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Summer afternoon – to me these have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. Henry James, quoted in Edith Wharton, *A Backward Glance* (1934) Ch 10.

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RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS!

We are pleased to announce that we have managed to maintain the Annual Membership subscription for 2011 at only \$40. However, if you elect to receive *e-Crozworld* rather than the paper copy then the sub is only \$35. We believe that this is outstanding value! And it is due in large part to the generosity of the many members who donated to the 2010 Prize Fund. Thank You! We prefer members to receive the email version only of *Crozworld* because of the cost savings to the ACC and the environmental issue of less paper usage. Also, the email version is delivered days in advance of the paper version. Why not opt for the email version in 2011?

The New Year promises to be a year full of complexity and puzzlement. Why not join in the fun? See flyer enclosed (or for those who receive *e-Crozworld*, p13 of this issue) together with some useful information for renewing members for 2011. We have continued the special offer whereby you can sign up a new member for 2011 for only \$30. Just a reminder that we distribute \$6000 in cash prizes per year plus more than 60 book prizes. In order to maintain that plentiful level of prizes, we hope you will be more than generous with your donation to the ACC Prize Pool 2011.

Don't forget about the ACC Annual Get-Together to be held at William Ryan's modern *Harold Park Hotel* cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 28 November. Like last year, there will be plenty of highlights! See page 6 for further details.

Puzzleman Ian Williams has another brilliant selection of puzzles for you this month. Your favourites *Jesso*, *Southern Cross* and *zinzan* are included along with the well-respected *Pindar* who has contributed another fine cryptic in Slot 5. In Slot 4 your favourite AJ has been compiled by *The Co-Op* and the skilful *Crowsman* has devised another beauty in the Slot 6 puzzle. And the popular *Virgo* has given us another of her excellent Quizzes. Happy Crozworlding. —Patrick

A very slow start for the September Puzzles: five days to go and only 46 entries received. Slot 5 1ac AMORETTO had the incorrect definition (see Ian's comments under Slot 5). The errors for this clue AMORETTI (3 times) AMORETTA (1) which did not get a tick as ITT & ATT reversed does not indicate too much. I am sorry to say that there are four members whose names will not be in the magazine as a result of incorrect answers. Thank you for the lovely cards and letters, hope to see some of you at the Luncheon.

Slot 1: Not too many problems here: DISPOSES (4) for DISEASES. The others were (3) blank spaces and (4) transcription errors.

Slot 2: Not a good success rate for this puzzle as WIDESCREEN for FIRESCREEN lost dots for 21 members. The others being various spellings for DAPHNAE (9) and a few STRAPDAGGERS for STRAPHANGERS. 11 nominations for COTM.

Slot 3: No major problems, just a couple of EONS/TUNNELLER for ERAS/TRAVELLER, MAIC, HAIC, BANC and RANC 2 for NARC. 13 nominations for this puzzle for COTM.

Slot 4: The clue that tricked most members was ISAIAN (IS+A+IAN). 27 members had ISAIAH, KITED (3). Two members voted WEDDING DAYS for COTM.

Slot 5: Only two members commented on 1ac: maybe the others only drank it as well Ian. TOWALE (4), MATRON/MATURE, blank spaces and transcription errors lost ticks here. Not a lot of entries but the success rate was very good. TEACUP and MILITARY DRUM each received 2 votes for COTM.

COTM: 41 members nominated 30 clues. There were seven clues that received 2 votes each but congratulations go to *Jesso's* DASH and *Manveru's* BLIND DATE who were the winners with 3 votes each. —Joan Smith

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	109	105	92	100	82	488
Correct entries	97	63	76	68	70	374
Success rate (%)	89	60	82.6	68	85.4	77.2
Prizewinners	D McManus A Ryan	G Lloyd V Lobsey	B Glissan M Watzinger	J Gillis	R Taylor C Jones	from 111 members

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Prizewinner: September 2010 Slots 1-5: Len Colgan.

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Sept 1-2010

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Sept 2-2010

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Sept 3-2010

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Sept 4-2010

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR AUG Slot 6 & SEPT 2010 Slots 1-5

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALLEN W
ANDERSON C
ANNAND H
AUSTIN A
BALNAVES J
BARNES J
BARRETT A
BENNETT B
BENNETT D
BUTLER D
CAINE R
CALLAN A & D
CAMPBELL G
CHAMPION G
CHANCE C
CHRISTIANSEN R
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COLE G
COLGAN L
COLLINS M
COPLAND F
COWAN M
CROMER H
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DE GRYS A
DENNIS M
DERRINGTON P
DINHAM V
DOBELE T
DORRELL R
DUCKER R
EGGLETON B
FOOTT B
FOWLER J
FREELAND J
FREEMAN H

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
FRY L
GALBREATH M
GARDINER R
GARNER P
GILLIS J
GLISSAN B
GRAINGER D
GREENBERGER O
HAGAN B
HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HAZELL N
HEMSLEY D
HOCKING A
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JERMY A
JESSOP N
JONES C
JONES D
KENNEDY D
KENNEDY M
KITTO J
KNIGHT S
LEEDS G
LLOYD G
LOBSEY V
LORD P
McCLELLAND C
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McMANUS D
McPHERSON T
MARTIN A
MEEK D
MERCER P
MILES A
NOBLE C

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
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O'BRIEN S
PARSONS D
PATTERSON A
PEARCE J
PERROW H
PINDER S
POTTS M
PROCTER D
PROCTER M
PYC M
REEVES V
RODDICK M
ROULSTON S
RYAN A
RYAN W
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B
SIMONS A
SMITH J
SOLOMON B
SPICER L
STEINBERGER M
STOCKS J
STOREY N
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
TAYLOR S
TICKLE B
VERESS M
VILLIERS W
WALTER A
WATZINGER M
WEBBER B
WENHAM J
WILCOX C
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WOOD J
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Half 'n Half
by
Jesso

Prizes: \$50



Win!

