



CrOZworld

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The tongue weaves for clothes; the pen tills for food.
Proverbial (Chinese)

|G|R|I|D|A|T|O|R|I|A|L|

We are looking forward to celebrating the 2008 Get-Together at William Ryan's refurbished **Cauliflower Hotel** which is situated in Waterloo, South Sydney. Many thanks to William for making his 'pride and joy' available for us to meet and discuss important things of a cruciverbal nature. It's not too late to accept the invitation. See further details on p5.

We have been delighted with the number of subscription renewals for 2009 and the generous donations made by the members. In order to maintain the high level of prizes for 2009 we need to take advantage of your generosity once again. Thank you for your kindness. We acknowledge all renewals and donations to date on p9 of *Crozworld*.

Just a reminder as to how much our tireless Committee members do for you. Bev is extremely occupied filling the roles of Secretary and Treasurer and this time of year is particularly busy for her with the incoming subs. And Ian Williams is the *Man for all Reasons* — he is the e-lodgment adjudicator, the puzzle submission person, the Forum moderator and also adjudicates his own puzzles. How he finds time to do all that and fit in the regular round of golf is beyond me. But on your behalf I would like to thank Bev and Ian for their sterling work for the ACC. It's much appreciated.

Puzzle Man extraordinary Ian Williams has furnished you with a themed and challenging array of puzzles this month. We have gems from *midships*, *Praxis*, *Timid Terrier*, *dB* and *St Jude* and *Betelgeuse* makes a welcome return with a well-crafted cryptic in Slot 6. The dynamic duo *Hot and Cold* have served up another fascinating bonus puzzle in Slot 7 and we have two Quizzes — one by our indefatigable Secretary *The Eager Beaver* and a bonus Quiz about the *Race that Stops a Nation* by *Virgo*. Plus another Clue Writing Comp adjudicated by the skilful Steve Trollope. This time Steve would like you to write a clue for *SCHOONER* (8). If you submit a clue, don't forget to include the explanation. See p16 for further details. We send our best wishes to David Fuller who has not been feeling 100% lately. Members, best of luck with your Melbourne Cup selection and Happy *Crozworlding!*
—Patrick

|F|R|O|M| |T|H|E| |A|D|J|U|D|I|C|A|T|O|R|

A small boast to begin. I think I may have broken the Adjudicator's World Record. One entry from a member who shall remain nameless had 13 errors in a single puzzle!

Slot 1 did not cause any great hassles and most solvers enjoyed a straight puzzle to start the ball rolling. The dragonfly genus (AESCHNA) took away a few dots. Both SIPHON & SYPHON were accepted for 4dn.

Slot 2 gave me and the members a few problems — mainly 4dn MAIA. So many Roman Goddesses fitted the grid (and also a few other ethnic deities) that it was decided to allow FAMA, CACA, FATA, MANA, LARA and GAIA [short for Gaia Caecilia] but not TARA [Tibetan], KAMA [Hindu] or GAEA [Greek]. DIUTURNA was also allowed instead of VICTORIA. Another common error was ISSUERS for ESQUIRE (E & S are bridge opponents and QUIRE=paper folds) and NIZAMS also caught a few.

Slot 3 was very popular and there were few mistakes, the main one being URGING or TRYING for PRYING.

Slot 4 had a few more errors. A number replaced SIDE BEAM with SIDE SEAM (these were mostly female!) and quite a few had QUATUNES for QUATENUS and XENIAL also caused some errors.

Slot 5 had fewer entries but those who realized what the theme (ACC members) represented were enthusiastic — especially if their name appeared!

There were, of course, the usual blanks, spelling errors and transcription errors. Thank you to all who wrote such nice letters and sent cards — I'm keeping these to make my Xmas display look more impressive! I hope to see you all at the November bash in Sydney.

COTM: This was really a 2-horse race between slots 2 & 3, although 4 & 5 did get some votes. *Southern Cross* ended up with a total of 22 points spread over 8 clues, but Carole *Busybody* won the day with 15 votes for 35ac ALIMONY.

—Catherine Hambling

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	112	91	113	105	95	515
Correct entries	97	58	103	82	77	417
Success rate (%)	86.6	63.7	91.2	78.1	81.9	81.0
Prizewinners	M Watzinger C Mackay-Sim	G Leeds A Meek	D Bennett C Lee	M Veress	L Waites D Hemsley	from 114 members

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**Half but
Hallowed
by
midships**

Prizes: \$50



Win!

[2007 edn]

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Across

- 7 ...of the Seaway? (8)
- 9 ...of bakers (6)
- 10 4...of authors
- 11 ...of compulsive gamblers (10)
- 12 ...of a Thames River trip? (6)
- 14 ...of the wilderness (8)
- 15 ...of Scotland (6)
- 17 ...of confessions? (6)
- 20 ...of the Veil (8)
- 22 ...of Canterbury (6)
- 23 ...of the Bogside? (10)
- 24 ...of loneliness (4)
- 25 ...of England (6)
- 26 ...of Bohemia (8)

Down

- 1 Smoke pot at the centre of Ireland (8)
- 2 Examination of reflected Polaroid (4)
- 3 Measure can give power (6)
- 4 Current male first showed the way – in handcuffs (8)
- 5 Instruments to transfer lungs perhaps (4,6)
- 6 Swarm to religion (6)
- 8 Unrefined planet unknown (6)
- 13 Dart into former land? (3,7)
- 16 Bad person may drive Leo mad (8)
- 18 Fool takes about one third of a mile to relax (2,6)
- 19 Shade beyond the railway (6)
- 21 Team is distraught, having taken Ecstasy (6)
- 22 Lady with information has things to do (6)
- 24 Restraint, we hear, may lead to fall (4)

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Closing mail date: Friday 5 December 2008.

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**Oooh,
Creepy!
by
Praxis**



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Across

- 1 Special Ops initially approves 24 (6)
- 5 Rent's withdrawn; it's for 24? (7)
- 9 Return money without the charade (8)
- 10 11's growth hormone soul destroying (6)
- 11 Faculty's back working like the devil? (5)
- 12 They whinge about treat given police (9)
- 15 9 forfeits time for direction 24? (8)
- 17 Course: milk with the French bread? (6)
- 18 Radio interference's fixed (6)
- 19 Sadly eager poet lost a pupil (8)
- 20 One study over Italian State's is just the same (9)
- 21 Dance beat has bounce (5)
- 24 Army's billeted in Grammar School; can be scary! (6)
- 26 Detective shot in the arm for plate? (8)
- 27 Position of authority; head domestic (7)
- 28 Artist enters with 5 down (6)

Down

- 2 Performed for each; favourite judged (11)
- 3 Defeat! KO'd by bash (5)
- 4 Remitted money over time (4)
- 5 24 crept about in empty site (7)
- 6 Admission; reign's over, island uprising's happening (10)
- 7 Fuel produces a soot! Nice! (9)
- 8 Sun part dries olives (3)
- 13 Pilot's confused about bird's ascent; a supernatural force? (11)
- 14 Unbeaten, a French female slaps man (10)
- 16 Nick is holding saint; they worship 11 (9)
- 19 5 down, cool guy they say (7)
- 22 Milne encapsulates male gypsy fragrance (5)
- 23 Boat's starting to settle lower (4)
- 25 Tramp detailed supernatural creature (3)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you for my September cheque; such a thrill as I found all the puzzles very hard & only managed to finish two – lovely to get a cheque for one!!! *Sally Knight*
- Please pass on my thanks for the cheque and certificate for 5 September. I also think the adjudicators do a marvellous job. *John Martin*
- I would like to add my plaudits to whoever suggested graying in the grids for the members who receive *CroZworld* electronically. It will be a big help in reducing the printing costs. *David Procter*
- A sneaky little batch this month, what with Roman goddesses, follow-on clues and answers involving club stalwarts - "sweet" indeed! Lots of opportunities to learn new words too and a few "educated" guesses to round out the answers where I wasn't entirely sure. *Kath Harper*
- How excited I was to receive the prize for slots 1-5 – my first: many thanks! *Ro Ducker*

Comment of the Month:

October slot 5: I **wood** like to take this **chance** to say I was **tickled** pink to find my name amongst so many **champion** solvers and **noble** members of our club. This puzzle was no walk down easy **street**, and **will, I am sure**, attract comments about *Virgo's* usual high **standard**. You **may** be thinking, ' **dearie** me, she **patters on**', but **pleese** just let me add ... **goodknight**. (groan). *Jan Wood*

