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“Proper words in proper places, make the true definition of a style.”
Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)

GRIDATORIAL

The Club's participation in the *Words in Winter Festival* held at Daylesford and Hepburn Springs, Victoria was a very successful and worthwhile exercise. There was a goodly number of locals who came to wrestle with two 21 x 21 grids, the cryptic compiled by the great *Cactus* and the Orthodox compiled by *Stroz*. It provided an excellent opportunity to tell sympathetic solvers about the wonderful benefits of being a member of our Club. See p9 for further details.

We regularly add crosswords of all types to our website. There are plenty of puzzles to download and solve not to mention the ones you can solve online. The latest addition explores the history behind some of the fascinating words which are distinctively Australian. This is called OZWORD WEEKLY and we have some well-known Aussie words added to the website already. When you visit the website, click on the “Refresh” button on the browser or the F5 key on your keyboard to make sure you are accessing the latest information on the site. If you would like to suggest suitable words or submit definitions for this innovative and exciting feature send them to pstreet@bigpond.net.au.

Stef Savanah (better known as Pundit) has come up with a great idea for a crossword — it's called ‘Treasure Hunt’. The idea is to solve his three crosswords (one every second month), then look at the solutions which will reveal the location of the ‘buried treasure’. The selected winner who correctly pinpoints the location will win the ‘treasure’ valued at \$100 generously donated by Stef. Many thanks Stef for this brilliant concept and for your wonderful contribution to the ACC.

Many thanks to Shirl O'Brien, not only for another of her delightful compositions but also for her introduction to the ‘mondegreen’. Read about it on page 9.

Thank you also to Noel Jessop for another of his popular Half & Half puzzles. Virgo is back with a ‘normal’ AJ and it's good to see Colinebrii returns with an excellent topical puzzle. We round off this month's selection with another gem from Praxis.

Happy puzzling! members.

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

I was very pleased to get the bulk of entries quite early this month; perhaps a reflection on how easy the August puzzles were. When I opened David Procter's entry, I thought a fascinating new precedent had been set; a cheque for \$50 accompanied his puzzles; but it turned out to be David's way of saving the cost of a stamp on a prize cheque. (Thanks to the club, and thanks for prizes also received from Margaret Dennis and Mal Cockburn)

Slot 1: Very well received; only 1 mistake, 2 transcription errors and two blanks.

Slot 2: COOT at 21ac (COO from the phrase “bill and coo”, plus T-intersection) had 6 members eating CROW. Other offerings were COOS & COON. EARNES, EARNED and Blanks (2 each) all earned blanks instead of ticks.

Slot 3: By far the biggest trouble-maker, 6ac yielded 13 entries of HEP-UP. This unfortunately doesn't fit the clue-part “sHOT in the heart”. 18ac PINNED also caused many problems (indefinite number=N, long=PINE, and dungeon at first=D. LINNED x 2, LIENED x 2, and 1 each SIGNED, TINNED & BINNED. Other tick-destroyers were PSALMERS, ICHUNEMON & AFUNCTON.

Slot 4: Many comments on the complexity of the answers in this AJ. Hence the following blues: Bristletrim/Murines/Lucarne, Jemidar/Dixies, Jeremai, Free/Oersted, Xanthia, Zurt, Quehaug, Gwebum, Estate/Dartos, Retted.

Slot 5: 98% success! Only 1 blank and one ‘handy’ for ‘honey’. A couple of questions about 24ac “Account (HISTORY) for yarn (STORY) is under middle t-shirt (HI)”, possibly should have been a down clue.

