three bars and an outstanding private dining room, *The Dash Bar*. It will be just perfect for the ACC's Get-Together in November. As before, we will offer an extensive menu, \$8-\$10 entrees, \$12-\$19 mains with drinks at bar prices. Members can pay as they go on the day. The kitchen is twice the size of my previous hotel, so the more the merrier!" There will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? We will have some prizes to give away and there will be a fascinating Quiz. Looking forward to meeting up again. Make a note in your Diary now!



Puzzle adjustment:

Dave Parsons gained a dot for Slot 3 May 2010.

Note: Ian Williams has been delighted with the response to his AJ plea in the last issue of *Crozworld* and we are now set up for the rest of the year, for which thanks go to our compilers. However, slots 5, 6 and 7 are still suffering from a minor shortage, which won't enable him provide the necessary variety in the months ahead.



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Are you fanatical about figures and fancy a word or 2? If you excel at anagrams and mental arithmetic, we invite you to become part of our equation. Contestants will pit their lexical dexterity and numerical agility against each other and the clock. To register your interest, please log on to sbs.com.au/lettersandnumbers

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

metafiction *n.* a kind of fiction which self-consciously comments on its own fictional status.

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July 2010 Bonus Quiz

The A to Z of Trees by The Eager Beaver.

The word "tree" has been omitted from some answers, where in the familiar form it may be expected. Send your entries to Bev Cockburn 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160. e-mail to bevco4@bigpond.com Closing mail date: 13 August 2010. Book prize.

- A** Well-known skiing destination (5)
- B** A rod for punishment (5)
- C** An old joke (8)
- D** Canine timber (7)
- E** Homogenised honey (3)
- F** Sounds like an animal's coat (3)
- G** Not for chewing (3)
- H** Girl's name (5)
- I** Evil exile holds answer (4)
- J** Traitor! (5)
- K** Ancient NZ specimen (5)
- L** Victor's crown (6)
- M** Its syrup is delicious (5)
- N** Christian name of NZ mystery writer (5)
- O** Popeye's girlfriend (5)
- P** It sounds ordinary (5)
- Q** Abbreviated question and ongoing path meld (8)
- R** Caoutchouc supplier (6)
- S** Neat, dapper (6)
- T** Kate misbehaves (4)
- U** Seasonal protection (8)
- V** A superficial lustre (7)
- W** A sporting implement (6)
- X** A bedecked annual (4)
- Y** You may have heard of it (3)
- Z** Found in the pizza man's order (5)

June 1-2010: Half 'n Half by *Timid Terrier* (Joan Smith)

- Thanks Joan for your testing Slot 1 puzzle. In 46ac RIBOSE is defined as an 'aldose' sugar. Both 'aldose' and 'ketose' sugars are monosaccharides (Ref. *Webster's 3rd New International Dictionary*). *Alan Walter*
- FLOUSES, NEEP, ELEMI! Three more new words! Thanks T.T.! *Max Roddick*
- I thought 26dn was COTM worthy but . . . *Ted O'Brien*
- I've never come across FLOUSE. It's not in my dictionary! Cannot confirm RATOO, but it seems to fit the clue! *Anne Simons*
- The usual high standard from *The Terrier*. FLOUSES and RATOO were new to me. *Peter Dearie*
- Not sure of 1dn. Intrigued to see the answer. *Lynne Spicer*
- Re 2dn: Yes, I know 'RATOO' appears in *Chambers*, but when I lived in Fiji – admittedly over 40 years ago! – a Chieftain was always RATU! *Nea Storey*
- With both obtained and attained fitting the clue and flouses (a new word for me) this pair was my last in. *Tony Dobeles*

June 2-2010: Cryptic by *Whynot?* (Tony Dobeles)

- 13ac: 'safely train' neatly holds ELYTRA = wings. 16ac: If the answer is ADAPT+ED I can't find ADAPT as a synonym for 'cure'. 18ac: If the answer is TI+L+DE which is a 'mark' usually found on a 'letter' why is it a 'mark' found on a board? (Alan, my guess is 'keyboard': BS). Much liked 1ac 'like migrating geese' producing good oil (11) = INFORMATION. A clever clue. *Alan Walter*
- Many new humorous clues. Welcome *Whynot?* *Max Roddick*
- 11ac gets my vote for COTM. Very clever, as were many of the clues here. *Ted O'Brien*
- Most enjoyable, especially OFF STUMP. *Anne Simons*
- Thanks *Whynot?* For your puzzle. It seemed fairly straightforward, unless a booby-trap or two has been overlooked. Hope TILDE is OK for 18dn – I'm unable to work out the 'found on a board' aspect of the clue. *Peter Dearie*
- ELYTRA: a lovely new word and 28ac not sure how clue works so maybe I have wrong answer! (No, quite correct Lynne, as in 'sporadic gunfire' I would think: BS). *Lynne Spicer*
- In 14ac, not sure whether STOREY is misspelt in the clue, or E for executives is to be included in STORY. *Tony de Gryss*
- In 21dn, 'It's a pleasure' = NOT AT ALL – a rather obvious clue. Just 'a pleasure' is more ambiguous, also means NOT AT ALL but is more 'cryptic'. *Tony de Gryss*
- Some delightful clues from this new compiler! 1ac, 3dn and 4dn were all contenders for my COTM. *Nea Storey*
- Enjoyable crossword from Tony with good clues, Liked 1 and 13ac and 2 and 24dn. Not sure about SPORADIC if it is right. *Joan Smith*
- The connect between Acre and Ancient field would seem tenuous. If referring to the largely disused measurement of acres then it is hardly ancient. No doubt I have missed something patently obvious but if you need a comment to fill the magazine then here we are. *Jim Fowler*