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**Children's
Pranks
by
Timid Terrier**



Across clues are of
a type and are not
defined

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Across

- 1 Hospital let man return (9)
- 6 Joker at church (5)
- 9 Exploit a man with anger (7)
- 10 Expense you say, for me (7)
- 11 Damaged leeks to Nova Scotia (9)
- 15 Mark the first of year (5)
- 18 Good French blaze (7)
- 20 Note for compere (5)
- 22 Second fruit (5)
- 23 Story losing its last male (7)
- 24 Separate at the end of May (5)
- 27 Sable felines (5,4)
- 32 Cross-examine relatives (7)
- 33 and 34 Fake gold gift (5,2,5)
- 35 Frighten bird (9)

Down

- 1 Nettlerash disease at rest centre? (5)
- 2 Some expressing surprise at asylum meal (5)

3 Love active girl (5)

- 4 West to woo without love on Island? (5)
- 5 Insects in camps (5)
- 6 Paws scattered Society insects (5)
- 7 Blow up a hemlock spruce (5)
- 8 Spenser's careful to listen to May, not mum (5)
- 12 Initially Kangaroo Island balm eases sore chillblains (5)
- 13 Followed Native who was in front (6)
- 14 Necessary to want fuel without energy (7)
- 16 Coal-dust in a NSW town (5)
- 17 Having no angle for a turn at Nicaragua (6)
- 19 Next is in the middle of trap (5)
- 21 Invite the Maori Member of Parliament to bar (5)
- 24 Get the better of Italian bird (5)
- 25 Marie destroyed Asian shrub (5)
- 26 Member of Turkic race to talk persistently at hut without heroin (5)
- 27 Botanist to save South (5)
- 28 Soldier at Royal Academy with cavities (5)
- 29 Stab with sharp instrument (5)
- 30 Karen modified old wine measure (5)
- 31 Cheat Sabbath team (5)

2008 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN: WONDERFUL LOCATION!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's 'Gastropub' The Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo, Central Sydney on Sunday 23 November 2008 commencing at 11:30am. William says: "It is South Sydney's most famous pub, five minutes walk from Green Square Station and 10 from Central. Parking is plentiful." See what's on offer at: <http://cauliflower.com.au/> Come along and meet the team! William has assured us that his "Friendliest Pub" has a wonderful bistro with delicious meals at bargain rates and drinks at pub prices. It will be a lot of fun and we can discuss all manner of things cruciverbal! There will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have some prizes to give away together with Lucky Door prizes; and there will be a fascinating Quiz. Looking forward to meeting up again.

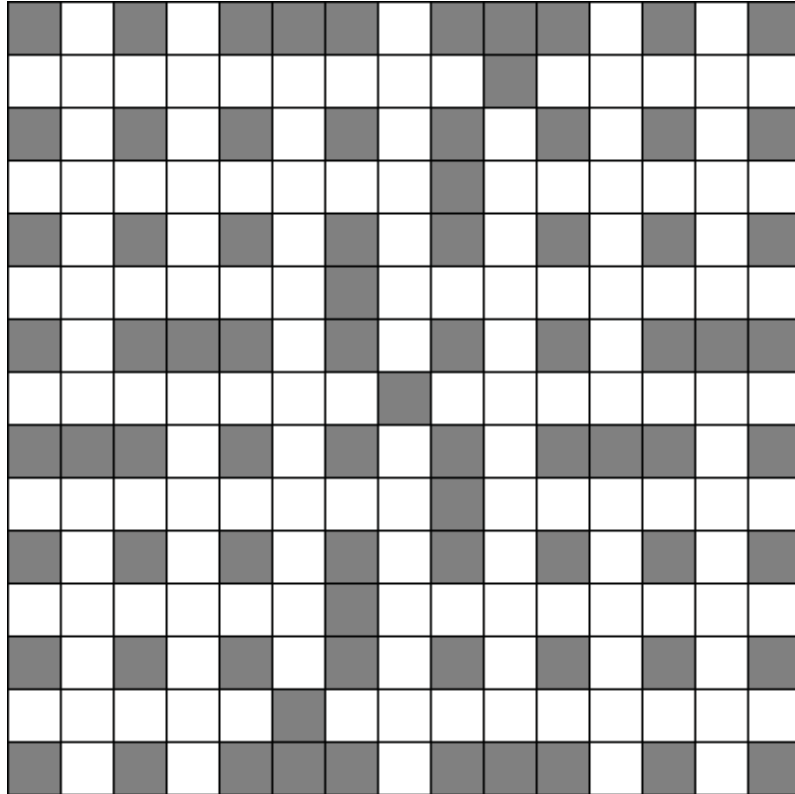


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**Scream
Gems**
by
dB

Prize:
**Chambers
Dictionary of
World History**
3rd edn.
[rrp \$79.95]

Solve the clues and place them jigsaw-wise into the puzzle where they fit



- A** Softened her with a little light (8)
- B** Make drunk – ain't I lacking equilibration all over the place? (8)
- C** Stage performer a swindle panel member adds (8)
- D** Abraham's evil batman involved in dual car crash (7)
- E** Persuasive in speech, threw in lot with Queen (8)
- F** Honest film producer, lacking ultimate goodness, that is turning into mad doctor (12)
- G** Got short walk to a horror movie (7)
- H** Bat's talon mends cat's voice we're told (8)
- I** ... demons in young Scout, I gather (6)
- J** Wicked woman gets ring from short AFL star we're told (7)
- K** A major example of thrust, perhaps a piano mechanism (3,6)
- L** One who sighs for an extended version? (6)
- M** Ill-matched in Shakespeare, Steffi told (8)
- N** Rings monsters and drag back after start of German party (6)
- O** Japanese I know as an interpreter (9)
- P** Waybread got from shrub perhaps, once upon a time (8)
- Q** Misgivings origin of quite a good deed (6)
- R** Courses like Bundaberg and Bacardi, they say (6)
- S** Rings villain, sounding grumpy over ... (6)
- T** Site of horror fiction derived from Latvian yarns (12)
- U** "Like a Virgin" – sounds like a paperback! (6)
- V** Give a flogging to Victorian plateau eruption (8)
- W** Monster seen to devour fellow (7)
- X** Centre of La Perouse in double-cross copy (5)
- Y** Swift monster found in web perhaps (5)
- Z** Monster – Rod Argent perhaps? (6)

Explanations for September Slots 6 and 7 (Thanks to Jean and Andrew)