—Steve Workman

LEADING FIGURES

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Entries received	118	112	107	94	105	536
Correct entries	113	98	79	84	103	476
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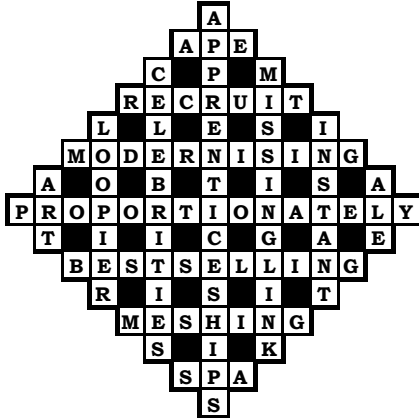
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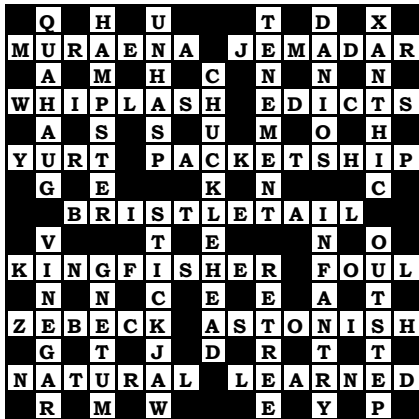
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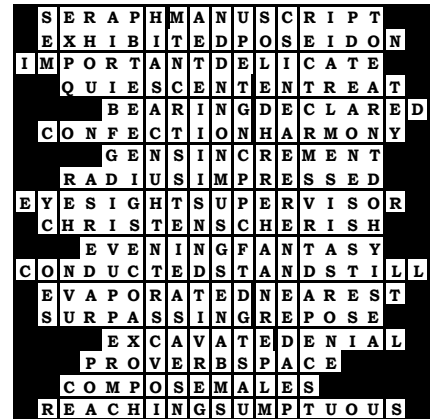
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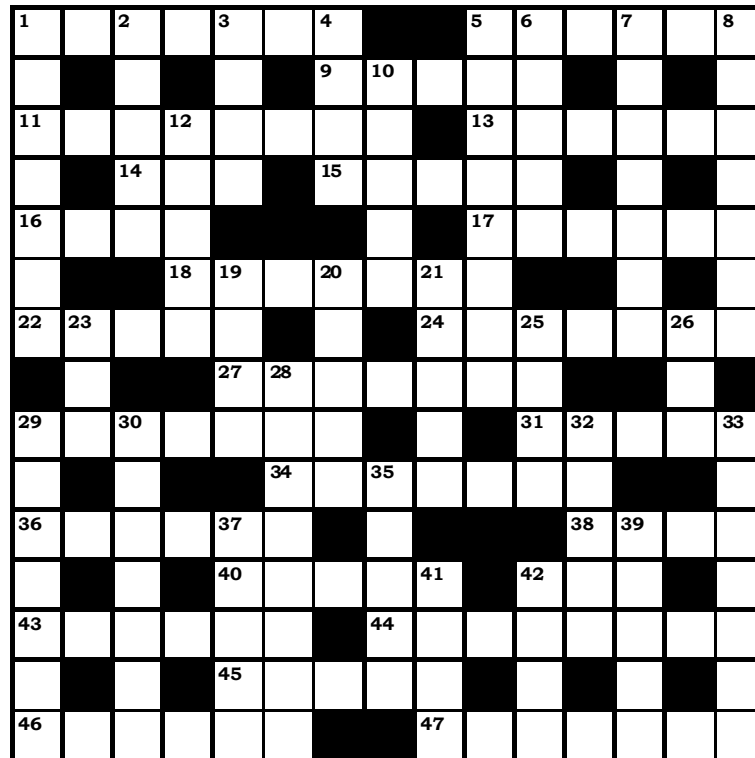
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Half & Half
by
Noel Jessop

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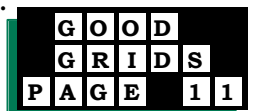
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- 5 Four-wheeled carriage (6)
- 9 Shield of Zeus (5)
- 11 Goo, goo! (4, 4)
- 13 Asian language (6)
- 14 Consume (3)
- 15 Sea-duck (5)
- 16 Lounge (4)
- 17 Make fizzy (6)
- 18 Sth. American songbird (7)
- 22 State of Malaysia (5)
- 24 Reduce to a fine spray (7)
- 27 Amidst (7)
- 29 Torose (7)
- 31 Custom (5)
- 34 Transmission component (7)
- 36 Flour (6)
- 38 Zulu army (4)
- 40 Norwegian dramatist (5)
- 42 Food (NZ) (3)
- 43 Foolishness (6)
- 44 Tagged (8)
- 45 Anaesthetic (5)
- 46 Globe (6)
- 47 US President (7)

Down

- 1 Stirs the mobs (7)
- 2 Superior person. The Spanish explosives expert (5)
- 3 State starting to take time for a power unit (4)
- 4 School starts your algebra learning early (4)
- 5 Ten fairs organised for paintings, etc. (4, 4)
- 6 French runner has anger about Society of Engineers (5)
- 7 Fellow at back of Narrabri gets Indian bread (7)
- 8 Record frost starts to numb everybody effeminate (7)
- 10 Adding to eastern monarch (5)
- 12 Port returned song with thanks (5)
- 19 Whaler — a hard sailor (4)
- 20 Dwelling built from rough adobe (5)
- 21 Impatient to start here in the middle without maturity (5)
- 23 Scots own ain't not all there (3)
- 25 To rise and call the Holy Roman emperor (4)
- 26 Eskimo partly to run on snow (3)
- 28 A good specimen over near the empty computer unit (8)
- 29 Africans with Egyptian genius starting to fell some trees (7)
- 30 Run in churlish swimmer (7)
- 32 Central tool Iowa left (5)
- 33 Dirty left hand cleaned up in a certain position (7)
- 35 A woman in dire extremes in booze (5)
- 37 Delicate race-starter is more agreeable (5)
- 39 Author may start new line (5)
- 41 Informer pulls rank (4)
- 42 Sharp point to know about (4)