June 3-2010: Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien)

- Very enjoyable cryptic thanks Shirl. 19dn: The hands = CREW, to eat out = S+UP giving SCREW UP = become emotionally involved. *Alan Walter*
- Shirl's goodies again! 10 and 11ac were a clever duo. *Max Roddick*
- I always enjoy Shirl's puzzles – they're honest and no nonsense. *Ted O'Brien*
- Some great clues, including COTM for OVER THE WAY. *Anne Simons*
- 16dn presumably refers to the Queensland Marsupial Tiger, first reported in 1864 and most recently in 1970. *Peter Dearie*
- A lovely puzzle. *Lynne Spicer*

- A nice puzzle from Shirl, especially liked 10, 17, 20 and 25ac. *Joan Smith*
- I thought OURSELVES very clever, and I enjoyed the definition of SCREENDOOR so much that I am giving it my vote for COTM. *Nea Storey*
- Thanks Shirl for another puzzle with exemplary surface reading and no superfluous words. I prefer "model's" in 19ac. Amongst several contenders, my favourite clue is OURSELVES. *Len Colgan*
- COTM goes to 'feet'. *Tony Dobeles*
- Dolly Dyer had me perplexed for a while. Google is a great boon to the miseducated. *Jim Fowler*

June 4-2010: AJ by *Kaiela* (Anne Simons)

- Thanks *Kaiela* for your challenging AJ. K = KNAR from reverse spelling of 'rank'. R = RU+I+NG, T = TUR(N)+KEY, S = WATCH = SWATCH-S, X=X+Y+L+EN+ES where X = vote, Y = fourth of July and L, N and S are the consonants L, EN and ES. *Alan Walter*
- Many good clues (BIRDBRAIN, OMINOUS) and, we hope, more to come. Welcome *Kaiela!* *Max Roddick*
- I am in awe of those who compile AJs. Where do they start? Clues A, J, M and V were particularly good. *Ted O'Brien*
- I enjoyed this well-clued puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- Always my favourite crossword but this one was a challenge. Took me ages to get JOcular and almost sent in the wrong answer for Ruing – phew! *Lynne Spicer*
- S is not accounted for in KNAR (RANKS up). *Tony de Gryss*
- Thank you Anne for a great puzzle. I hope you are working on more for the magazine. Among many good clues my favourites were BIRDBRAIN, HEADLONG and OMINOUS. *Joan Smith*
- A nice AJ from a new compiler. Good-o! Nice to see Jocular turn up. reminded one of the mirthful scenes with a certain Mr Garrett not so long ago. *Jim Fowler*

June 5-2010: Acrostic by *Penobscot* (Maurice Cowan)

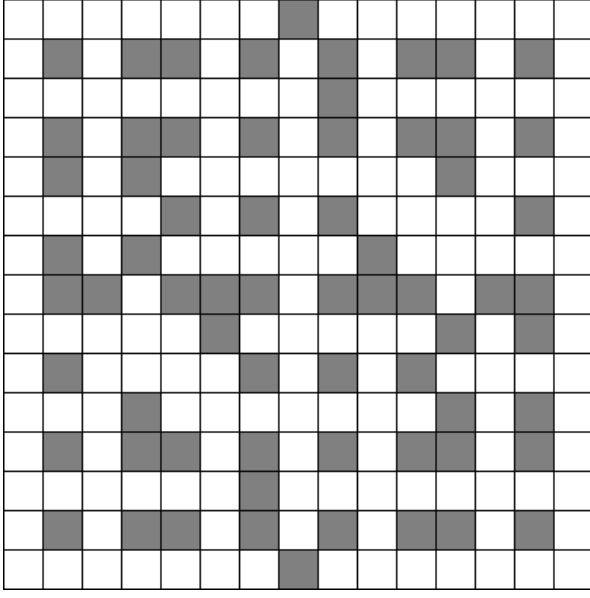
- The notations (7, 2 words), (10, 2 words), (6, 2 words), (8, 2 words) are time wasting and misleading. Better put as (7), 2 words, (10) 2 words, (6) 2 words and (8) 2 words. Much fairer if you replaced with A: (3,4), F: (4,6), G: (4,2) and M: (4,4) rather than make us guess these indicators. Q clue needs indicator (6-4). Much liked your singer *The Barber of Seville*. Thanks *Penobscot*. *Alan Walter*
- It happened that I got the last six clues first, with initial EVILLE, then wasted time seeking singers Neville, Greville etc. As they say, it happens! *Max Roddick*
- As I began putting in the grid from the clues I'd solved and came to _AH, I thought I must be wrong, but I persisted and LAH, LAH etc became obvious. *Ted O'Brien*
- Tough, needed lots of help. *Anne Simons*
- I have not grasped the meaning of the E or S clues, but the rest were fathomed with some effort. I liked the B clue in particular. *Peter Dearie*
- Slot 5 made me laugh out loud when I completed the 'EIGHT LAHS' and 'EIGHT MORE LAHS'. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Slot 5: Far too clever for me; only managed to get 10 of the answers and there were too many options to try and guess the text. *Lynne Spicer*
- Marvellous puzzle. More of same, please! *Tony de Gryss*
- Acrostics are one of my favourite puzzles and I found this very challenging. Loved the clues for ROCK BOTTOM and STAR TURN. *Joan Smith*
- I laughed out loud at the EIGHT LAHS when the penny finally dropped. Some good clues but man O man – go astray – an anatomy orgasm? A man's a man to orgy! Too many anagrams! *Doug Butler*
- I enjoyed this puzzle, thanks *Penobscot!* *Tony Dobeles*
- An enjoyable acrostic. 16 lahs eh? *Jim Fowler*