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Across

- 1 Cautious (4)
- 4 U.S. president (4)
- 7 Tempo (4)
- 10 Every (4)
- 11 Planet (6)
- 13 Articulated truck (coll.) (4)
- 14 Scottish island (4)
- 15 Opera songs (5)
- 16 Greek god of war (4)
- 18 Cheated (6)
- 19 Consume (3)
- 21 Annoyingly (9)
- 24 Sample (5)
- 25 Frog larva (7)
- 27 College (7)
- 30 Middle East peninsula (5)
- 32 Mistrusted (9)
- 34 Consumed (3)
- 35 Medical institution (6)
- 38 Nobleman (4)
- 40 Former name of radon (5)
- 41 Capital of Peru (4)
- 42 Ship's member (4)
- 43 African republic (6)
- 44 Chinese ounce (4)
- 45 Dry and withered (4)
- 46 Blackthorn fruit (4)
- 47 Changed colour (4)

Down

- 1 Will's to know and register desiderata (4,4)
- 2 Noticed a target in the grass (8)
- 3 Variable atmosphere of an Aussie affirmative (4)
- 4 Thing indicated in past history (4)
- 5 Lass follows sport of mushrooms, perhaps (6)
- 6 T-beam vessel (4)
- 7 Clean up return before he leaves here (4)
- 8 A team's indirect efforts (6)
- 9 Long and pointed senate corruption (6)
- 12 The help Anna organised with moth repellent (11)
- 17 One is coming unstuck in cutting costs (11)
- 20 A small part until mid-morning? (4)
- 22 Not so magnificent seven may double your investment (5)
- 23 Temporal circuits? Yea, and rupees, too (5)
- 26 Opening radio centre with bar (4)
- 28 Not disheartened in the country, lady dispensed with notice completely? (8)
- 29 Sang and shouted about party rising (8)
- 30 Worker holds one on board for good fellows (6)
- 31 Canter off for a drink (6)
- 33 Crazy lunatic lost time - about an ounce (6)
- 36 Poor Noel is unaccompanied (4)
- 37 Most pills for ailments (4)
- 38 Crown of twisted tape (4)
- 39 Some sleek edition lengthened (4)

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Closing mail date: Friday 12 November 2010.

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Cryptic by Southern Cross



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Across

- 9 We footle about admitting a 5 (4,2,3)
- 10 More optimistic when cutting top off willow (5)
- 11 How one should turn out if raised correctly (7)
- 12 Just a Mo! (3,4)
- 13 Maverick – one trapped between two sides (5)
- 14 Take a risk, entering cryptic clue in a rush (9)
- 16 Penned to me if arranged at the last minute (2,3,4,2,4)
- 19 Footloose entertainer needing sole support? (3,6)
- 21 Relief work came to nothing (5)
- 22 Scud to bypass island in the Seine (7)
- 23 Model tin toy designed for a small child (4,3)
- 24 Leaders of society cultivate each new eccentricity – it's part of an act (5)
- 25 Old boy let it stand, remaining initially in charge of childbirth (9)

- 2 Article is wrong about name for musical instrument (8)

- 3 Press on with producer ultimately – the one doing the casting (6)
- 4 A heavy blow to the state, in a way (4)
- 5 Fool taken in by The Ripper's sob story (4-6)
- 6 Group to explore the Internet for "How to Handle the Breakers" (8)
- 7 "The Iceman Cometh" to this theatre? (6)
- 8 Something to go with crackers in briefcase ... (4)
- 14 ... with it being operated electrically (8,2)
- 15 Seeing eye to eye? (3,7)
- 17 A digger follows former assayer (8)
- 18 Green makes an adult admission (8)
- 20 Mailer's placard (6)
- 21 Swindlers study those on board (3,3)
- 22 Hash key's covered by papers (4)
- 23 Trainees initially request work (4)

Down


- 1 Careless fault making lancers' leader pitch headlong (2,4,4)

Explanations of September grids where provided by setters: Thanks to Joan and Michael.

Slot 1 Timid Terrier: Down: 1 terri(-er) + i + c, 2 kainga - i + roo, 3 anag, 4 b + o + ss, 5 stud + i + o, 6 hidden, 7 mer + e, 8 ra < ar + rest, 9 anagram, 12 permanent + l(adly, 17 trans + parent, 20 hop + e, 22 is + sue, 23 n + a + sty, 26 anag, 28 lea (anag ale)+ rn + in + g, 29 dis + ease + s, 30 car + bon, 31 m(esse)s, 33 anag, 36 hidden, 37 v + e + ry, 38 initials, 39 more(e).

Slot 3 Manveru: Across: 1 BE + GIN, 9 Anag, 10 CHINAMAN - MAN, 11 DING(h)Y, 12 O + MISSION, 14 Anag, 16 RAN (rev) C, 19 ovErdRamAtiSe, 20 Anag, 22 anag CHEATED ON minus H, 23 E + MERGE, 26 IN + LET, 27 Anag, 28 Sounds like SIR PRISED, 29 DD. Down: 1 Cryptic definition, 2 Anagram of ENERGY - Y, 3/4A NT - opened up, 4 TRAMP - M, 5 Anag, 6 IN + sounds like SIZE, 7 Anag, 8 YEAR + N, 13 FAIR + Anag, 15 T(RAVE)ELLER, 17 CON + SEN + S + US, 18 Cryptic DD- JOB (punch), 21 HW, 22 v(ARIES), 24 ELI (i.e. tomb) in RC, 25 HW.