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Closing mail date: Friday 4 October 2002.



CRYPTIC
by
Southern
Cross

SEPTEMBER 2 2002



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Across

- 1 Big bra draped across hirer's prized trophy (5, 3)
- 5 Jumped up after Schumacher's first crash (6)
- 9 Looks sure to change after achievement (8)
- 10 On bumpy rise, artist views ragged mountain range (6)
- 12 Set aside everything to put back (5)
- 13 English fliers tiptoe around Aussie hero (3, 6)
- 14 Monk to the fore perhaps with advance notice (5, 7)
- 18 Trial-and-error producing inert example? (12)
- 21 Abnormally excitable pet needs a pick-me-up (9)
- 23 The bailiff's about to take on the First Lady (5)
- 24 Poster depicting US author? (6)
- 25 When the computer is out of action, nap then stretch (8)
- 26 Eastern Leyte blitzed — it takes a lacing! (6)
- 27 Insidious killer of bosses at random (8)

Down

- 1 Half dead, Barney gets clear (6)
- 2 An enviable record makes this partly achievable (6)
- 3 Holy man to speak with the Queen — he finds it hard to get started (9)
- 4 Having nothing to do with my men, opulent as it may be (12)
- 6 The first to introduce prominent reforms in mismanaged administration (5)
- 7 Broadcasts on tour from where the planes take off (8)
- 8 City doctor jokes about best clothes (4, 4)
- 11 The Pharaoh loses direction, fretting over food (7, 5)
- 15 Adjust to raise amplitude (9)
- 16 Hairdresser taken in by new English 1ac coach (8)
- 17 Angry female's a fighter from way back (8)
- 19 Player in 1ac round has to cut it out finally (6)
- 20 Half of pine used to twist up on uprights of spiral stairs (6)
- 22 At that point a model leaves theatre (5)

**Taking up a
Collection
by
Colinebrii**

SEPTEMBER 3 2002



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All unclued answers have something in common

Across

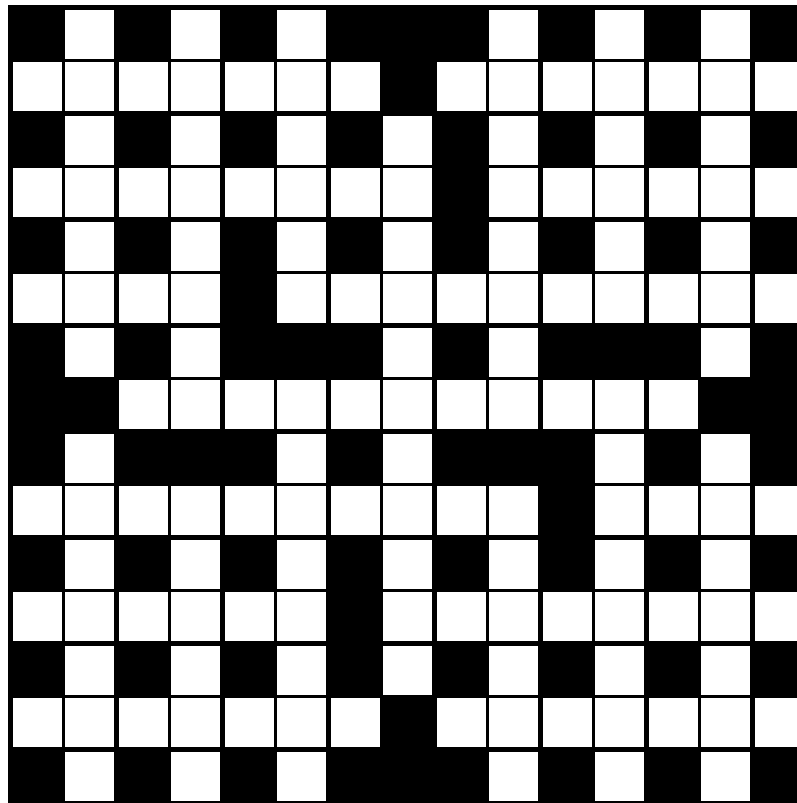
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- 11 Go back upon reserved terrace! (7)
- 12 Greek letter to fade on naked film (5)
- 14 'Sale of the Century's' announcer said to be in a mire about fuel source (4-4)
- 15 Course copied but got left aground between spring tides (6)
- 16 (4)
- 17 Egyptian spirit and I seek esker (4)
- 19 A tourist ad, say, to view Australian lake. Bracing stuff (3-3)
- 21 Rae twice negotiated fresh stream (3, 5)
- 24 Addition to the end of a word denotes false start to global exercise (8)
- 26 Clock catch of French Marquise (6)
- 27 (4)
- 29 (4)
- 31 Mothers hide heroin on first legal empty litter sent to Mecca at Hadj (6)
- 33 Cockney woman claims overtime with unorthodox spy organisation. Learner checking nature of blue movies (8)
- 34 Reformed misers have no right to large trucks (5)
- 35 Seminar is to soothe and content haughty people (7)
- 36 (10)