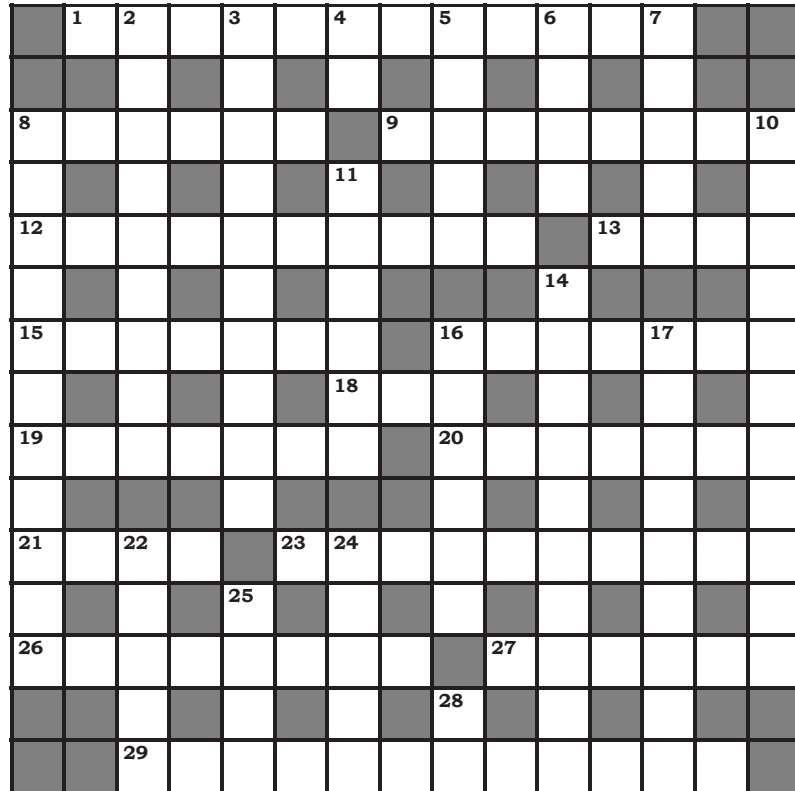
Slot 6 - Double header by InGrid. Across: 1 blind fool (dm) /vessel = boat + l. 4 be so adept (anag) girl = peri + meter. 9 in+tent+i+on/re+probate. 10 as+hen/white as a sheet. 11 bring a dud (anag)/tend=nurse + domestics=maids. 13 dm/unDESrable. 16 bridal (anag) Really/smooth=even + strain = song. 19 pre+amble/e+remit+ic. 20 tour=lap+top/principal=key+pad. 23 Read And Saw Problems/a nil (anag). 25 termitebed (anag)/certain ash (anag). 27 sculpTOR SOMETimes/c+loner. 28 purelives (anag)/neat+en+in+g. 30 sEnTrY+gloomy (anag)/chubby (anag)+ole. 31 denied-e backwards/op+era. **Down:** 1 bo+rough/ToNeD+wine (anag). 2 hoperanga (anag)/inter+lewd. 3 Ken Done/hoT WORD. 4 p+rIm+al/shyand (anag). 5 dove after ring/ six geese (anag). 6 MOre dOWN/d+ram. 7 (m)other/dm. 8 te+nancy/re+eking. 12 roomy/e+c+lair. 14 in+tern/hatman (anag). 17 deter+mine/norioharp (anag). 18 hit+her+sTONy/flame+nco. 19 err+a+tic/pan+ache. 21 di+st+end/pod+agra. 22 lit+any/letrip (anag). 24 iron+y/dm. 26 coy + p/THE ROyal. 29 EDO/lad(y).

Slot 7 - What is the answer by Zinzan. 3 letters: KIT: kit(e); **NET:** (ten) rev;**GNU:** gnu(h); **IDA:** (n)ida **4 letters: OAST:** tOtAnSiT **FLAW:** hidden; **CERT:** hidden; **FOAL:** fo(r),a,l; **6 letters: NURSED:** rev hidden; **ERENOW:** (wereon*[anag]); **WEIGHT:** w(e)ight; **PLACID:** pl,a,c(i)d; **COOPER:** co-op,(h)er; **FENNEL:** fe(nn)el; **ERODES:** (seedor)*; **LUPINE:** (neil*),up; **WICKET:** wicke(t/d); **POTATO:** (at, op<),to; **ORIENT:** or,i(e,n)t; **HEROIN:** her,oin(k); **7 letters: UNGUENT:** (tunegun)*; **HELICES:** hel(l),ices; **BESTREW:** best(c)rew; **ASUNDER:** (anursed)*; **8 letters: RICE WINE:** rice,w(h)ine; **EVENTING:** (th)e,venting; **REALISES:** re,ali(a)ses; **ENTRAILS:** ent(r)ails; **LIMA BEAN:** (iblamean)*; **NOSTRILS:** nos(e),tr(a)ils; **ANTECEDE:** H(anti-seed); **EDITABLE:** H(eddie), table.

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**Blood will
out!**
by
Betelgeuse

**Prize
\$50
x2**



Across

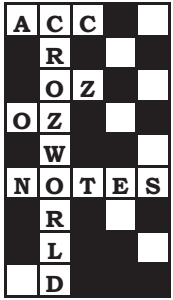
- 1 Bar service for woman receiving anonymous home for 29 (12)
- 8 Turn white, insipid when touring northern cold (6)
- 9 Arranging 29's demise with conservative input (8)
- 12 Eating habits of 29 reportedly caught with weapon unchecked? (3,2,5)
- 13 Agent for setting retro music (4)
- 15 Coin nickname for 29 starting with his modern alias (7)
- 16 Snore-like noises of foghorn give cold greeting (7)
- 18 Born mid-week, after noon (3)
- 19 Old Duke vanished inside to arrange transport obstruction to 8 down (7)
- 20 Bur gives relief (7)
- 21 Cold, well before knitting first stocking (4)
- 23 Mounts support for Scot's buy in off white (6,4)
- 26 29's passionate mark leaves no memory by the sound of it (8)
- 27 Almost short of promotion, a quick description of 29 (6)
- 29 Fictional character, Jack, possibly returns and is held in esteem by Uruguay city (5,7)

Down

- 2 Dish up drinks for one covered by fruit syrup (5,4)
- 3 Lover of late hip-hop in anger after hearing 6 (10)
- 4 and 28 Affirmation of the right time (4)
- 5 Read backwards, chapter and verse conceal a strong element of prophecy (5)
- 6 Embrace 29's ultimate target (4)
- 7 A trap at midnight not applicable to 29 (5)
- 8 Kind of relationship a source of sustenance for 29? (5,6)
- 10 29's anathema with cash for a tasty snack (6,5)
- 11 One into decomposed stuff loses turn to provide diet for 29 (6)
- 14 Clergyman in charge after news ring-in? Not according to the rules of the church (10)
- 16 Slight reference to unfulfilled opponent of 29 (6)
- 17 Material for backing is in pink, with mid-cream insert (9)
- 22 Island victor in heartless fashion relates to the city (5)
- 24 Group, cold in old lady's apparel, wins out (5)
- 25 He is almost astir (4)
- 28 See 4

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to:**

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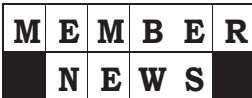
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Themed Puzzles in Crozworld:

This edition of *Crozworld* marks a departure from our normal puzzle selection. Discriminating solvers will notice that the puzzles have a common theme. Many thanks to our compilers who accepted the challenge and worked so hard to make it come about. We hope that you enjoy this collection of fascinating grids. For the traditionalists, we haven't forgotten our usual Melbourne Cup segment and you'll find plenty of challenge in Audrey's Bonus Quiz. We're looking for your feedback on the themed approach and, if you wish, we could repeat it occasionally – always assuming that our compilers are willing. Do let us know what you think of the month's offerings and let us have your ideas on other possible themes, which do not have to be topical.

Chess Moves:

Stephen Solomon (son of member and excellent solver Bev Solomon) plans to play in his No. 8 Olympiad to be held in Dresden from 12 - 25 November 2008. The URL is www.dresden2008.de/english [also, www.dresden2008.org] Chess photos can be found at: www.flickr.com/photos/closetgrandmaster/sets/ If it puts numbers in the address after sets, simply delete the numbers. On the photo page, Stephen is above the blue writing which says 2008 Australian Chess ... We send our best wishes to Stephen.



New Member: We extend a warm welcome to new member **Robert Boyall** from Mount Martha, Vic. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding*, Robert.

New book: By Val Gilbert who was crossword editor of the *Daily Telegraph*. *A Display of Lights (9): The Lives and Puzzles of The Telegraph's Six Greatest Cryptic Crossword Setters*. Now available from Amazon.

Miniquiz 10 by Ian Williams

Can you name three consecutive days (in English) without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?

Miniquiz 9 by Ian Williams:

How many "normal" ie non-technical or scientific, words can you find in the English language that contain all five vowels once each, in their proper order? I know of two. How many can you find?

Answers: abstemious and facetious. [See p16 for further details]

BONUS QUIZ

The Headless Horses by Virgo.

Each November in the Heavenly Stables, a number of Melbourne Cup Winners compete in a Commemoration Race. On one occasion there were twenty qualifiers, each of which had a name beginning with a different letter of the alphabet. But at the starting gate, they all lost their heads, became confused and bolted! Eventually the race was started, but before order was restored, the horses looked like this. Can you deduce what their names were before all the confusion? Send your entry to Audrey Austin, 24 Hempstalk Cres, Kariiong, NSW 2250. fax: 02 43402823. e-mail: ccryptic@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: 5 December 2008. Book prize.

- 1 Seine
- 2 Bad Gin
- 3 Prey on
- 4 Maxi Oz
- 5 Mousier
- 6 To Pink
- 7 Oval Oil
- 8 A Helper
- 9 Air Novel
- 10 Has a Stud
- 11 Dr Yellow
- 12 No Lard on
- 13 Suit a Son
- 14 Dig Monkey
- 15 Oft Mobile
- 16 Caring Poet
- 17 Leaner Runs
- 18 Hanged Toad
- 19 Pen Leaving
- 20 Martyr Neill

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

shypoo *n.* NZ & Aust. *colloq.* inferior alcoholic liquor. □ **shypoo shanty** (or **house** or **joint**) an establishment that sells such liquor. [ORIGIN: 19th c.: origin unknown.]