Slot 5 Midships: Across: 1 A + MORE + OTTrev (see comment), 7 A MILk rev, 11 dd [SPIRITs - s], 12 HW in AMORETTO rev, 13 S (LITrev) T, 14 POE + T + IC + AL, 17 GIN rev + H--T--S, 18 anag - ID + P, 19 TAR + ARAk rev, 20 anag - lie, 22 anag - COS, 24 dd to bribe = to wage (Chambers archaic), 27 OC + TO + PO + DS (dal segno), 29 UT + I + aLE, 30 rUM + BRA, 31 anag, 32 8 (Down) = IRISH, 33 GEN (DRAM anag) E. Down: 1 A + POT rev, 2 anag with O substituted for A, 3 OF + TEN, 4 bEERIER, 5 anag speculative less Elvis, 6 T(ea) [homophone]+ S + WA + NA, 7 LIT + I + GATE, 8 DD, 9 ref to line in Act I of Princess Ida (same number of letters before "beaten" to mislead as anag), 10 Ch has meaning as Shakesp. anag (SEATED + TT), 15 DD, 16 CAN + A (IL) LE, 21 SEC + ED + E, 22 N (anag TIA) ON, 23 dd, 25 WassAILS - ASS, 26 CO + BAR, 28 reverse HW.

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<p>Cryptic by zinzan</p>


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Across

- 1 Delivering nothing in co-operation (4,2,5)
- 7 Take a short trip to market after opening (3)
- 9 Not much time to have tea and coffee (5)
- 10 Delay the start of fine old wives' tale that shouldn't be told (9)
- 11 Pleaded to shelter bird with affected limbs (3-6)
- 12 Inhabitants of Gibraltar are rather less numerous than others (5)
- 13 From the outset, Satanists are rebuffed by master American theologian (7)
- 15 The cost of a Roman god's change of heart (4)
- 18 Send back 6lb 5oz of animals (4)
- 20 Japan, in the role of money institute, leads to negative economic growth (7)
- 23 A feature of the Coat of Arms initially put on record back in the '50s (5)
- 24 A sign showing correct population, says Spooner, is blinking (9)
- 26 Fully exposed now, blind drunk on whiskey (9)
- 27 'A planet' without its penultimate letter is 'a plant' (5)
- 28 An extract from Len Deighton's final chapter (3)
- 29 County's tricky to map, having the same direction at opposite ends (11)

- 2 Going to the dogs, knew race that may be tied (8)
- 3 Zinzan's mature idea (5)
- 4 Foreigners' injuries caused by bull ring being pulled down (7)
- 5 Without a score, composer would have done more than necessary (7)
- 6 The Goons – broadcast of four secret men (not mute!) (9)
- 7 Capital city's not at all cold inside (except quite the opposite!) (6)
- 8 Capital city that is, by rights, located in empty place (6)
- 14 A protein developed booming (9)
- 16 666 to start with shock treatment – cut the living into pieces! (8)
- 17 Poet's sonnet composed about Albany's state (8)
- 19 Speaking frankly, is it possible God belongs to us? (7)
- 20 Three quarters of a flag in the end is lacking a reddish-orange colour (7)
- 21 Fly below turbulence shrouding island (8)
- 22 Took the first deliveries of a dictionary expanded by a writer (6)
- 25 Something set in the way of British soldiers (5)

Down

- 1 Hints of onion mildew evident in Canaanitic beverage (8)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

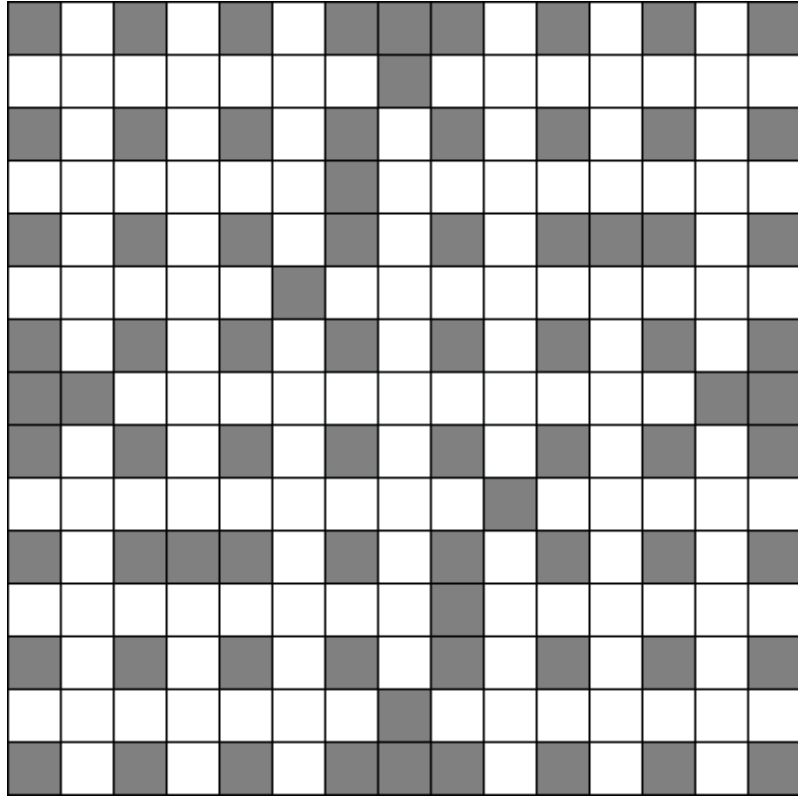
- Many thanks to you for forwarding my Quiz book prize – no excuses now I finally own a *Chambers Dictionary*! My thanks also to Audrey for pulling my name out of the hat. Pat Garner
- I thought it was lovely on Tuesday night when one of Stephen Fry's guests on the show *QI* asked whether he knew that the latest edition of the *OED* did not contain the word 'gullible'. Stephen walked right into the trap when he said "Oh my goodness, is that so?". Then the penny dropped. Betty Siegman
- Thank you and the ACC for the charmingly-written cheque and the Certificate. How wonderful if the World of Commerce conducted transactions in such an attractive manner! The prize was a happy surprise. My thanks to you and all the ACC for their great work and for the pleasure given to us. Chris Heenan
- Just a note to thank you Patrick for my lovely book prize; it will be a great help in solving the puzzles, which I look forward to each month. Claire McClelland