Down

- 2 Damaged? Heave the rubber tree (5)
- 3 Ink black sheep in a canvas (8)
- 4 Miscalculate bar type and rest in peace ... (4)
- 5 ... Just bar the monkey thanks, have layers of the retina (6)
- 6 Heading round east, a ship commences emergency refugee transfer to State again (8)
- 7 Money stashed in ti-tree in Peru (4)
- 8 Freeze when next to a marsupial (6)
- 9 Canberra icon to fish for poetic dream (7)
- 10 Ice delivery not against acting secretively (10)
- 13 (10)
- 18 Still all decentralised and stable (8)
- 20 Eastern order of monks held to account over old English opera composer (8)
- 22 Rebel over the Queen's consoler (7)
- 23 Cicada at Vietnamese festival gains marks for correct solution say (6)
- 25 Speechlessness when gangsters back sloth (6)
- 28 Egyptian god at safari park gets small change (5)
- 30 This girl is in Los Angeles (4)
- 32 (4)

AJ
by
Virgo

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The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer

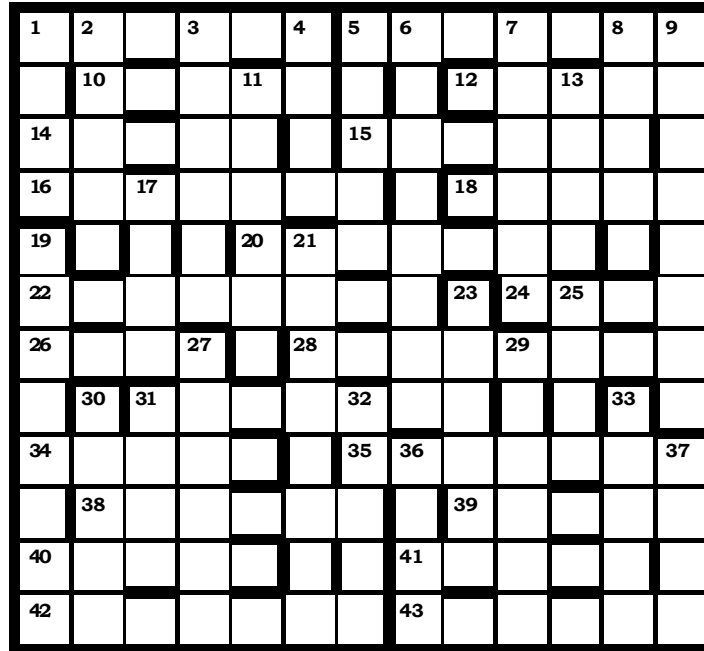
- A** Jack, an Egyptian God, Noah's son and Sarah's husband (7)
- B** The bottom of Rubbletown (7)
- C** Coolers cultivated antiseptics (7)
- D** The last word in French (7)
- E** Bully niece clearly overflowing with high spirits (10)
- F** Old chequered blew mind out (7)
- G** Rule over in Grand National starts (6)
- H** North from the Savannah, different smokes (7)
- I** Order cuts in tin or jar (11)
- J** Customised jeans lose us the green eyed monster (11)
- K** An oyster dish with meat, not fish (10)
- L** All Sam brought down are these S American creatures (6)
- M** Shooter targets biped (8)
- N** 01 from any centre for the remainder (4)
- O** Name torn out of decoration (8)
- P** Each second hand is read carefully (7)
- Q** Note the tremble (6)
- R** Patented jumper brand antelope (6)
- S** Clambers roughly in a hurried advance (8)
- T** Official sitting a bit contrived & unruly in the middle (8)
- U** Ill-treated lung due to become unstuck (7)
- V** In the past, out for perceived justice in revenge, Antonio (8)
- W** It's feasible that criminal broke law (8)
- X** Movie 10 article changes and goes to Universal (6)
- Y** Narrated a tale of talking horse (6)
- Z** The last cow to turn in (4)