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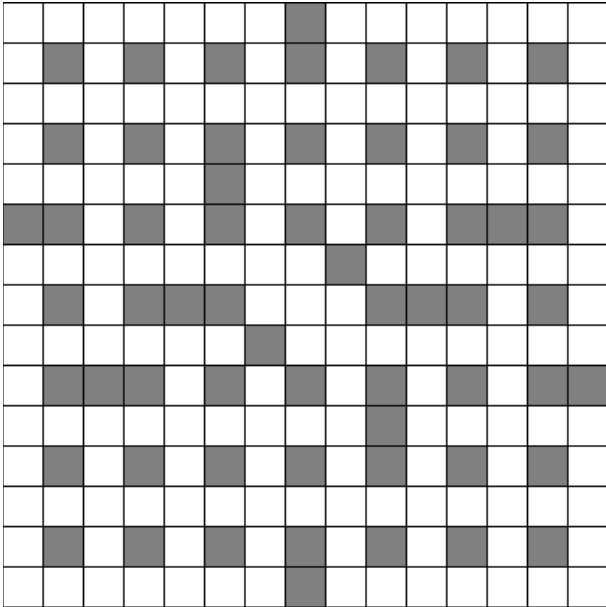
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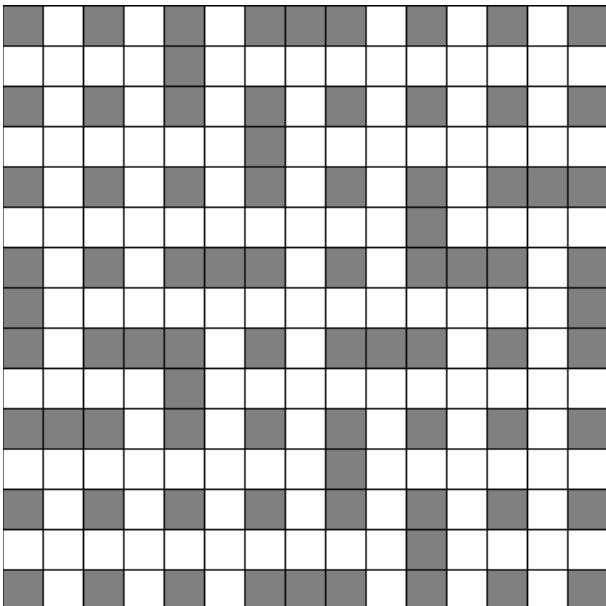
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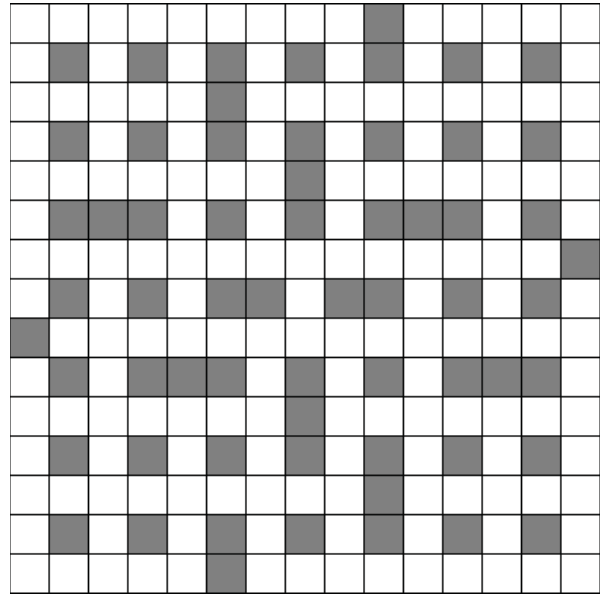
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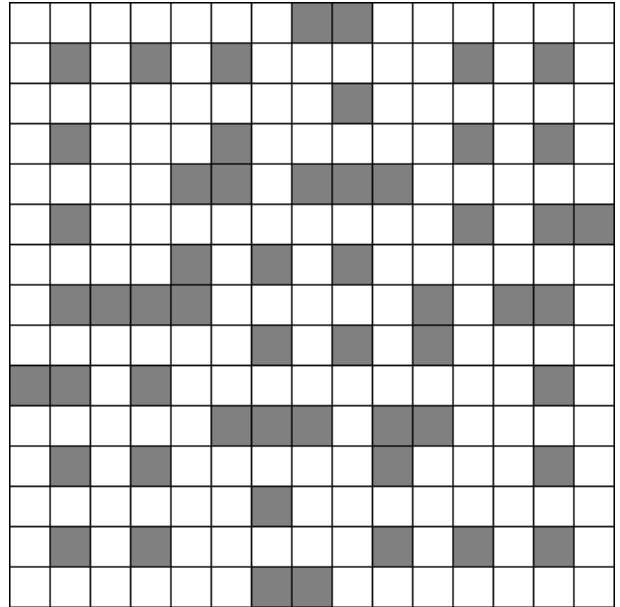
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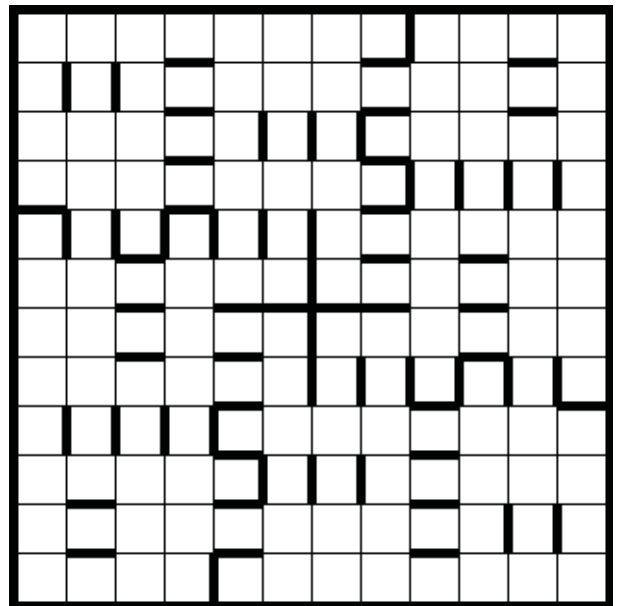
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Clue of the Month