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AJ
by
The Co-Op

Prize:
**Brewer's
Dictionary of
Phrase & Fable**
18th edn [2009]
[rrp: \$69.95]

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



- A** Members of the unruly Aedui tribe say goodbye (5)
- B** British officer unfortunately married Bob! (10)
- C** Townsfolk wise to having civic rights (11)
- D** Poison created by one bovine in an uproar (6)
- E** Descriptive term of the east tip combination (7)
- F** Attractive terrain for amusement park (10)
- G** Murderous about liberal celebrity (5)
- H** Degrade the thrummy bulge evenly (6)
- I** Irritated appendages cause wanderlust (5,4)
- J** Can silly Jo apply for the old car? (7)
- K** "Cores" said the soldiers! (7)
- L** Melted primarily like impure quantities ultimately exuded from icicles evenly distributed (9)
- M** Rickety auld elm exposes its pith (7)
- N** Tree used in making aioli (5)
- O** Smear first on its left extremities daily (5)
- P** I stand between the public fountain and the pipe in tights (9)
- Q** Reverse the repulses of the French four – they could be lucky! (11)
- R** Paul and Penny are respected (7)
- S** Second siren alerts gunman... (7)
- T** ...after that, the navy (4)
- U** In the last month one friend was most important (8)
- V** 6+6+500+50+150 – add together brilliantly (7)
- W** In consequence of which the few here up on the stage are beside themselves (9)
- X** Combination of unknown amorous characters is abnormally dry (7)
- Y** Vigorous outburst of bad language. Lost my opening but kept my closure (8)
- Z** Animals by the thousand make a dash (4)


2010 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's smart new pub *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 28 November 2010 commencing at 11:30am. William has allocated a comfortable and spacious room upstairs and he serves 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 prizes to give away and there will be a 'daffy-nitonal' crossword and a fascinating Quiz to get your pencils into. Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!

THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY, Third edition:

A team of 80 lexicographers is now preparing the third edition of the *OED* which will take a decade or more; but whether it is released in the print edition is not yet known. The current second edition is a 20-volume set costing \$1299 published in 1989 and has sold about 30,000 sets. It has 291,500 entries plus 2.4 million quotations as sources and weighs 60 kgs. The fact that so many persons use the online *OED* makes it doubtful whether the new edition will be printed at all. The CEO of Oxford University Press said: "The print dictionary market is just disappearing. It is falling away by tens of per cent a year." The digital version of the *OED* gets 2 million hits a month from subscribers who pay \$328 a year for the service. It's just one more sign that the speed and ease of using internet reference sites are phasing out printed reference books.

—SMH 31 August 2010

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Prizes: \$50

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Across


- 1 Brief Tongan wild dance? (5)
- 4 Rudely addressed Latin American canal worker said to create a lot of fuss (4-5)
- 9 Defender of reportedly handsome young man who sticks to the main point (9)
- 10 Spring number (5)
- 11 Most of these seem to be initial proposals (6)
- 12 Stressed, I left Nice and acted strangely (8)
- 14 Sympathizing with both sides, confused, a couple and I abstain (10)
- 16 His majesty sat in for card game? On the contrary (4)
- 19 Measures confined spaces, leaving out a hundred (4)
- 20 A tenant has friend round about injections (10)
- 22 Spot a cute lamb almost torn apart (8)
- 23 Their unknown broken instrument (6)
- 26 Time when backward cleric follows directions? (5)
- 27 Extremely light aerobic workout for topless model (9)
- 28 Poorly illuminated empty Latvian citadel in ruins (9)
- 29 Weather station (5)

Down

- 1 Curtailing railway board is easy to deal with (9)
- 2 Being in this particular loop can be absolutely breathtaking (5)
- 3 Measuring test beneath old structure (8)
- 4 Sharp, I break a record (4)
- 5 Violinist needs lots of nerve to romp around. Right? (3-7)
- 6 Second class trips for new female union members (6)
- 7 Dare-devil skater, not new in rink, went crazy (4-5)
- 8 Surrender gains (5)
- 13 Performed routine I declare almost entirely instructive (10)
- 15 The leadership of the Force, perhaps, and certainly no place for the pedestrian? (6,3)
- 17 Alerted to confusion suffered (9)
- 18 Girls sit around with out-of-date exfoliators (8)
- 21 Botanical free-for-all (6)
- 22 Staff in charge are all over the place (5)
- 24 Almost split a dessert (5)
- 25 Meet an objection (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- September *Crozworld* brought such excitement. I would like to send my thanks to the ACC? When I deposited the cheque I think the bank man glanced at me with surprise and new respect. I still feel a beginner but I do enjoy being a member and the *Crozworld* in the letterbox is the best mail of the month. Best wishes.
Moya Galli
- Thank you very much, Michael Vnuk for taking the time to explain the clue I wrote on p4 in the August *Crozworld*.
Graeme Cole
- "Thank You" to those responsible for my winning the Slots 1-5 August. It has been a very rare occurrence for me to have all puzzles correctly answered. To win that prize makes me feel quite embarrassed as well as highly delighted.
Ted O'Brien
- A wonderful collection of puzzles this month.
Brian Symons
- Thanks again for a great month of puzzles. They all seemed hard this time!
Anne Simons
- Thank you for my extremely timely Book Prize – the *Macquarie Crossword Dictionary*. My current X-Word Dictionary is in such a state of disrepair it has to be kept in a plastic bag.
Odette Greenberger
- Thank you for Patrick's calligraphy accompanying my *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* Prize, which has already helped me this month!
Tony de Gry

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Cryptic Indications
by Crowsman
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Four full-length “indicators”, not precisely found in dictionaries, play a vital part in the construction of some clues. The construction of all clues containing reference to the indicator clues is precise and their surface readings make sense, but not necessarily when the four “indicators” are substituted in full.