**Accentuate
the
Positive
by
Praxis**

SEPTEMBER 5 2002



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All unclued words have something in common. Recommend *Chambers* and *Macquarie*.

Across

- 1 (6)
- 5 Agent's grabbed raincoat and is about to fly (7)
- 10 Italian banker backed research into the problem (5)
- 12 The spread come about for a leg covering (5)
- 14 Part of the spur's assembled lower (5)
- 15 English (old type) pound's legendary (6)
- 16 Sullivan provided a number for the house (7)
- 18 The city's after copper antique (5)
- 20 Auto engineers (trainees) found in the library (7)
- 22 (8)
- 24 Japanese people in gold surrounds (4)
- 26 Rebuked youngster's no learner (4)
- 28 (5-3)
- 31 Lie about love for state spectacles (7)
- 34 Rockets! Mayday involves a royal! (5)
- 35 American lyricist takes in a pupil (7)
- 38 Heat's awful, a hundred inside oriental sheaths (6)
- 39 Discontinue course argument's taking (5)
- 40 Inspect Chinese plant (5)
- 41 The finest detailed books fascinate (5)
- 42 It discharges around wet season (7)
- 43 (6)

Down

- 1 (4)
- 2 The fool's given up on the last poem (5)
- 3 (6)
- 4 Heather docked one fellow (4)
- 5 (5)
- 6 Cate's captivated by one particular brew (5-3)
- 7 Spot Scot (university student) with article (6)
- 8 Muslim demon established death's been removed (5)
- 9 (8)
- 11 Sounds illegal to extort? (6)
- 13 The first match on a football ground (4)
- 17 Some equip minors to turn warriors (4)
- 19 (8)
- 21 A d-drink? Ed's picked up an award (8)
- 23 Power's installed inside white mansion (6)
- 25 County in Ulster set-up for Madonna (4)
- 27 (6)
- 29 The artist remains the finest (6)
- 30 Cruise around the Maori's tribe's emblem (5)
- 31 Fly-by-night kept hard cash from Thailand (4)
- 32 (5)
- 33 Experiment on a seed-coat (5)
- 36 Island experienced overthrow (4)
- 37 (4)

Treasure Hunt Trilogy [Part 1]

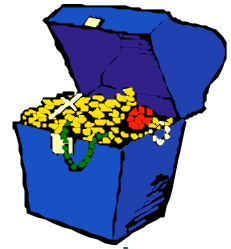


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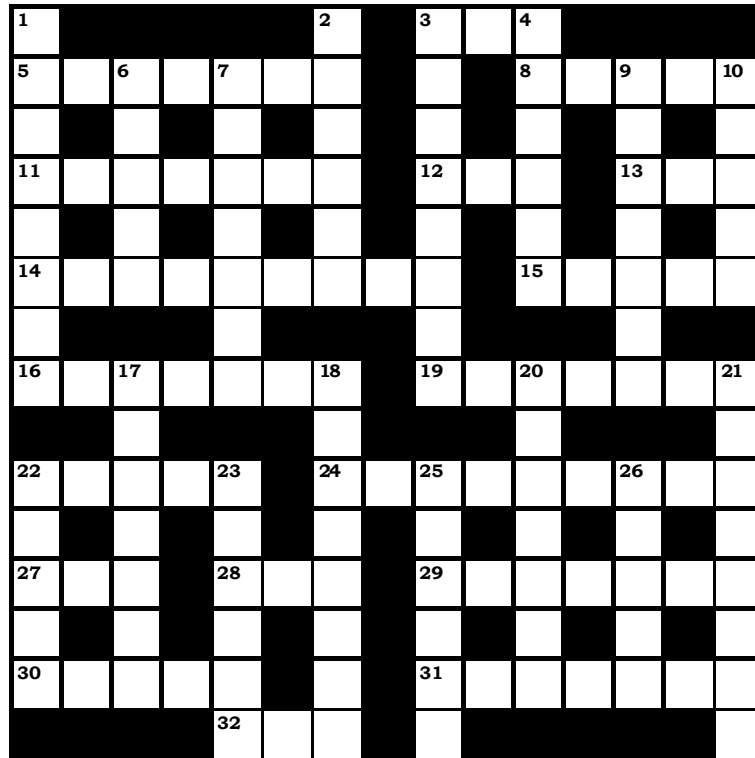
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This is Part 1 of a trilogy of crosswords that together constitutes a treasure map. Parts 2 and 3 will be published in later issues of *Crozworld*. When combined somehow, the three completed grids will pinpoint the actual location of 'buried treasure' (a bonus prize to the value of \$100). More about this will be explained in Part 3. In the meantime, solvers should send in their solution to Part 1 for a chance at the regular prize in the usual way.