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October 1-2008: Quick by Waratah (Carole Noble)

- A nice easy intro - didn't need the dictionary at all. It's nice to have a straightforward puzzle from time to time. *Barb Ibbott*
- Good to have a simple orthodox Slot 1 - I think it's important for newer members still finding their way. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Enjoyable to have a Quick starter puzzle that is completely orthodox, thanks *Waratah*. The clue that slowed me down was 22ac Genus of dragonfly (7) = AESCHNA. *Alan Walter*
- A nice, relaxing bed-time quickie, only requiring a dictionary to check out the dragonfly genus. *Nea Storey*
- I hope both spellings of 4dn are acceptable i.e. sip, syp [see Adj comm]. 22ac was a bit hard for No1. *Ted O'Brien*
- Sorry, *Waratah*, No 1 just too easy - not cryptic. [Wasn't meant to be! CH] *Eva Seale*
- A nice gentle start to the month, though AESCHNA was a new word for me. *Margaret Davis*
- I had to consult the dictionary for 22ac but otherwise a pleasantly easy starter. *Peter Dearie*
- A nice quick appetizer to start the month. *Max Roddick*

October 2-2008: On a Roman Pedestal by The Busybodies (Bev Cockburn and Carole Noble)

- Slot 2 was not dictionary identifiable - better a slot 6 I think. *Shirl O'Brien*
- MAIA held me up for a while but there were some great clues here esp. 35ac which gained my COTM. *Ted O'Brien*
- Loved your puzzle. Some clever clues especially 35ac Split dividends after match = ALIMONY and 19dn Beneath setter is one likely to be beaten (8) = UNDER + DOG. *Alan Walter*
- A pretty difficult Slot 2. Interesting to learn that to THRUM is the devil's tattoo. *Brian Symons*
- I know Gaia/Gaea is Greek, but couldn't find a Roman goddess to fit in 4dn [see Adj comm.]. Also 5dn had me confused for a long time, as I was used to spelling ramekin not ramakin. [Me too-CH]. *Nea Storey*
- Some of the goddesses were hidden away in the clouds and took some research. I guess there may be alternatives in some answers e.g. CACA who is an obscure Roman goddess but all I could come up with. [see Adj com] *Barb Ibbott*
- I loved 35ac ALIMONY! Although Carole & I combined on this, she does the clueing - I just set the words. *Bev Cockburn*
- The internet gave MAIA as a Roman goddess (4dn). She is listed as Greek in *Macquarie* (possibly a different mythological figure). I hope no-one goes with GAIA (also Greek). [See Adj comm.] *Peter Dearie*
- Some research needed to find the Roman Goddesses. [And plenty for the Adj! CH] *Bob Hagan*
- Some good clues in this puzzle and some not so good. I particularly liked 10ac, with 'heartless drug' indicating CORE-E and 35ac was very droll. However I didn't like 23ac, not really cryptic. For 27ac: old soak = SIPE: sip+e (English) but how does 'tea in secret' contribute to the clue? ['in secret' = hidden CH]. 26dn: 'recital' is not required. RIME is a poem, so no need for homophone rhyme indication. 4dn: I first thought this would be Gaia/Gaea but she was a Greek goddess and so doesn't fit the theme so shouldn't be marked correct. Tellus is the Roman equivalent of Gaia. I found 2 Roman goddesses [What - only 2? CH] in *Wikipedia*, not previously known to me, CACA and FAMA and both fit the grid. [see Adj. comm.] *Drew Meek*
- If the interconnecting letters are right, 4dn could just as easily be FAMA the goddess of fame and scandal. I chose MANA as offerings were mentioned as being made to her (black puppies?). *Gillian Champion*

- 4dn is a guess, it's a bit hard when the only clue is a theme with no clueing and 1st letters are unchecked. *John Gillis*
- It was not too hard to find that we were looking for Roman deities. That they were all female took a little longer and the *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* does not include FLORA or POMONA in its list. *Margaret Davis*

October 3-2008: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Had to resort to Google for SIGATOKA. Clues 4dn and 16dn vied for my COTM vote. *Ted O'Brien*
- *Southern Cross* enjoyable as always. Hope BAILED is correct for 1dn. [Is-CH] *Nea Storey*
- Yet another super cryptic thanks Shirl. Particularly liked 10ac Snoopy, imploring one to leave (6) PR(A)YING - A. 25ac: Dine out with very little cash? That's outrageous! (8) giving INDE+CENT and 15dn Wood perhaps where Tiger could be spotted (4,4) = GOLF CLUB. *Alan Walter*
- The usual excellent *Southern Cross*. EDITS OUT gets my COTM. *Brian Symons*
- This was a standout, Shirl. So many sparkling clues I didn't know which to choose for COTM. *Carole Noble*
- An excellent puzzle with many good clues, in particular, 10ac, 14ac,

- 26ac and 27ac. *Drew Meek*
- There is no possible answer to 8dn other than SIGATOKA (I've been there) but I don't understand the tag "disease in bananas". Is it a banana disease or is the setter alluding to the banana republic of Fiji at present? [It is a fungal disease of bananas presumably first appearing in Fiji-CH]. *Barb Ibbott*
- As usual I enjoyed *Southern Cross's* clues. *Eva Seale*
- The usual enjoyable and challenging puzzle from SC. *Peter Dearie*
- I always have trouble deciding which of Shirl's clues deserves the COTM this time! *Margaret Davis*
- SIGATOKA was tricky. Finally found it in the *Australian Oxford*. *Max Roddick*

October 4-2008 AJ by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Great to get an AJ by *Praxis* with lots of unfamiliar words. *Brian Symons*
- Nice little trick with 28 words! I could not find QUATENUS in either dictionary recommended - only on Google. *Roy Taylor*
- The AJ was different but good, as we expect of *Praxis*. *Shirl O'Brien*
- A very challenging AJ to complete - thanks Roy. Especially VALERIANIC ACID, WASH-OIL, ZELOSO, SIDE BEAM and particularly QUATENUS which is Latin & according to the full *Oxford Dictionary* has not yet been accepted into the English language. *Alan Walter*
- Roy's double-headed answers always are a delight - maybe a nightmare at times. QUATENUS & WASH-OIL are the only answers I can find for Q & W. [Exactly right-CH]. *Ted O'Brien*
- An interesting grid for the AJ - makes a nice change. Never heard of ACHIEVEMENT AGE or VALERIANIC ACID so at least I learned something new. But should there have been some indication that the Q word was Latin? [I guess so, but Latin is probably the native tongue for *Praxis*! Oops, I think he's Greek. CH] *Margaret Davis*
- So much I didn't know before this crossword. Thanks for the learning curve, Roy. *Carole Noble*
- At first I thought I had the wrong grid as I was unable to see where 11 letter & 13 letter words would go until I twigged to the clueing. A trickier than usual AJ due to the different grid. *Barb Ibbott*
- Quite a toughie - I think the T clue should have been 'bush' rather than 'brush'. [see one of *Chambers's* meanings for 'brush' CH] *Peter Dearie*
- Didn't have a clue about the X & Z words in spite of a lot of effort. I'll be interested in the results. *Don Hemsley*