Across

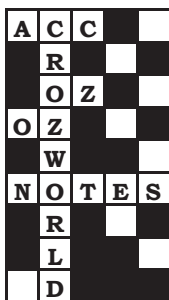
- 8 Pharaoh, when 22, would have made cuts (6)
- 9 Single us out for hideous mess? (8)
- 10 In retrospect, John, a leader, has to support charge (7,8)
- 11 Joins, and 10 are off! (5)
- 12 Where botanical researcher is in her element (9)
- 14 Provided 7 flagellate, performed a lewd act (7)
- 15 This action by trickster, when 22, would be insignificant (7)
- 18 Brazilian state’s throwing weapon possibly takes such trajectories (9)
- 20 Short summary of horse, 10 (5)
- 22 Becoming distracted, Carol, with bad cold, gets into liquid cosmetic (6,9)
- 23 Red, 22, is not affected by fire (8)
- 24 Clever 7 right a breach (6)

Down

- 1 Shy Allan returned ring – but broadcast widely (6,3,6)
- 2 Fights 7 provisions for amusements which involve flying (3,5)
- 3 Handling gun is 1 (5)
- 4 Why son worried and spoke indistinctly (7)
- 5 Snub African dance (9)
- 6 Acknowledge a new drain when 22 (6)
- 7 Regains consciousness and receives one complimentary drink – about right! (2,7,6)
- 13 Fellowship giving individual 7 yen (9)
- 16 He typically is angriest 1 (5,3)
- 17 Snarl gets violent 22 a swag (7)
- 19 Dislike having mathematics result in a 10 (6)
- 21 Composer 7 English strand (5)

**Post
Solution
to:**

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email: len.colgan@unisa.edu.au
Closing mail date: 12 November 2010.



FAVOURITE OBSCURE WORD:

From Doug Butler:

I love RUELLE: the space between the bed and the wall ... "Dear, where's my socks?" "In the ruelle honey". Now why doesn't the gap between the stove and the sideboard have a name of its own?

But if you ever call for favourite definitions, here's mine from the *SOED*:

Ecraseur (surg.) A blunt chainsaw tightened with a screw, for removing piles and polypi. Ouch!

Winner: Kath Harper. Congratulations!

Results: 25: R Caine, B Cockburn, G Cole, P Dearie, V Dinham, J Fowler, L Fry, R Gardiner, P Garner, B Glissan, K Harper, C Heenan, V Howard, B Ibbott, A Jermy, P Lord, J McGrath, C Noble, T O'Brien, M Procter, A Simons, J Smith, B Symons, M Veress, J Wenham and C Wilcox. **24:** H Cromer, M Galbreath, S Howells, C Jones, D Jones, J Martin, A Miles, D Procter, S Roulston, B Siegman, L Spicer, M Steinberger, J Stocks, A Walter and N Wilson. **23.5:** T McPherson. **23:** W Allen. **22:** G Leeds and R Wimbush.

Results of Quiz No 8/2010

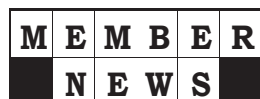
Election Special by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

Adjudicator's Comments: 45 entries were received. Success rate was 58%. Members seemed to appreciate my attempt to enliven the recent Federal Elections. The adjectives "topical", "fun" and "interesting" appeared frequently in feedback, whilst Jack Stocks and Peter Dearie commented that it didn't take as long to solve the quiz as it did to form a government. Most members resorted to the internet, but the award for resourceful research goes to Ted O'Brien (see next column). Most common mistake was WANNON for WRIGHT (homophone called for Australian poet Judith Wright.) Two people lost a point for EDEN-MONARA and I docked half-point for missing the hyphen. Several members pointed out that Prospect is not a current electorate, having been re-named McMahon on 22 December 2009. My apologies! (Only two members missed the correct answer, and I haven't penalised them.) Clues singled out for favourable mention were Gellibrand, Hotham, Jagajaga, Scullin, Stirling and Newcastle.

Solutions: 1. Adelaide 2. Bass 3. Calare 4. Dawson 5. Eden-Monaro 6. Forde 7. Fraser 8. Gellibrand 9. Hotham 10. Indi 11. Jagajaga 12. Kooyong 13. Lilley 14. Mayo 15. Newcastle 16. Oxley 17. Petrie 18. Prospect 19. Reid 20. Ryan 21. Scullin 22. Solomon 23. Stirling 24. Tangney 25. Wright.

Just a few Members' Comments:

- Forgot about the poor old ACT and NT so was in a bit of trouble until I re-googled! *Pat Lord*
- I contacted my local Electorate to obtain a copy of the Federal Electorates and then had it finished in about 1 hour. *Ted O'Brien*
- ... in researching the electorates of Oz ... found one called Fowler. *Jim Fowler*
- There are some strange names for the electorates, aren't there? *Marian Procter*
- Hope I have not been "politically incorrect". *Jack Stocks*



Membership Renewals for 2011: Liam Culligan, John Hannoush and Barbara Morris. Welcome to 2011!

Puzzle Adjustments: Rosemary Ducker gained dots for August 2010 Slots 1-4. Roy Taylor gained dots for August 2010 Slots 1-5. Gabrielle Leeds' entry in Bev Cockburn's The A-Z of Trees (July 2010 Bonus Quiz) was correct.

September Bonus Quiz "Rhyming Song Titles".