Prize



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Across

- 3 Aim close (3)
- 5 View includes some water, though it's only a foot (7)
- 8 After ace smile with joy off to the side (5)
- 11 Once family departs, cook rest of meatloaf to make breakfast (7)
- 12 Flow from river reaches Ugandan borders (3)
- 13 Local Indian's aid turned away (3)
- 14 Will by debtor? It's less meaningful! (9)
- 15 Beds turned over — gladioli finally enduring! (5)
- 16 Made certain police go into action (7)
- 19 Underground vault, after unknown quantity of yen disappears, gets code (7)
- 22 Story has chapter with a twist showing brilliance (5)
- 24 Stone pillar appears as vulgar when covered by foreign newsagency (9)
- 27 & 32ac Tease and ogle — regard as a piece of meat! (3, 3)
- 28 Draw back from Web browser... (3)
- 29 ...being one opposed to new technology (diluted development?) (7)
- 30 Covered in spots, male appears (5)
- 31 Divine forest has no treetop — just tree's bottom half! (7)
- 32 See 27ac

Down

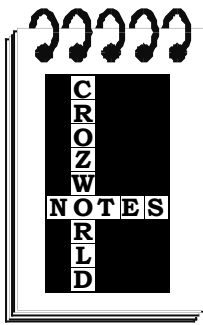
- 1 Adopted paranormal powers against The Circle. Worked! (8)
- 2 Hue and cry (6)
- 3 Renovated ex-resort facing outward (8)
- 4 Penny sides with female relatives — cows! (6)
- 6 American states are connected by road — but this town's in Italy! (5)
- 7 Lingered when pond finally rose to a flood (7)
- 9 Go back from Biology excitedly after excellent page describing a method of gastrulation (7)
- 10 Staff becomes overexcited when me and Charlie join (5)
- 17 Hiding in local, I breathlessly catch sight of bore (7)
- 18 Arab's outer garment's covered in local fruit — that's a wealth of information! (8)
- 20 Hard cheese, Ed, daughter getting into work as a cleaning woman! (7)
- 21 Having so many fringes, reversal's called for: deletes short day (Am. Sp.) (8)
- 22 Parts of cereal absorbing last of rain gets desert (5)
- 23 Time to meet firms: executive finally gets to fly (6)
- 25 A ground breaking stroke? (6)
- 26 First of all, even measuring inches requires straight rulers! (5)

Post solution to:

Stef Savanah,

24 Wyvern Avenue, Chatswood NSW 2067.

Closing mail date: Friday 4 October 2002.



BOB HAGAN

MEMBER



PROFILE

Bob Hagan was born in Dubbo, NSW in 1934 but grew up in Junee. Bob attended the Wagga Wagga Teachers College and graduated in 1952. After a stint in National Service, he taught in 4 small schools around Wagga for 15 years, married Pam during this time and also completed a degree by correspondence through Armidale University, and then moved to teach Maths at Mt Austin High in Wagga in 1969. Bob moved to Goulburn, NSW where he took up a position as Maths Master at Mulwaree High School in 1974 and his wife Pam joined the Ancillary staff there. Both Bob and Pam retired from Mulwaree in 1994. They have 3 children — one a Forester with CALM in Bunbury, WA, one a corporate manager with the NAB in Sydney and the third, a Branch Manager with Westpac in Bowral, NSW and they are blessed with 7 healthy, happy grandchildren. Pam is a folk artist and Bob makes the wooden pieces for her and her students to paint. Bob also dabbles in Upholstery and tutors in Maths. Bob said he passes the proceeds from the tutoring on to the Government via the TAB! Bob has been a wonderful contributor to the ACC since its inception and has set many crosswords with a literary flavour not to mention his outstanding hexapentagonals. He has used the colourful cruciverbonym of 'Brother Naga' which is an anagram of 'Robert Hagan'. He said he began doing "L.B's" crosswords in the 1950s and later graduated to *The Times*. "Through correspondence with the Master, Noel Jessop, I learnt the finer points of clue construction," Bob commented.