October 5-2008 Theme by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

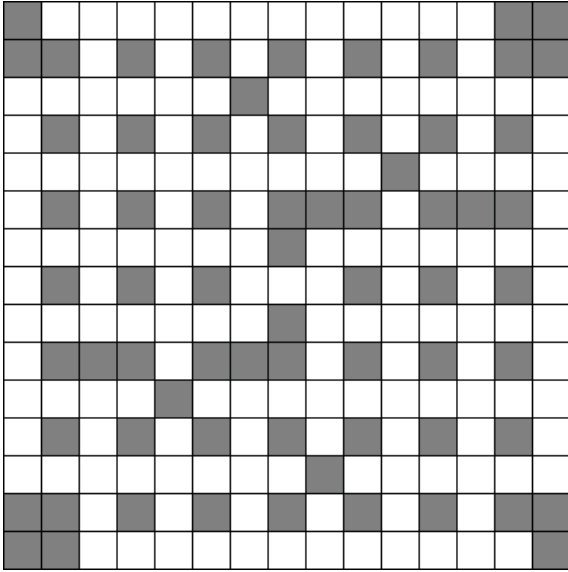
- I never really worked out the theme for this [Try ACC!] and ended up with a couple of wild guesses! *Nea Storey*
- I solved the whole puzzle without knowing the theme. Then I noticed the coincidence that DEARIE is a member. But so is Caine, Archibald ... they all are! What a coincidence. *Roy Taylor*
- What a good collection of ACC members surnames! 19ac Spike LEE: Am film actor/director 28ac Sweet Williams = flowers 33ac Blossom Dearie Am singer>1926 35ac Frank Patterson: Celtic musician with Irish Philharmonic Orchestra 30dn Gertrude STEIN (1874-1946) Am writer, STEIN = mug. *Alan Walter*
- *Virgo's* Slot 5 would be difficult for newer members as many of those names don't crop up in the Results Page, though I must say she did well to use so many in all those across clues. *Shirl O'Brien*
- A clever theme. Thanks *Virgo*. *Brian Symons*
- Very clever, Audrey, to include so many of our members in your puzzle. Since I don't read the list every month I didn't recognize some of the more unusual names. *Margaret Davis*
- *Virgo* amazes me! What a great club roll call. *Ted O'Brien*
- An excellent puzzle by Audrey to involve 18 of the Crossword Club members. *David Procter*
- Thank you for incorporating me into your puzzle. Blossom is no relation by the way! *Peter Dearie*
- What a good idea, but you should have put Atkins on a diet. [So far no one else has noticed-CH] *Carole Noble*
- A puzzle full of Crozworlders - what joy! *Barb Ibbott*
- Some good fun puzzles particularly Slot 5. [You starred in it! CH] *Robyn Caine*
- 26ac TICKLY throat or throat TICKLE? Wasn't sure until the theme dawned. Nice one Audrey! *Max Roddick*
- It took some time for the penny to drop on the *Crozworld* names! *Bob Hagan*
- I really enjoyed the Theme puzzle by *Virgo* this month. Much time was spent in puzzling about the theme which was not apparent. However Patrick saved the day with his surname STREET and then all fell into place. Very ingenious. *Ro Ducker*
- Regarding 11ac, I thought the diet guru's surname was Atkins [Hooray! Another one noticed-CH] *Don Hemsley*
- Loved Slot 5. Light hearted but clever. *Yvonne Ainsworth*



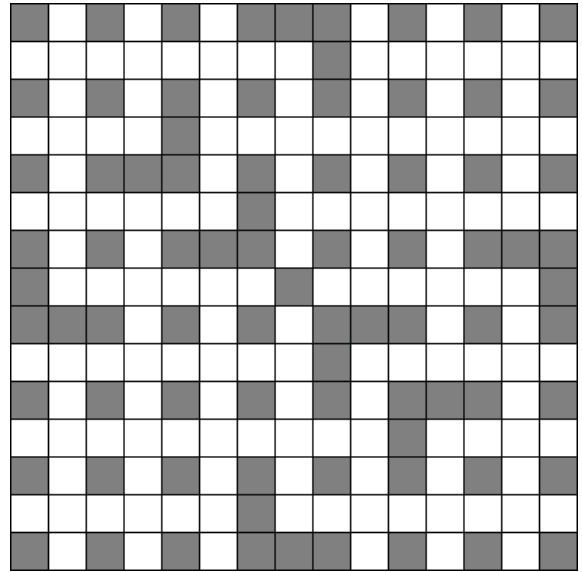
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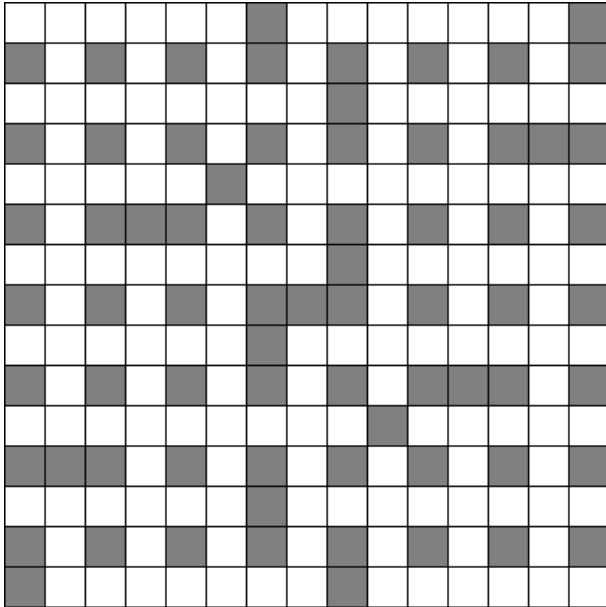
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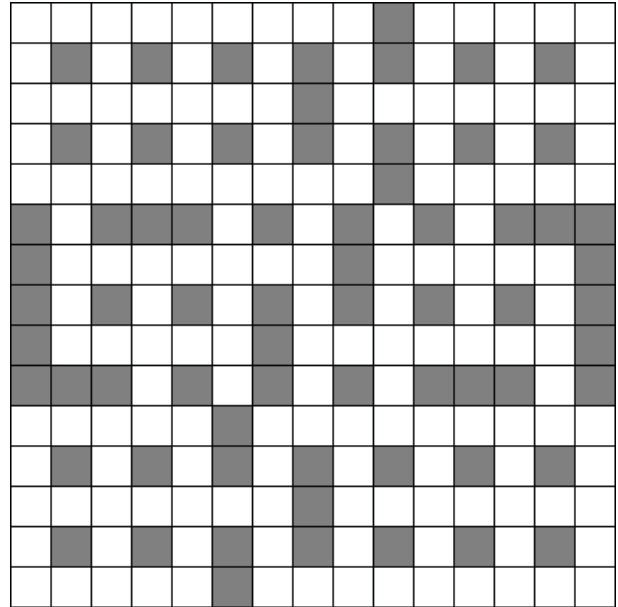
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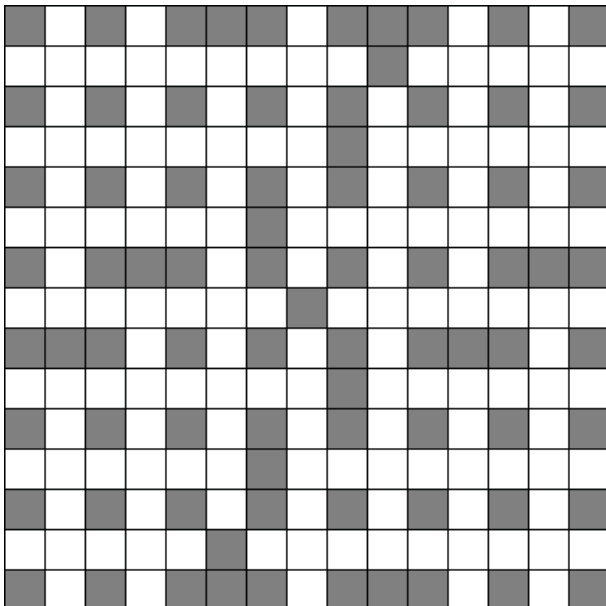
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September 6-2008 Double Header

by **InGrid (Jean Barbour)**

Entries: 60. Correct: 38. Success Rate: 63%.