Please note the following corrections:
 22. The initial clue should be J rather than S
 27. Numerical indicators should be 4,5 rather than 4,6
 29. The initial clue should be T.D. rather than I.P.
 30. Numerical indicators should be 5,5 rather than 6,5
 Any person contributing a title not on the list (or already contributed) will receive an appropriate gift. Many thanks to Jenny Wenham for pointing out these errors. **—dB**

Quibble: I would like to reinforce an issue raised previously by Michael Kennedy regarding reference to the first or last letter of a word in cryptic clues. For example, for the letter 't', I am happy with "start of talk", "first of talks", "talk's opening", "talk initially", etc, but I cringe when I see a compiler use "first talk" or "start talking". How can they represent 't'? Similarly, for the letter 'p', I could use "head of prefects", "prefects' leader" and even "prefect leader", but I cringe at "head prefect", "leading prefect" or "first prefect". **—Len Colgan**

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

sempiternal *adj. rhet.* eternal, everlasting. **sempiternally** *adv.* sempiternity *n.* [ORIGIN: Middle English via Old French *sempiternel* and Late Latin *sempiternalis* from Latin *sempiternus*, from *semper* 'always' + *aeternus* 'eternal'.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004. Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$115.00 ISBN 9780195517965

Quiz 10/2010. Letters enclosed by Virgo.

Answers are all males beginning and ending with the same letter. Answers are in alphabetical order with first name first. Send your entry to Audrey Austin, 35/55 Carter Road, Nambour Queensland 4560 e-mail: audreyaustin@bigpond.com.au Closing date 12 November 2010. Book Prize.

- 1 German Formula 1 driver (4,10)
- 2 U.S. consumers' rights advocate (5,5)
- 3 Indian sitarist (4,7)
- 4 *Home and Away* actor and Gold Logies winner 2010
- 5 U.S. actor: *Perry Mason* (7,4)
- 6 Author of *The Big Sleep* (7,8)
- 7 US fire-fighting ace (3,5)
- 8 Hero of *Gone with the Wind* (5,6)
- 9 TV actor: *Law and Order* (7,6)
- 10 US comic actor: *Harlem Nights* (7,5)
- 11 German composer: *The Ring Cycle* (7,6)
- 12 UK drummer/singer (5,5)
- 13 U.S. atomic scientist (6,11)
- 14 UK pop singer: *Addicted to Love* (6,6)
- 15 U.S. actor *Prince Valiant*
- 16 U.S. actor: *Dr Zhivago* (3,7)
- 17 Australian tennis champion (3,5)
- 18 Australian actor: *The Time Machine* (3,6)
- 19 Swiss tennis champion
- 20 U.S. country music singer/composer (5,6)
- 21 Queen drummer (5,6)
- 22 Kenya born singer/composer: *The Last Farewell* (5,9)
- 23 U.S. actor: *Jaws* (3,8)
- 24 U.S. actor: *Blade Runner* (6,5)

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

• In 2dn, is KANGAROO another marsupial from a ROO? Not really. In 8dn, what does 'from' do in the clue apart from pad the surface? In 36dn, the word 'in' should be before the hidden fodder, not after. In 37dn, why 'startS' when only one start is required?
Andrew Patterson

• 9 & 6 dn were simple but right on. Cricket fans especially would appreciate 9dn.
Ted O'Brien

• Many thanks Joan for a great introductory Slot 1 puzzle.
Alan Walter

• A nice starter from Joan, not in Rottweiler mood! Nothing too hard and all fair in a Slot 1. (Thank you Margaret, hope to see you at the Luncheon. -JS)
Margaret Davis

• No problems here (hopefully). 12dn was clever - "AD" = Alzheimer's Disease.
Peter Dearie

• A nice do-able puzzle from you Joan. I'm not sure of 37dn VERY but don't know what else it could be. (Very light a signalling or illuminating coloured flare fired from a pistol: JS.)
Barb Ibbott

September 2-2010: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jesso)

Note: [Re several comments below: Noel is on record as saying that indirect anagrams are permissible as long as they are infrequent, simple and easily found. As Noel is the most prolific and commercially successful of our contributors we shouldn't ignore his opinion. When editing the crosswords for the ACC I will normally suggest that setters find another approach to an indirect anagram clue, in clues such as this (silly Aussie bird as MUE plus clear indications of the ZZ + IN and an unequivocal definition) I see no reason to be overly pedantic. - IMW]

• In 17ac, is an indirect definition any better than an indirect anagram? In 18dn, an indirect anagram. I liked 8dn DASH.
Andrew Patterson

• Lovely puzzle by Jesso. I liked 2dn, 7ac and 19ac and enjoyed the description of forty winks as ZZ. There is also an indirect anagram in 18ac, but it is pretty obvious.
Nea Storey

• Sorry, I have only one thing to say: "indirect anagram". It spoils the whole puzzle for me.
Jenny Wenham

• 11 and 9ac appealed to me.
Ted O'Brien

• 14ac to score over = RAP, heartless woman = HA(Z)EL (delete Z). Painter = RAP+HAEL. 25ac: THIS+CE+ZEN upset gives NIETZSCHE = philosopher. 27ac: DAPHN+A+E. Girl = DAPHNE surrounds A to give Ancient Biblical place in Egypt. Thanks Noel for a very challenging cryptic puzzle.
Alan Walter

• I love DASH which gets my COTM.
Brian Symons

• A bit of a disappointment from Jesso - not a single new word, which he can usually be relied upon to provide. Otherwise all good.
Margaret Davis

• 8dn took ages to solve. All in all, quite a challenge.
Peter Dearie

• I found several clues very difficult to solve eg. 11ac, 25ac, 27ac and 18dn. I've probably made lots of errors, but I did my best.
Barb Ibbott

September 3-2010: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

• In 15dn, does 'rave' have a right-winger when it's a down answer? In 21dn, 'circling' and 'some of the letters' are both hidden indicators. I spent a long time trying to justify ETAS instead of ERAS.
Andrew Patterson

• Three potential COTMs here. I eventually chose 9ac. But I'm afraid I don't get 3dn/4ac and 15dn.
Jenny Wenham