May 6-2010: Cryptic by zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

Entries: 30. Correct: 27. Success rate: 90.0%.

Prize-winners: Ian McKenzie & Dave Parsons.

Adjudicator's Comments:

The first responses to arrive were less than flattering. They did improve over the weeks however. I admit there were a couple of curly clues but I also say that there were enough standard ones to get into the meat of the puzzle. The trick was that all across clues contained a one letter portion that wasn't indicated but was referred to in 19ac. 'Unfair' was suggested but it was pointless otherwise. (The single letters were A through L, which may have helped. Wait for my M through X version.) 2dn ORATOR created many enquiries. 'Properly speaking, one' is the definition. 'volunteers' is TA which becomes AT. 'the Men' is Other Ranks, OR. I needed two ORs - 'the Mens'. The surface suggested the loo which would've been 'men's' but the secondary indicator strictly wanted 'mens', hence the question mark. —zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

Solvers' Comments:

• A great challenge, with some things I'd never heard of but was able to confirm. It took a while to work out the theme. My favourite was MAITRE'D. Well done and may there be more.
Robyn Caine

• What an unusual and clever puzzle. 12 words following your one letter rule BUT was it your idea to mislead the solvers with the numbering? Really quite unfair! It would have been just as impressive if the information regarding the answers had been honest.
Bev Cockburn

• Brilliant puzzle with amazing use of the theme. Many clues deviously crafted. Apart from the definitive 19ac, my favourite clue is G-string. Unsure of 2dn.
Len Colgan

• At first glance I thought I'd have to give this a D Notice. A challenging puzzle and still a challenge even after the penny dropped.
Maurice Cowan

• Many thanks for a diabolical puzzle. It was hard going but getting 19ac shed a lot of light. 15dn seems to indicate GATER. 17dn is pretty impossible to solve from first principles.
Jim Fowler

• I enjoyed the twist once I worked it out.
Pat Garner

• A very challenging Slot 6 - containing a few educated, and not so educated, guesses.
Bob Hagan

• I actually made fair progress initially but was completely bamboozled by the bottom right corner, mostly because of my inability to see IOWAY instead of IOWAN. REESTY didn't help matters and it wasn't until I hit on H PYLORI that it all fell into place. TONGA made me laugh. IOWAY read a little strained.
Michael Kennedy

• What a mind bender. Felt good when I realised about the one-letter words and was feeling clever when I worked them out. I can't get my head around 2dn.
Claire McClelland

• A most enjoyable puzzle. This and your bonus no.3 last month have both been blinders.
Andrew Miles

• Obscure, unfair clues made this a chore to solve. Now I'm a G.O.W. (Grumpy Old Woman).
Carole Noble