Prizewinners: Trish McPherson and Andrew Patterson. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments

Thank you to all the people who completed these puzzles. The comments were lovely. Firstly, an apology. For Clue 29dn, the first word of the clue was left off (Poem), making the clue almost impossible to solve. As a result, we are accepting any answer for this position in Grid Two. Other problems included THICK for TRICK, ORPHARIAN & OPERATION for ORPHARION, SHRUB for SCRUB, SAVANT & HAMANT for MAHANT, LEGEND for KEYPAD and LECI, DELI, YETI & DEVI for DESI. In the members' comments I have left out the numerous comments relating to 29dn and abbreviated some comments re sources. I did use the *Oxford* and my trusty *Crossword Dictionary* for 'mahant' and 'desi'.
—InGrid (Jean Barbour)

Members' Comments

• Many thanks for a rather challenging puzzle which kept me busy for quite a time. I thought at first the words would be couplets like 'Double Header' and was rather disappointed when they weren't.
Bev Cockburn

• If the second half of 4ac is perimeter I understand the measure bit but not the girl (girl=peri). I thought the clue to éclair (12dn) was a bit misleading in saying 'in den' – I wanted to put the 'ec' 'inside the lair'. I had trouble finding the anagram of 'hat man' – must have tried every possible combination before I got there. Having said all that, I thought most of your clues were really pretty spot on and some were very clever.
Margaret Davis

• I had a look in the *Oxford Dictionary* at my local library and found 'mahant' but would otherwise have had to take a guess as it's not in any of my dictionaries. This was by no means an easy puzzle, a true slot 6, and I was pleased to be able to complete it (whether right or wrong!).
Peter Dearie

• I really enjoyed this but do wonder why it is necessary to use obscure words like 'desi', mahant' when 'yeti, savant' would have done as well. (I did set this as a Slot 6 and I love using those obscure words but your point is well taken. Jean)
Jill Freeland

• Thank you for your crossword and your contribution to the club. I have a problem with some answers and the use of words not in the standard dictionaries, particularly when other words could have been used. I think that I am a lone voice crying in the wilderness re the use of standard references. (I only use standard references for slots 1-5 or I will specify if I go elsewhere but for Slot 6 I will use my *Crossword Dictionary* and my *Oxford*. I'm sorry if this doesn't suit and will note future puzzles with my references where appropriate. Jean)
Doreen Jones

• It took longer than two ticks to solve. Doubled the fun though.
Carole Noble

• Many thanks for a wonderful time-consuming puzzle! I even forgive you for giving me two grids to fill in.
Ted O'Brien

• This is a great puzzle – congratulations! It was hard work and I enjoyed the challenge. Keep up the good work. These 'different' puzzles are always welcome.
Shirl O'Brien

• Thank you for a very clever puzzle; it made a great Slot 6.
Ron O'Rourke

• This was a good challenge which unfurled slowly but surely. I enjoyed it right up until the end.
Andrew Patterson

• Loved most of the clues, especially 'Formerly beat her to' and had lots of fun working out most of the clues.
Eva Seale

• Great, two for the price of one! *Betty Siegman*

• This was great. Not too hard, just clever and fun!
Roy Taylor

• Thank you for the challenge of your DOUBLE CROSSWORD! Some difficult anagrams to solve giving 'charentais and orpharion'. Your puzzle was a mind-bender! *Alan Walter*

Solutions to September 6-2008 Double Header by InGrid

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E-Lodgement update

E-lodgement continues to prove popular, with the 26 entries last month (about 20% of the total entries) representing a record. If you haven't tried it, do give it a go. Entering your solutions in AxWord grids using the free version of AxWord kindly made available by Mr AxWord, Doug Butler, enables you to proofread your solutions and avoid the dreaded blank square or unintended literal: I acknowledge all solutions received by e-mail and confirm that they have been processed. As well as saving on postage and improving the reliability of transmission of your precious solutions, e-lodgement does help the Club by taking some of the load from our hard-working adjudicators. Let me know if you are not on the mailing list for the monthly blank AxWord grids and I shall rectify the omission.

Which brings me to the fact that in developing a reminder list I inadvertently deleted the normal blank grid distribution list. Thanks to a marvellous product from 4Team Corporation Solutions (no connection other than as a satisfied customer) I think that I have been able to restore it. However, if you find that you do not receive your normal e-mail containing the blank grids within about a day of receiving this magazine please let me know and I shall replace your name on the list. I have extended our service by sending a reminder to those on the e-lodgement list about a week before entries close. If you don't e-lodge but would nevertheless appreciate a reminder of the efflux of time it would be no problem for me to add your name to the list – my address is on p1. I look forward to hearing from you.
Ian Williams

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Deliverance by <i>Hot and Cold</i>
Book Prize

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Rating: MA - 1 across
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Across

- 1 Chicken caught by drunk (3,5)
- 5 Wicked nights (6)
- 9 Grandfathers follow tipsy topless local to get sweet fizzy booze (8)
- 10 Result of flight overbookin'? (4,2)
- 11 Ties hogs in knots (8)
- 12 Try model headgear first (4,2)
- 15 Long chambers for fruit production (4-6)
- 18 Cocktail? Egg nog, Dell? (4-6)
- 21 Frightening female advance has no price (6)
- 22 Wine-drinking insects (8)
- 24 Distracted Levi is in a tizz before Sabbath ends (6)
- 25 Hugo lies battered (8)
- 26 Fabulous clothes acceptable to Dot, say, in the big city (6)
- 27 Phantom delivered gifts (8)

Down

- 1 Nasal tone of two Scots/American National Guards (5)
- 2 Key row concerning encryption system (6)
- 3 Charge vehicle to little devil (6)
- 4 Quiet prison – one inside suspends events (10)
- 6 WA vintner expresses repugnance with time taken by ruffian (8)
- 7 Recidivist men consuming drug is Family preference (8)
- 8 Supply us in lousy organization (9)
- 13 Just sheep in NSW (10)
- 14 Greeting at fancy old festival (9)
- 16 Terrible avenger dead and buried (8)
- 17 Shut up group together (5-3)
- 19 Spews out bits of 23s (6)
- 20 Dream about ageless face of headless cat (6)
- 23 If you knew her like I know her ... refrain! (5)

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GOOD COPY - Name

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Quiz No 11/2008



by *The Eager Beaver*

Quiz 11/2008. The Monster Quiz by *The Eager Beaver*.

Find one monster for each letter of the alphabet, represented by the first letter of the solution.

Send your entries to: Bev Cockburn, 12 Norman St, Merrylands West, NSW 2160: e-mail to bevco4@bigpond.com

Closing mail date 5 December 2008. Book prize.

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| <p>A An Egyptian monster (5)
 B Mythical creature from Australian folklore (6)
 C Clive Barker's extra dimensional being (8)
 D A famous vampire (7)
 E A fictional enormous lobster (6)
 F A monster named after his creator (12'1, 7)
 G The most famous Kaiju or Japanese monster (8)
 H The Smog monster (7)
 I Morphallaxian hominoid monster portrayed by Eric Bana (10,4)
 J A fictitious monster with "eyes aflame" (11)
 K A fictitious monster from 'Skull Island' (4, 4)
 L A famous Scottish cryptid studied by cryptozoologists (4,4, 7)
 M A Greek mythological creature found in Crete (8)</p> | <p>N A beast that lives under the sea – Chinese (4)
 O A cryptozoological creature from Cornwall (6)
 P A mischievous, malevolent spirit from Germany (11)
 Q A monster from Arthurian Legend fought by Sir Percival (8, 5)
 R A malevolent, murderous goblin found in British folklore (6)
 S A Greek sea monster (6)
 T A goblin or supernatural dwarf from Scandinavian mythology (5)
 U A Japanese monster with a horned, bovine head (4-3)
 V A Slavic re-animated corpse (7)
 W A mythical flying reptile (6)
 X One of the 7 giants in Aztec mythology who escaped the flood (6)
 Y A nocturnal hominoid creature reputed to lurk in Australia (5)
 Z A giant Jewish mythological bird (3)</p> |
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Results of September 2008 Bonus Quiz:

The Not So Great Quiz

by *Calathumpian (Cally Martin)*

Prizewinner: Sonia Atkinson. Congratulations!

Many thanks to all those who entered: your comments and letters are very much appreciated – I have certainly learnt a lot about the dangers of multiple answers. Where I was able to confirm an alternate answer I accepted it, as shown below. However in a number of cases I couldn't confirm the answer, which also meant that some following alternative answers no longer met the alphabetical criteria. *Charles the Ahab, Philip the Arab and Louis the Blind*: I couldn't confirm Charles the Ahab. I could only find reference to Ahab, a 9th century BC Israeli King who was married to Jezebel, and in some cases a comparison between him and Charles I. Because of this I couldn't accept (alphabetically) Philip the Arab or Louis the Blind, although I was able to confirm them from alternative sources. *William the Just*: The only reference to William the Just that I could find was either from a videogame, which is fictional or Frederick William the Just, which is not technically correct. There were a number of other monikers given to which I could find no reference whatsoever so they were not accepted. —*Calathumpian (Cally Martin)*

Answers: 1. Bald 2. Bold 3. Child 4. Confessor 5. Elder/Exile 6. Fair 7. Fat 8. Fowler 9. Good 10. Lion 11. Mad 12. Martyr 13. Pious 14. Short 15. Simple 16. Sluggard/Springer 17. Stammerer 18. Stubborn 19. Tall 20. Unready 21. Vain 22. Victorious 23. Wise 24. Younger.