• 18dn is my COTM - very clever.
Ted O'Brien

• 22ac: Anagram 'CHEATED ON' minus H (Husband) to obtain ANECDOTE (story). 15dn: T+RAV+ELLER, TELLER = speaker, to hold RAV = RAVE - E (right winger) = Party - E. 22dn: Sign (of the Zodiac) = ARIES taken from (V) + ARIES = differs. Thanks Manveru.
Alan Walter

• Typical high class MANVERUVIAN cryptic. TRAVELLER took me ages to understand.
Brian Symons

• I usually find Manveru rather daunting but either he is mellowing or I am getting on to his wavelength. A number of nice clues.
Margaret Davis

• If "Haymaker" is correct for 18dn, I don't understand why it's "a great Aussie job".
Peter Dearie

• I've made a few guesses in order to finish in time, so once again have probably made errors.
Barb Ibbott

September 4-2010: AJ by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

• An enjoyable AJ that didn't cause too many problems.
Jenny Wenham

• Some cunning and humorous clues here, especially D, P & W.
Ted O'Brien

• (A) A+MERI+N+DIAN+S. MERIDIAN = midday dram (Chambers), centre of 'bones' = N, Sulphur = S. (E) ENTIRE is an ungelded horse. Thanks for a thought-provoking AJ Penobscot.
Alan Walter

• A good AJ. I'm not sure I understand the S clue. But I liked the W - so apposite! I've given it my COTM.
Margaret Davis

• A well-clued slot. "Isaian" could only be found in my old World Book Dictionary.
Peter Dearie

• Some tricky words (MEANTONE) (ZARNICH). I had Isaiah at first but changed it to ISAIAN - hope that is right. (Yes it is Barb but lots of errors with that clue. JS.)
Barb Ibbott

September 5-2010: Cryptic by midships (Ian Williams)

• I still cannot justify 3dn and 12ac, so cannot be certain. How do they work? [See Explanations on p4] *Andrew Patterson*

• Delighted to see you've so competently given the Ximenes puzzle a go! Hope you enjoyed setting it as much as I enjoyed solving it. [I did - quite a different setting environment, but very satisfying when it all worked out: IMW] Also thought it very clever the way you tied the clues together with the 'drinks' theme. All in all, a very enjoyable month of puzzles.
Roy Wilson

• Definitely inebriating!
Nea Storey

• I was quite sozzled by the time I finished this one. Perhaps Ian had one too many when compiling it. 1ac seems faulty to me. Could you please explain 12ac?
Jenny Wenham

• Apologies to our solvers who may have been confused by my inability to distinguish between a cupid and distilled almond essence. I've been drinking the latter for years but have never got round to spelling it!
Ian Williams

• Being a G&S freak I found the reference to Louis of The Gondoliers struck a chord with me!
Ted O'Brien

• 1ac: AMORETTO = cupid or little love. Answer needed should be AMARETTO but won't fit. 12ac: OTTER last 5 letters in 1ac AMORETTO. 22ac: Delete Greek Island Cos from NE(C) TAR(O)U(S) & scramble to obtain NATURE (Mother). 27ac: AC OC+TO+PO+DS where DS = document signed & document = instruction (Spenser). Presume "to return to sign" implies (to be) signed? Definition: 'Mainly found in the drink' is too vague.

2dn: R+O+CE+TO+TROMSO Ace = A is replaced by O, scrambled = MOTOR SCOOTER. 5dn: Delete ELVIS from SPECULATIVE & scramble to obtain TEACUP = China perhaps. 9dn: G&S quote from Princess Ida, "rum tum tum of the MILITARY DRUM & the guns that go boom boom". 25dn: Drinking songs = W(ASS) AILS. Delete (ASS) = fool to leave WAILS = cries.
Alan Walter

• Wonderfully clever - thanks midships.
Brian Symons

• A good Ximenean puzzle. TSWANA was the only unfamiliar word.
Margaret Davis

• Needless to say, I was unaware that "DS" in 27ac stood for "DAL SEGNO" (return to sign). I don't understand the clue 9dn - something to do with Gilbert and Sullivan? (See Alan Walter's comments above Peter. -JS). This puzzle nearly drove me to drink!
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TEMORA AVIATION MUSEUM: Odette Greenberger

has sent us details about the Temora Aviation Museum. It's an award-winning Museum which is home to a world-class flying collection of Australian ex-military aircraft. The Museum holds Flying Weekends regularly throughout the year. History comes alive as the aircraft take to the skies. Visitors can get close to the aircraft and pilots during ramp talk. It also features landscaped gardens and a picnic area plus an original WWII No 10 EFTS guardhouse entrance. For further info visit: www.aviationmuseum.com.au

Send solution to: Len Colgan

1 Ailsa Avenue, Warradale, SA 5046.

Closing mail date: Friday 12 November 2010.

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Clue of the Month

August 6-2010: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Entries: 74. Correct: 58. Success rate 78%.

Prizewinner: Robyn Wimbush. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Other than a few typos and some who did not find FROCKED, the only issue was an incorrect WRECK by several solvers in 9dn instead of the intended CROCK (see Explanations). WRECK would require "broken down" to perform the frowned-upon double duty to qualify both the person and the vessel.

Explanations:

Across: 1 re(e)fer; 4 bill owed; 10 mis(appropriate)s; 11 (m)ake la(w); 12 con jurors; 13 re-knit(rev); 14 steer(t)s (rev); 17 f(rock)ed; 19 cloth/o; 23 sch/delude(rev); 24 Capri(corn); 25 re(Duce)ds/pending; 26 text less; 27 gang/l(ank)y. **Down:** 1 ram parts; 2 Easter/north/o(do)x; 3 ex/pi(r)ate; 5 imp/unity; 6 lei/sure; 7 wi(thou)ts/topping; 8 de(s)ist; 9 double def [from Chambers: **cro**ck¹ **n** a pot or jar; [vessel - C]. **cro**ck² **n** a broken down or decrepit person or thing.]; 15 sedu(l)ces(all rev); 16 jo(b)/kingly; 18 cod/ici/l; 20 "Oscar and Lucinda"; 21 anag; 22 anag.