• Tackling Zinzan's zany clues | With a dot to win or lose | With 11 across | I'm at a loss | Linear A or B to choose.
Max Roddick

• Knew something was going on with the Acrosses but didn't twig until quite late. Can't make heads nor tail of ORATOR. Oh, and I like the imagery of a man with tongs on the barbecue.
William Ryan

• Thanks for your clever puzzle. Had found a couple of the one letter words and was beginning to doubt the fairness - and then up popped 19ac and all was forgiven. Well almost! Still not certain of 2dn.
Jack Stocks

• Great idea for a puzzle. I thought

I'd be home and hosed after getting the across clue but was mystified by 2dn. I feel I can justify ORATOR but will not be surprised if there is a better answer.
Bryan Symons

• Very tricky (perhaps too tricky, not telling us about the across clues until we solved 19ac) but very enjoyable and satisfying. Great clues. I hope ORATOR is correct for 2dn.
Roy Taylor

• [Much comment on the use of ONE LETTER WORD rather than 'suffix/prefix', 'abbreviation', 'hyphenation' etc. AP.] Clue 19ac is totally unfair for a very crucial clue. 'Omitted' would be preferable to the vague 'forgot'. 10ac was your 'piece de resistance'. Whew, what a clue! In 11ac, LIB appears in the singular case. In the clue it said 'politicians' sitting around which appears as a plural. [I took LIB as the party, rather than a single member. AP.] It would have been fairer to indicate the 3 answers that were not in standard references. I assume they were F FACTOR, H PYLORI and IOWAY [They were. AP].
Alan Walter

• Congratulations on setting up a challenging puzzle.
Norman Wilson

• Very clever and great fun.
Robyn Wimbush

BUTLER'S BLOOPERS:

Doug writes: "5AN" with my cobber in the foreground needs a little explanation: This was in my early days at 5AN Brooklyn Park around 1961. The sign reads "BEFORE ENTERING THIS ENCLOSURE OPERATORS MUST ISOLATE AND EARTH MAST AT SWITCH PROVIDED IN TUNING HUT". And Ian Williams send us a Road Sign in Darwin (below).



J U L Y 2 0 1 0 S L O T 7
TLA by dB
Book Prize

All solutions are three-letter acronyms, sorted alphabetically. Fit them where you can. Not all clues are cryptic; solutions not in *Chambers* should be readily recognised by most members.

Post solution to:
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Closing mail date:
13 August 2010.

A simple broadcaster or two	
You belong to ignition switch position	
A capital performance!	
An Australian code	
A kind of nuclear power station	
Scots took Mr. Fisk's business	
Drug pronounced differently across the Atlantic	
Broadcaster was once a plum job	
Once a big Australian	
Once mini-manufacturer	
Now mini manufacturer	
(Cynically) Australian hospitality	
Short smoke for a once Australian gas company	
Indicator of domestic inflation	
Shell depleting chemical	
Chemical in living tissue and back	
Once an Australian jam maker	
There was money in this drug!	
Welder made a Russian plane	
Lightweight film-makers	
State clearly in answer	
Boss - Epicurean rival was no saint!	
Once handled Australian traffic abroad	
Persistent chemical base of much electronics	
A Middle-Eastern political foundation, sort of	
Microwave tube or bane of a girl's life	
Just the spot for a cash register!	
Thump an internee	
Pressure of clairvoyance	
Telecom organisation and button on some phones	
Plastic used for Macs	
SA car club	
Car used to form club	
He may shoot down an aircraft!	
Sad about this Christian sect!	
For a short time, a power around Sydney	
Is it a gun or a camera?	
Cry for an unfeeling man	
Network expansion of the '60s feared by the promiscuous	
Impractical 4-wheel drive	
Bill for drinks and gambling	
Almost clean up three times a day	
Nursing peak union group	
Two Scots formed this airline	
Seals work for this organisation	
Tanner's radiation	
A doctor with the UN?	
We must discourage first use of strategic weapons	

ROUGH COPY

GOOD COPY - Name

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Quiz No 7/2010

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by *Virgo*

1 Queen	—	—	14 Franz	—	—	Hilton (6,6)
2 Big	—	—	15 Hail	—	—	Long (4,7)
3 Robert	—	—	16 Russell	—	—	Virginia (6,4)
4 Desperate	—	—	17 Nigel	—	—	Rabbit (7,5)
5 Spotted	—	—	18 Cliff	—	—	Cantatas (7,4)
6 Michael	—	—	19 Ian	—	—	Hamilton (8,5)
7 Anne	—	—	20 Saint	—	—	Cobra (7,4)
8 Boy	—	—	21 Danny	—	—	Annual (6,5)
9 John	—	—	22 Bruno	—	—	Fitzgerald (6,5)
10 Flag	—	—	23 Just	—	—	Edwards (7,5)
11 John	—	—	24 Sweet	—	—	Howard (7,6)
12 Union	—	—	25 Billy	—	—	Nurse (4,4)
13 Henry	—	—				

Novelists Linkwords by *Virgo*

Find a phrase or name that links the given words making three phrases or names in all to find the names of well known novelists. Example: Saint Mary Wesley Chapel. Answers are in alphabetical order of first name.