MEMBER NEWS

New Members: We extend a warm welcome to a new member from Victoria: Enid Holford of Wonthaggi. Happy Crozworlding, Enid!

Puzzle Adjustments: Claire McClelland has kindly advised us that the tick given and the prize awarded to her for July 1-2002 was in error. As a result, the prize was redrawn and the lucky winner was Brian Tickle. Many thanks, Claire, for your kindness in pointing this out. Aileen Skillicorn was given a tick for June 6-2002. In August 6-2002, the word-length indicator for 1ac should be (3, 6).

The Words in Winter Festival which was held at Daylesford and Hepburn Springs, Vic on the weekend of 3-4 August 2002 was an unqualified success. The ACC co-hosted a crossword competition on the Sunday and David Procter and Patrick Street were in attendance to meet the keen contestants and supervise the contest. The local organiser genial Joe Anderson had this to say: "The consensus was that it had been an outstanding success in all respects. The presentation of the puzzles was far beyond our expectations. The quality of the clues, both cryptic and straight, was aimed exactly at the right level; our congratulations to the compilers Stroz and Cactus. Your generosity with the prizes was out of this world, way beyond what we deserved. I am sure that in time some of us will become members of the Australian Crossword Club."

David Tossman hails from Auckland, New Zealand, and compiles the weekly cryptic crossword for the New Zealand magazine *The Listener*. If you would like to try some of his compositions or read more about this fascinating & versatile personality, visit his website at: <http://www.davidtossman.co.nz/crosswords.htm>

If you would like to learn more about some of the famous personalities of New Zealand history, why not consult the comprehensive Dictionary of New Zealand Biography which can be accessed online at: <http://www.dnzb.govt.nz/dnzb/>

SHORT STORY BY DEE MAWBY

"It was black-mail", said Rosy smugly. "I do not understand your conclusion", PC Brookes mumbled, adding something about it being illogical. The clue she reiterated ... "Illegal dark letters". He turned away shaking his head. She laughed quietly, her logical husband's frustration at her prowess for solving cryptic crossword puzzles was quite delightful.
—*Herald Sun*, 22 July 2002

Mondegreens

What is a mondegreen? Is it a vegetable? Or an animal? Perhaps a mineral? No, it's the word which describes a misheard lyric. Shirl O'Brien helpfully explains:

"The word 'mondegreen' originated in 1954 for those comic mis-hearings we've all experienced — "Hail Mary, full of grapes ... blessed art thou a monk swimming ..."

Part of a Scottish ballad goes:

*They had slain the Earl of Murray
And laid him on the green.*

But that was misinterpreted as:

*They had slain the Earl of Murray
And Lady Mondegreen.*

My favourite mondegreen goes back some years when I was telling my small grand-daughter about the clock in the Queen Victoria Building, Sydney and giving a simple explanation of the dioramas. Speaking of Canute, I told her (erroneously) that he was a Viking. "Grandma," she chipped in, "Is that Viking-dom, come?"

Thank you, Shirl for that instructive introduction to mondegreens. There are many other mondegreens which have been catalogued. Some include, *Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly*, *Round John Virgin*, *Sleep in Heavenly Peas* (also heard as *Sleep in Beverly Hills*), *He's Got the Whole World in his Pants*, the well-known Sousa march *Tarzan Strikes Forever*, that fine old hymn *Gladly The Cross I'd Bear* misheard as *Gladly, the cross-eyed bear* and *There's a bathroom on the right*, a mishearing of *There's a bad moon on the rise* from the 1970s Creedence Clearwater Revival song *Bad Moon Rising*.

A couple of song lines: *Doughnuts Make Your Brown Eyes Blue* and the well-known Bob Dylan song *Blowin' in the Wind* with the line *Dead ants are my friends, they're blowing in the wind*. And the basketballer's lament: *Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 6 feet 4?* Also, the Lesley Gore song *It's my body and I'll cry if I want to*, the US national anthem *The Starched Bangled Banner* and the US Pledge of Allegiance which was heard to start with the line *I led the pigeons to the flag*. And the last verse of *Home on the Range* as *And I stood there amazed, and asked as I gazed, if their glory exceeds that of Oz*. Also, that famous song from *Evita* as *Don't Cry for me Marge and Tina* and finally, the story about the patient having a *bow and arrow transplant*.