Results: 24: Beverley Cockburn, Betty Seigman, Pat Garner, Audrey Austin, Carole Noble, Sonia Atkinson and Trish McPherson. **23:** Margaret Steinberger, Ann Jermy and Peter Dearie. **20:** Hazel Freeman.

Results of Quiz No 9/2008. WILD AND FERAL by *Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)* Prizewinner: Andrew Miles.

Entries: 18. Results: 26: Nil. **25:** Bev Cockburn, Peter Dearie, Jim Fowler, David Grainger, Ann Jermy, Andrew Miles, Carole Noble, David Procter, Jack Stocks and Brian Symons. **24:** Warren Allen, Pat Garner, Susan Howells and Trish McPherson. **23:** Margaret Steinberger and Alan Walter. **22.5:** Valerie Howard and Ted O'Brien.

Answers: 1. *Acacia Baileyana* 2. Alligator Weed 3. Aquarium Fish 4. Blackberry 5. Brumbies 6. Cane Toad 7. Cats and Dogs 8. European Carp 9. European Wasp 10. Fire Ant 11. Fox 12. Goats 13. Indian Mynah 14. Patterson's Curse 15. Pigs 16. Prickly Pear 17. Privet 18. Rabbits 19. Razorback 20. Riverina Blue Bell 21. Salvation Jane 22. Serrated Tussock 23. Sounder 24. Starlings 25. Water Hyacinth. Bonus Question – *Bufo Marinus*

Solvers' Comments:

- Thanks for a top class quiz. *Brian Symons*
- What an interesting quiz. A few really tricky ones thrown in, too. *Carole Noble*
- Thanks for a pest of a quiz. *Jack Stocks*
- Thanks for a most enjoyable quiz – pretty hard as well – I think all answers are OK but am a little dubious about 23. *Jim Fowler*
- I did enjoy your quiz with its special message about the dangers of indiscriminate treatment of the Australian environment. No. 23 has me puzzled, however. *Beverley Cockburn*
- I'm really not sure of No. 23 *Ann Jermy*
- It was definitely an advantage being brought up in the country with all these nasties around! I really enjoyed doing it. *Pat Garner*
- Gosh, what a wonderfully innovative quiz and on such an important subject. I'm a bit uncertain that 23 is correct. *Trish McPherson*
- We are very FORTUNate to be able to experience your tantalising quiz. *Alan Walter*
- This quiz provided me with days and nights of mental exercise which is good for an 81 y.o. brain. *Ted O'Brien*
- Thank you for giving us a quiz that required quite a lot of thought to solve. *David Procter*
- Thank you for this quiz which I greatly enjoyed (except for No. 23, where I'm very unsure of the correctness of my answer). *David Grainger*
- Thank you for a good quiz. I am not sure of them all but at least it was fun! *Valerie Howard*
- I was stumped by #23, not even any good guesses, and Riverina Bluebell was also difficult to find. *Peter Dearie*
- pretty wild, eh! *Margaret Steinberger*
- I enjoyed your quiz but two answers eluded me. I did, however, have some fun thinking up possibilities for No. 19 – RELATIVES or RENEGADES or even RINGWORMS running wild and feral throughout the country. *Susan Howells*

Adjudicator's Comments:

Unfortunately No. 23 gave everyone trouble. I can't believe I found a word so obscure that none of our members knew it, so it must have been wild & feral clue-writing on my part! I heard the word used recently on ABC Radio National's Saturday morning rural program to describe a pack of wild boars in a wheat crop, and confirmed via Google and *Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary* 1952 edition that **Sounder** is the group name for a herd of swine. I have deducted half a point for incorrect spelling of mynah and one entry missed the point that the botanical name for Cootamundra Wattle was called for (alphabetical order should have made that clear). Paterson's Curse or Patterson's Curse were both acceptable.

—*Nea Storey*

September Slot 7-2008: What's the Answer by zinzan (Andrew Patterson)**Entries: 44. Correct: 30. Success rate: 68.2%.****Prizewinner: Jan Wood. Congratulations!****Compiler's Comments:**

This was meant to be a normal cryptic with a twist in the tail which mattered not whether you had internet. The puzzle was designed as a bit of a plug for the Club's website. The Answer could be arrived at in a number of ways. The puzzle itself was normal. The *extremely* useful letters were the outermost ones in the grid which could be anagrammatised as "www.crosswordclub.org, slash, deaf". A bit of searching on that address could turn up *The Problem*. That thread then had a couplet explaining that The Answer was found in the central letters of the grid – WHAT. Solvers could take the shortcut of the puzzle's almost obvious title, or they'd see the central letters anyway, or they'd take the long road through the website. There were instances of each. A few overcomplicated The Answer but most respondents found the right one.

—zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

Solvers' Comments:

• I'm hoping the solution is WHAT from the four letters at the centre of the crossword and the title of the puzzle. I got as far as www.crosswordclub.org but please, what is the rest of the anagram?
Robyn Caine

• Very difficult and filled with 'traps for young players'. Examples: 11ac "One young bird lost its tail" = TIT but no, 3dn wouldn't work. 4dn was going to be 'bestrow' but what to put for 15ac. And 27ac – how dare you lead us astray with that clue! What are we going to do with you?
Bev Cockburn

• Thank you for providing this challenging puzzle but I am unable to find the answer. I have found it virtually impossible to unjumble the 28 border letters to help.
Graeme Cole

• Some fiendish stuff here. Weight, wicket, bestrew. Phew!
Maurice Cowan

• I hope I am correct in assuming you gave the 'answer' to us on a plate i.e. in the title. WHAT are also the four letters in the middle of the grid so it must be right! Is 'pull' a reasonable definition of 'weight'? [In the sense of 'influence' - zz] Should there not be some indication that 'whine' was being heard, not spelt? [no hard' removes the 'h' - zz]
Margaret Davis

• I must admit that I have not worked out how to anagrammatise 28 letters into anything which may indicate the required answer. However, the letters surrounding the central square of your grid, plus the title of the puzzle seem to indicate that WHAT is the answer. This was a tough slot.
Peter Dearie

• Your anagram for the ACC website was clever, but I saw no relevance to the answer (is there one?). Like many of your clues, a bit involved? I needed to suspend reality and twist my brain into a new dimension. A most challenging puzzle.
Rosemary Ducker

• A nicely clever puzzle, a subsequently obvious title and interesting addition to Deef.
Jim Fowler

• Some very good clues – I liked 27ac when I got it. 25ac: Quiet = placid?
Jill Freeland

• Thanks for your most enjoyable puzzle. Took a long time to get WICKET until the penny dropped. Best was NOSTRILS in my opinion; a very well constructed clue.
John Gillis

• A nice challenge with some very good clues. I managed to see the answer – what's the 5-word format?
Bob Hagan

• Great concept. Not quite so fair to non-internetters.
Doreen Jones

• What a naughty lad you are! I thought I had done great strokes when I finished the grid – provided it's correct. Then I've worked for days waiting for inspiration. I'd better be right my boy or you are in serious trouble.
Del Kennedy

• I loved 'editable', and your use of NN (news) in FENNEL. NET was a clever red herring and HEROIN was funny. Just great clueing all round and I really can't fault it. Of course if my grid is incorrect I will find one – you can be assured.
Michael Kennedy

• Gosh, there were some challenging ones in there, but loved every minute of it.
Trish McPherson

• WHAT a very clever puzzle! I loved it but I'm not sure if I've got it right. As soon as I saw the title I was convinced WHAT was the missing answer. Then having solved the puzzle I saw the centre letters spelt WHAT. However, being a belt and braces type, I felt the need to do the anagram of the extreme or outside letters which led me to www.crosswordclub.org/slash,deef. As I don't use a computer I won't be able to see if the website leads to a different solution.
Carole Noble

• Thank you for a great puzzle! I was not sure, when I first looked at it, that I would even attempt it, but it got me in. Such wonderful clues!
Ted O'Brien

• Thank you for a top puzzle; it was not easy and I had to put quite a lot of my time in on it. But it was a great challenge and very satisfying to complete.
Ron O'Rourke

• What a great puzzle. Brilliant concept and every clue was a delight. My Scrabble® set was extremely useful for the extremely useful letters. When I eventually noticed all the Ws, light slowly began to dawn. I can't begin to think how on earth you managed to put this all together. Congratulations!
Betty Siegman

• Thanks for supplying the answer!!! Took a while for the penny to drop. Dots looked like commas and I missed the hints as well. Really enjoyed Alice Cooper.
Jack Stocks

• Thanks for one of the cleverest, most challenging and rewarding cryptics. Most clues were gems and the simple but misleading NET had me looking at OAST for ages.
Brian Symons.