Send your entry to Audrey Austin, 35/55 Carter Road, Nambour Queensland 4560 e-mail: audreyaustin@bigpond.com.au

Closing mail date: 13 August 2010. Book prize.

Results of Quiz No 5/2010. Letter Enclosed No 2 by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

Solutions: 1. Alan Alda, 2. Barry Gibb, 3. Dennis Quaid, 4. Edward Albee, 5. Elisabeth Shue, 6. Ethan Hawke, 7. Hal Roach, 8. Hamish Macbeth, 9. Heironymus Bosch, 10. Henry Roth, 11. Isabelle Adjani, 12. Karen Black, 13. Lucille Ball, 14. Luis Buñuel, 15. Melanie Chisholm, 16. Romy Schneider, 17. Ruby Keeler, 18. Sally Bowles, 19. Sarah Siddons, 20. Sidney Keyes, 21. Stephen Frears, Tony Bennett, 23. Vladimir Nabokov, 24. Yvonne Kenny.

Scores: **24:** W Allen, H Annand, B Cockburn, P Dearie, R Gardiner, P Garner, P Heath, V Howard, S Howells, A Jermy, C McClelland, T McPherson, A Miles, C Noble, D Procter, B Siegman, J Smith, J Standard, J Stocks, B Symons, N Storey, A Walter, C Wilcox and R Wimbush. **23.5:** B Glissan. **22.5:** H Freeman.

Prizewinner: David Procter. Congratulations!

Members' Comments:

• An eclectic mix of correspondents! *Andrew Miles*
• A few of these people were unknown to me and I had to check a couple of spellings. Just as well I Did! All in all, a very fair quiz. *Carole Noble*

• Thanks for an interesting quiz. Your love of the movies again evident. *Brian Symons*

• Thanks for the challenge; lots of fun. *Helen Annand*

• I was only able to solve eight of the answers from memory – I am hopeless with movie stars! *Halliwells* to the rescue! No. 19, Sarah Siddons, was one of those answers that you know you have heard of but just can't recall. An old *World Book Encyclopaedia* was consulted, and there she was under *History of the English Theatre*. A couple of other answers were tracked down in *The A – Z of Nearly Everything*. This left 6 answers which were found on the web. I hope you get a good response to your quiz – it was enjoyable. *Peter Dearie*

• Thanks for the quiz; something to do on a rainy morning. *Betty Siegman*

• Thanks once again for a great quiz. Always a challenge, and fun to do. Although I did have to resort to the computer at the library in Maryborough to get a few answers. Hope they are correct. *Claire McClelland*

• Thought I'd get this to you before I get stymied by slots 6 & 7. Had to look some up and enjoyed it greatly. *Robyn Wimbush*

• Enjoyed the bit of research, but what would you do without the internet! *Cheryl Wilcox*

• Thanks for the entertainment. *Jill & Jack Stocks*

• I knew only a few of these – the rest was up to Google, but I enjoyed the search. Thank you. *Valerie Howard*

• This was very interesting. I was amazed that I had never noticed some of these people's names began and ended with the same letter. *Susan Howells*

Adjudicator's comments: 26 entries, most of them correct – even

the tricky ones like Elisabeth Shue, which only trapped a couple of you. Also, Sandy Dennis was incorrect for No. 4 as well as being out of place alphabetically. It seems a lot of you went to a great deal of trouble to research the answers, and I'm sorry I couldn't give more of you a prize. To those who wished me well in my new location, Thank you. For those who envied me because of the Queensland climate, this morning I woke to 5 degrees and my blanket on the floor. I could hardly feel my hands when I started this adjudication. They have warmed up nicely now. Cheers! **Virgo (Audrey Austin)**

Bonus Quiz. Talk of the Town by *Both Sides* (Nea Storey and Anne Simons)

Adjudicator's Comments: Members found this quiz 'hard' but 'enjoyable'. (some comments appear below). Thanks go to my sister, Anne Simons, who is the other half of *Both Sides*, and provided most of the inspiration for this quiz. A common mistake was Neale for Nhill (who saw the film *The Road to Nhill?*) and a few missed Raby (floodwaters at bay in seconds). Apologies for the confusion over Gutha/Guthega. The clue requires Guthega (for example providing the EG), but Guthega is a Snowy Mountain power-station and is not listed in the Post Code Book. Only 2 people failed to find either Gutha or Guthega, so I have given a mark for either answer. **—Nea Storey**

Entries: 23. Correct: 11. Success Rate: 48%.

Winner: Doreen Jones. Congratulations!

Results: **26:** R Caine, P Dearie, P Garner, B Glissan, S Howells, D Jones, G Leeds, C McClelland, A Miles, M Steinberger and B Tofoni. **25:** W Allen, B Cockburn, G Cole, R Dorrell, R Gardiner, C Noble, D Procter and M Procter. **24:** V Howard. **23:** A Austin, B Siegman and N Wilson.