Solvers' Comments:

• Thanks for your very mind-bending cryptic. 4ac (BILLOWED): an 'invoice' is simply a 'BILL' (rather than 'BILL OWED'). Would have preferred 'Inflated invoice outstanding (8)', or at the very least include an ! after 'invoice'. 7dn: would prefer 'you formerly' for 'thou'. 9dn: 'broken down' appears to be doing double duty i.e. Person broken down and broken down vessel = WRECK. Prefer for fairness 'Person having twice broken down vessel'. 21dn: Haven't yet found a crossword reference dictionary or book that would include 'from' as an anagram indicator. Much liked your clues for AKELA, TINKER, FROCKED, CLOTHO, SCHEDULED, CAPRI(CORN), RE(DUCE) DS+PENDING, TEXTLESS, GANGLY, EASTERN ORTHODOX, EXPIATE, CODICIL (a gem), SEC+L+UDES, IMP+UNITY, LEI+SURE, LUCINDA, WITHOUT STOPPING & JOKINGLY. Overall a super puzzle. *Alan Walter*

• Loved your Slot 6! Had 'pillowed' for a while until the penny dropped and it was my COTM! Top right corner was last half dozen to go in. Brilliant. *William Ryan*

• Many thanks for your excellent crossword with several devious and witty clues. I liked SECLUDES, CAPRI, RAMPARTS and EXPIATE, though my favourite was BILLOWED – a good one! *Merv Collins*

• A clever and enjoyable puzzle. *Bob Hagan*
• Thanks for a stimulating puzzle & your adjudication. *Ted O'Brien*

• This was a difficult one. Put it aside 3 or 4 times, but persistence won out. FROCKED was last. *Anne Simons*

• Particularly liked RAMPARTS and FROCKED. Thanks. *Bill Bennett*

• Thanks for a wonderful cryptic with great clues. *Brian Symons*

• You're good! I started putting exclamation marks next to each clue I thought was outstanding & had to stop – almost too many to mention but let's talk about two – 4ac & 10ac – both delicious – and, if I'm not mistaken, a dearth of anagrams! I'm always hoping for two or three to get me started! More please. I salute you. *Bev Cockburn*

• Thanks, Len – most enjoyable as always. Especially liked CONJURORS and LUCINDA. *Andrew Miles*

• Thank you for another excellent puzzle. I enjoyed solving it and AKELA took me back in time. For my sins, in my teens I was Number 2 Cubmistress in the church Cub Pack, so, as Balu, took orders from Akela! I also particularly liked CONJURORS. Please keep them coming. *Margaret Davis*

• A very challenging crossword but, I hope, I managed to follow all the clues – very fair – and obtained an answer to each. CLOTHO was the last word I entered – had me stumped for ages. I thought BLOTTO was the answer – LOT is fate,

but of course couldn't justify the B, T & O. I really thought BILLOWED was an excellent clue. Looking forward to more of your puzzles. *Graeme Cole*

• Thanks, Len, for this delightful puzzle. Thought the clues were absolutely superb and great entertainment to solve. *Roy Wilson*

• Too many great clues to single just one or two for comment. You've raised the standard of cryptic somewhat and although some members may complain because they can't do them, I reckon we'll all just have to lift our game and rise to your challenge. We've needed to be shaken (or stirred) and I for one applaud you. *Carole Noble*

• Thank you for a challenging, but satisfying, puzzle. *Nea Storey*

• Challenging puzzle with great clues, especially 1ac, 4ac, 12ac, 24ac, 26ac, 3dn, 7dn. More please. *Joan Smith*

• Thanks for the great puzzle. Several of your clues would have been candidates for COTM if they'd been eligible – I think my favourite was BILLOWED. *Kath Harper*

• Many thanks for your input. FROCKED and SECLUDES held me up for ages. I did like "occludes", but it wasn't right! *Robyn Wimbush*

• I had given up on slot 6 after my first attempt, with blank squares down most of the right hand side of the grid. But now that it's finally fallen into place, I can see how clever and fair all of the clues are... so please forgive my original uncharitable thoughts about you and your puzzle! *Jan Wood*

• Some of your clues really baffled me for a while, such as "presentation upon arrival" for "lei" and "they fortified" for RAMPARTS. BILLOWED also took longer than it should have. All in all, this was a very well clued, challenging puzzle. *Peter Dearie*

• Thanks for a great puzzle. I particularly liked your clues for BILLOWED (perhaps a "?" would have been in order) and IMPUNITY. *Brian Tickle*

• REEFER is a container; pusher, trafficker, even hemp, could be a "supplier". 4ac (BILLOWED): I got stuck with "bellowed", wrongly thinking "invoice" could be two words "in voice", meaning vocalising. The delinquent letter "e" also held up 5dn where I thought "one" stood for letter "I" whereas "unity" (preceded by "imp" – a rogue) is needed. 20dn: Internet was helpful for non-film or tv movie-watchers. Blanchett played LUCINDA in a film unknown to me with (perhaps) screen-lover Oscar. Aha! Problem solved. A bit tricky. *Tony De Gry's*

• This was a very enjoyable puzzle with some great clues. *Robyn Caine*

• You certainly are a wizard of wordplay. I can't decide which clue I like best – perhaps BILLOWED for immediate impact, and EASTERN ORTHODOX for the ingenuity of those last 4 letters. Thank you for another fine puzzle. *Max Roddick*

• Thoroughly enjoyed this puzzle. Some great clues. Particularly liked SECLUDES and EASTERN ORTHODOX. *Gillian Champion*

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