• Some tricky clues. It took me a while to get WICKET and WEIGHT.
Roy Taylor

• Most ingenious!! Well done.
Steve Trollope

• The hardest answers to determine were WICKET (a wicked clue) and POTATO (quite an answer to chat about). Many thanks for your devilish challenge. It took a long time to THAW out the answers.
Alan Walter

• Either your clues are getting easier or my mind is becoming even more warped. This wasn't easy but didn't, in the end, give me any great headaches. My favourite clue was 28dn, and I quite liked 26ac. Memories of snakes and chickens.
Jenny Wenham

• Boy, this was a challenge for my tired old brain, just hope I beat it! The solution, of course is, just as the title suggests: WHAT (on 2nd base?)
Roy Wilson

• I loved this puzzle and found it a real challenge in part. Some of your clues were brilliant and I especially loved 3dn, 25dn and 8ac. I'm not sure if I have got all the right answers, but I loved doing it anyway.
Dallas Window

• This was the first puzzle I tackled this month, it was easily printed thanks to the grey grids, but not easily solved! I guessed what the 4 letter solution was, but was somewhat confused by what DEEF's got to do with it, until I visited the forum on Sunday – a real EUREKA moment!
Jan Wood

Solution to September 7-2008 see p2**Explanations of October Slot 4 clues, kindly provided by Roy Wilson:**

ACHIEVEMENT AGE – achievement/age; BONE MARROW – B's on one = bone/marrow; CRICKET CLUB – club's after cricket; DUAL CARRIAGEWAY – double lane = dual carriageway; EDEN – (Barbara) Eden – TV series *I Dream of Jeannie*; FIDUCIAL – Fid(o)/anag; GRIN – g(R)in; HIKING HOLIDAY – hiking/holiday; INDIAN ELEPHANTS – anag; JANE – reference to movies on *Jane Eyre*; KEDGEREE – kedg(ere)e; LYRICS – anag; MISTYPE – EP (rev) after *Misty* (music by Errol Garner); NOWRA – No/anag; OPEN-EYED – open/eyed; POKER FACE – face follows poker; QUATENUS (in capacity of – *Shorter Oxford*) anag; RANDOMISE – anag; SIDE BEAM – side/beam; TAPRIVET – privet after ta; UNIDID – UN/Di/d; VALERIANIC ACID – anag; WASH-OIL – oil after wash; XENIAL – X/(Cleo) Laine (rev); YIELDINGLY – yield/anag; ZELOSO – anag around L/o.

**Results of the Clue Writing Competition:
September No 4/2008.
Write a clue for KOOKABURRA (10)
Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.**

This definition was copied from the On-line *Chambers Reference* page.

KOOKABURRA: either of two species of large bird of the kingfisher family, found in Australia and New Guinea and known for its chuckling cry. Also called laughing jackass. ETYMOLOGY: 19c: from Wiradhuri (Australian Aboriginal language) gugubarra.

Once again there were eight clues submitted this month, as shown below. This is probably the highest standard of clues that I have received as examples of Ximenean crosswording. None of the clues suggest that the answer is a bird, but all are fair in their approach to the definition (except for one which I have commented on) and the indication, at the same time as they mislead the solver in his attempt to solve the clue.

The winner this month is **Soundly rig a rotten English electorate for a giggling fool** by Ted O'Brien. It exhibits all the requirements of a Ximenean clue, consisting of a fair indication and a valid definition, with no unnecessary words, but still being concise. It is also historically accurate, as most of the people elected by these Rotten Boroughs could not have got into Parliament by honest means and probably were not smart enough to have got any other means of earning an income.

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)*, and underneath I have added some comments.

Is this National flyer a laughing stock?

Double definition

This clue refers to the Kookaburra being a native of Australia with a song that sounds similar to laughter, but also hints at the recent problems experienced by Qantas, Australia's national airline.

Cockie's alarm when *doctor pronounced initial advice: Pancreas requires vitamin supplement*

Cockie's alarm refers to the nickname of the kookaburra as the bushman's clock – I can vouch for this because, living in bushland, I am regularly woken by the Kookaburra's call 30 minutes before sunrise. The indication refers to cook (doctor as in 'cook the books') pronounced as KOOK plus A (initial letter of advice) plus BURR (pancreas, in earlier versions of *Chambers*) plus A (vitamin). This is an excellent clue giving no sign that the answer is a bird, but suggesting a medical issue.

Bushman's clock *heard to make cuckoo call – a rough sound, alarming initially*

The definition refers again to the bushman's clock and the indication is KOOK (sounds like cook – to make the sound of a cuckoo – *Chambers*) plus A plus BURR (rough sound) plus A (initial letter of alarming). Again there is no direct reference to a bird in this clue, with a suggestion of cuckoo clocks and alarms.

Soundly rig a rotten English electorate for **a giggling fool**

Rig leads to cook (as in falsify), sounding like KOOK plus A plus BURRA (sounds like borough) with the giggling fool being a laughing jackass.

The clue refers to the process of buying one's way into Parliament in 18th and 19th century England where a town had declined in size but still had the right to elect an MP. These electorates (known as rotten boroughs) could be "bought" by a rich person (a giggling fool!) bribing all the constituents to vote for him, especially since voting was not secret. See Gilbert and Sullivan's song, sung by the First Lord of the Admiralty, from *HMS Pinafore*, including the line – "I grew so rich that I was sent by a pocket borough into Parliament". An excellent Ximenean clue.

Hotplate with half of Harden's mate sounds **jolly**

KOOKA (sounds like cooker) plus BURRA (sounds like burrah, half of the name of Murrumburrah, a twin town with Harden, in NSW) with "jolly" suggesting the sound of the Kookaburra.

I don't think that "jolly", being an adjective, is a fair clue to Kookaburra, being a noun. "Jolly bird" or a similar phrase would be more acceptable.

Arrange the district (Hear! Hear!) for **the merry, merry king!**

Arrange sounds like "a range" or cooker, sounds like KOOKA plus BURRA (sounds like district) with "hear, hear" suggesting the multiple homonyms. The definition refers to the anonymous Australian poem – "Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree, Merry, merry king of the bush is he ..."

This flyer, *the chef read aloud, says a fortified town should be here*

KOOK (chef or cook read aloud) plus A plus BURRA (says or sounds like borough or fortified town)

A somewhat eccentric bloke – a bit of a nuisance at first – became **an utter jackass**

KOOK (defined in *Chambers* as a mad or eccentric person) plus A plus BURR (a nuisance, an unwanted rough edge left on metal, wood or paper after cutting or drilling).

Clue Writing Competition No. 5/2008.

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

Write a clue for the word **SCHOONER (8)**

Note: only one clue per person.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator

Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Court, Capalaba Qld 4157

or by email to: steve.jt@bigpond.net.au

Closing mail date: Friday 5 December 2008. Book prize.

Answers to Miniquiz 9 by Ian Williams

Thanks to all those who kindly let me know that **they** know of more than two words that possess a-e-i-o-u once in order.

The ones that I had in mind were *facetious* and *abstemious* but there are clearly a number of others in standard references and others. The other words suggested, that could be confirmed in one way or another, are listed below:

	Chambers	SOED	Other source
abstemious	√	√	
annelidous			Zoological
arsenious	√	√	
avenious			Botanical
caesious	√	√	
camelious			Of a hump - Kipling <i>Just-So Stories</i>
caverniloquy			Physiology (disappointingly)
facetious	√	√	
fracedinous			Productive of heat through putrefaction - <i>Wiktionary</i>
gravedinous			Drowsy from "Worthless words for the day"
hareiously			Cruelly - <i>Wiktionary</i> 15 th C
materious			Webster (obs)
parecious			Botanical
placentious			Pleasing – 1913 Webster
tragedious		√	