Solutions: 1 Andover 2 Bowelling 3 Cootamundra 4 Delamere 5 Exeter 6 Flinders 7 Gutha or Guthega 8 Homestead 9 Ironpot 10 Jumbuk 11 Katherine 12 Lower Light 13 Moulamein 14 Nhill 15 Ouse 16 Patchewollock 17 Quarry Hill 18 Raby 19 Silver Spur 20 Toko 21 Uxbridge 22 Vasey 23 Watchem 24 Xantippe 25 Yowie 26 Zilzie.

Members' Comments:

• Clever quiz, with an Australian flavour and some very imaginative clueing. *Bev Cockburn*

• The alpha order was what made this possible! *Pat Garner*

• Thanks to *Both Sides*. Some of these were hard to find! Bowelling and Patchewollock took what seemed like an eternity. *Andrew Miles*

• Thanks for the brain workover. *Barbara Glissan*

• I was reminded of several places I had visited when I was younger! *Audrey Austin*

• I have spent ages on your quiz though certainly an 'enjoyable' challenge, particularly D, G, H, P and R. *Graeme Cole*

• Thought some of the clues very clever. *Robyn Caine*

May 7-2010. I'm sorry, I haven't a clue by **dB** (Doug Butler)

Winner: Brian Eggleton. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's comments:

A very satisfying response to a rather difficult and esoteric Slot 7. Several murder mystery connoisseurs chose (Bundle) BRENT (of the Agatha Christie *Chimneys* novels) in lieu of E Clerihew Bentley's (Philip) TRENT for the detective/river. Laudations also to those who share my love of the BBC Radio antidote to panel games "I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue" (Radio National Tuesdays 5:30-6am) and its occasional MORNINGTON CRESCENT segment. A pity the exigencies of crossword compilation prevented exclusive use of stations on the London Underground! Perfect solutions were received from **Robyn Caine, Dave Callan, Bev Cockburn, Len Colgan, Fay Copland, Brian Eggleton, Jim Fowler, Rosemary Gardiner, David Grainger, Ann Jermy, Doreen Jones, Ian McKenzie, Paula Mercer, Andrew Miles, Carole Noble, Dave Parsons, David Procter, Marian Procter and Alan Walter**, several claiming that being a reformed Pom didn't help at all. Errors included SHELTER for CHELSEA, WRAXALL for WROXALL, CORK or ROCK for YORK and MOOR or RODE for HOVE (please pick me up if I missed something). Fortunately, my blue with Roman numerals stopped no-one getting EXETER. I could not accept an entry from Mrs Trellis of Wales as she is not a member! Special thanks to Ian Williams for not only convincing me to abandon a format that would have alienated members who were not ISIHAC fans, but also provided the rather wicked clue for MORNINGTON CRESCENT.

—dB (Doug Butler)

Solution to May Slot 7 - I'm sorry, I haven't a clue

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AxWord turns 20!

In 1990, ACC member **Doug Butler** started work on the computer program that would never win him fame or fortune. The idea grew from a book he had – *Cassell's Crossword Finisher* – some 22,000 words ordered by size and second letter. He devised a really neat way to search through them (PCs were so-o-o-o slow in those days) then trawled through his *Shorter Oxford*, one-finger typing every word, then doing it again to pick up any mitsakes. But it helped him give up smoking! Then he realised it was useful to encode the plurals so they could be selected or filtered out. Frenetic activity – devising ways to compose and print grids (not easy with DOS computers), adding famous names and places, science terms and names

from mythology. Then came his first sale – to a woman who would turn her crossword expertise into a business, then to the chap who compiled for the QANTAS in-flight magazine.

8" disks turned to 3" disks turned to CDs. DOS gave way to Windows®. One kind of search became 13 (anagram, pen-anagram, fuzzy ...). The wordlists grew from 200,000 to 800,000 and from 2 categories to 16, from 20 different references (including *Chambers, Merriam-Webster*). Doug is still typing one-finger, adding to his lexicons almost daily (latest: *silent run, taiga tick, triamble*). He never resumed smoking.

Doug doesn't want to turn the Club magazine into an advertising medium, but contact him if you want to find out more. And old customers know they can always get a complimentary update. Contact Doug at: d.butler@internode.on.net

BUTLER'S BLOOPERS: Greg McAdoo sends the top two Bloopers. The parking sign was taken at Coonabarabran. The 5CK sign had the station's channel frequency bizarrely wrong (should have read 639kHz). 89kHz is way below the European Longwave band and for which no commercial receiver is available. How was this allowed to remain? Also, Doug Butler (below) with the Fred Alwahan sculpture.



Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 3/2010.

Write a clue for POETIC (6)

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope

Definition of **poetic** from *Chambers On-line Dictionary*

- Adj**
- 1 relating or suitable to poets or poetry
 - 2 possessing grace, beauty or inspiration suggestive of poetry
 - 3 written in verse

Thirteen clues were submitted this month, as shown below. This month the winner is:

Lyrical turn of phrase, to quote short work

by **Rosemary Dorrell**.

No clue stood out in this month's entries, but Rosemary's clue is Ximenean and simple but misleads the solver due to its punctuation. I read it as 'Lyrical turn of phrase' being the definition, then, having solved CITE and OP, I wondered why I should reverse it. Rosemary has submitted clues before but this is her first win, so well done Rosemary.

For the guidelines which I have used to determine the winner see the March 2006 *Crozworld*. I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the *indication (in italics)*, then underneath I have added some comments.

"Quote procedure back" – that's not everyday language!

'Quote' is CITE and 'procedure' is OP – put them 'back' and you have POETIC, all meaning 'not everyday language'. A straightforward (or should that be straightbackward) charade type of clue.

Film includes Old English translation, primarily written in verse
'Film' is PIC with OE and T (Translation's primary letter) inserted. A container clue.

Crack pot and ice, like Homer or Byron?

'Crack' is an anagind, indicating an anagram of POT and ICE – Homer and Byron are both poets. I would have preferred a comma after 'crack', because 'crack' (cocaine), 'pot' (marijuana) and 'ice' (an amphetamine) are all names of illegal drugs. An anagram clue.

Rhymester giving orders in verse

'Rhymester' is POET and 'giving orders' is IC (in charge). A charade clue.

Some recite opening verse back in lyrical way

'Some' means that you should look for a portion of 'reCITE OPening verse', then 'back' means that you should reverse it, all leading to POETIC. A hidden word clue (and a reversal clue).

Dreamy epic to be like Homer

'Dreamy' is an anagind indicating an anagram of EPIC TO. An anagram clue.

Clerihew inventor takes exception over plagiarism – heads back for some sort of justice

Take the first letters (heads) of the first six words and reverse them (back). The definition refers to poetic justice. An initial letter clue (and a reversal clue).

Says Perce; "Obverse Erse (terse, introvert's curse) instigates words in rhyme"

Take the initial letters (instigates) of 6 words to find a word meaning 'words in rhyme'. A good attempt at using words in rhyme to mean 'words in rhyme'. However 'says' gets in the way and 'words in rhyme' leads to a noun rather than an adjective. An initial letter clue.

It is copacetic to remove sciatic pain (or reverse?)

'Pain' is an anagind, indicating an anagram of IT IS COPACETIC minus SCIATIC and the definition 'reverse' is to be read

as 're verse'. It is a point of debate as to whether it is valid in Ximenean clues to split a word in this way – consider BACKWARD as a clue for DRAW. Personally, I do not consider it fair (sorry!!). 'Copacetic' is an obscure American word of uncertain derivation meaning 'excellent'. An anagram clue.

State Registered Nurse leaves injured inspector for this kind of justice

'Injured' is an anagind for an anagram of INSPECTOR minus SRN – again the definition refers to poetic justice. An anagram clue.

Lyrical turn of phrase, to quote short work

The indication leads to CITE and OP which must be reversed (turn of phrase). An initial letter clue (and a reversal clue).

Being lyrical is integral to the ability to recite operas backwards

'Integral' means that the answer is included in the phrase 'the ability to reCITE Operas' and backwards indicates a reversal. A hidden, reversal clue.

A flower in Italy and in France I first collected was symbolic and beautiful

PO (a flower {river} in Italy) plus ET ('and' in France) plus I plus C (first letter of collected) leads to the answer. A charade clue.

TYPES OF CLUES:

ANAGRAM: The clue includes a mixture of the letters of the answer and an 'anagind' (short for 'anagram indicator'). This will be indicated by words such as drunk, crazy, repaired, broken and an almost endless list of others.

CHARADE: As in the parlour game of the same name, the answer is divided into two or more pieces and each piece is then separately defined in the correct order. The last clue in this month's list is a perfect example.

CONTAINER: The answer is indicated by two parts, one of which is to be inserted into the other.

HIDDEN: The answer is written in the clue, but is hidden inside a phrase.

INITIAL: The answer is written as the initial letters of a series of words in the clue, written in order.

REVERSAL: The answer is indicated by the clue but the result must be reversed. This type of clue is normally used in conjunction with another type of clue See the first clue as an example.

INDIRECT ANAGRAM: This is a clue where some or all of the letters of an anagram are themselves clued rather than being included in the clue. Consider "Unusually tough monster", where 'tough' leads to 'hardy' which is an anagram of 'hydra'. ACC does not permit such clues in its crosswords.

A Farewell Message from Steve Trollope:

"I have been running this competition for over five years and with a looming move to Adelaide I feel that I must call it a day. I would like to thank all those who have submitted clues, both regularly and occasionally, and to thank you all for your kind comments and well wishes. Hopefully solvers now have at least a slightly better understanding of how to read a cryptic clue. Best wishes to you all."

A Thank You note from the President:

Thank you Steve for your pioneering work in capably managing the *Clue Writing Competition* for the last five years. Your Comments and Adjudication have been special indeed and the Competition has been keenly embraced by the ACC members. And we have learned so much from your valuable cruciverbal insights. We thank you sincerely and wish you a successful transfer to the City of Churches.

And now a Request: Would anyone like to pick up Steve's baton and run with it? The Clue Writing Comp is here to stay. Contact pstreet@bigpond.net.au if you would like to take on the challenge.