If you want more mondegreens, Gavin Edwards has written four book-length collections and you can find out more details by visiting his website at: <http://www.rulefortytwo.com/mondegreens.htm> or read all about mondegreens by Jon Carroll at <http://www.sfgate.com/columnists/carroll/mondegreens.shtml>

Do you have a favourite mondegreen? If so send it to Patrick Street at: pstreet@bigpond.net.au

MEMBERS COMMENTS

AUGUST 1-2002 — ANAGRAM DIAMOND by Virgo

- Not so sure about 'loopier'. *Doreen Jones*
- Trust Audrey to come up with something different. *Margaret Davis*
- An enjoyable and do-able start to the month's programme, thanks to Audrey. Very suitable for slot 1. *Irene Watts*
- Something different and not too difficult as a starter. *Catherine Hambling*
- Not too hard, but different, and quite clever. *Betty Siegman*
- My first choices for 14ac (sap/pas) held up my 'apprenticeship' for some time. Most enjoyable Audrey! *Ted O'Brien*
- Thanks Virgo for your very eye-catching DIAMOND shaped grid which certainly had 4 very SHARP saw-toothed edges! It was nice to know that we had the crossword connoisseur MORSE DINING with us. Hope all did ENDEAVOUR to THAW this puzzle OUT! *Alan Walter*

AUGUST 2-2002 — CRYPTIC by Southern Cross

- I won't indulge myself with a witty remark about birds! I'm sure you'll have had enough already. The usual trim, taut and terrific from Shirl. *Catherine Hambling*
- I dips me lid to *Southern Cross* for working in all those across words so cleverly. *Betty Siegman*
- With a shriek I yelled "shrike" and got Shirl's birds. *Ted O'Brien*
- "My heart is like a singing bird" after doing Shirl's delightful cryptic. I enjoyed it and the images it created. *Irene Watts*
- Shirl's puzzles are always a delight, and very fair. *Margaret Davis*
- Good fun! *Tom Phelan*
- Many thanks to *Southern Cross* for keeping the flag flying with your delightful thematic bird puzzle. *Alan Walter*

AUGUST 3-2002 — CRYPTIC by Noel Jessop

- Love 'Ida Lupino' – one for the oldies. *Doreen Jones*
- Thought 'asuncion' was smart. *Tom Phelan*
- Took me ages to find 'Albigenses'. The next day while researching some family history (one ancestor went to England from France with the Huguenots) there they were again. *Catherine Hambling*
- Light overcame darkness finally, and Noel's 13dn bedazzled me. *Ted O'Brien*
- A difficult cryptic. 18ac was a real stumbling block and I could not get out of the long dungeon until I suddenly realized that LONG stood for PINE. Hurrah! I was out of gaol very quickly. *Irene Watts*
- I'm still puzzling over 23dn — "Objects to fly in spouts" — I'm just guessing at "jets". *Peter C. Dearie*
- Another gem puzzle from our master cryptic-crossword composer. Thanks Noel. *Alan Walter*

AUGUST 4-2002 — ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW by Timid Terrier

- Does 'foul' = 'wild'? *Doreen Jones*
- Another good AJ although there were rather a lot of unusual words. Not sure how the clues work for 'astonish'. Could you include an explanation please? (SW: As=Norse God, Nis=brownie or friendly goblin) *Catherine Hambling*
- The F word in slot 4 – (SW: I did a double-take at this point Margaret) I guess it has to be 'foul' (loud + sounds like owl) but 'wild' as a clue for 'foul' doesn't seem right. I was hoping to fit in 'free' (loud + ree), only bothered by ree being an actual bird, not a bird heard. But it didn't fit anyway. *Margaret Galbreath*
- What a chucklehead I am – I've never used muraena, jemadar, danois, gnetum, or retree in my life. (SW: Bill Gates agrees with you Ted, as I type your comment, all five words have wiggly red lines under them!) *Ted O'Brien*
- As usual, Joan provided us with a devil of an alphabetical – lots of hard thinking and some odd words. I really surprised myself in finishing it, so hope I am right. (Right as rain, Irene.) *Irene Watts*
- Joan's AJ was a real challenge. It took much longer than I usually spend on an AJ. Funny both she and Shirl had a Kingfisher. If I say "halcyon days" will I get a round of applause or just groans of despair? *Margaret Davis*
- The AJ was the hardest slot. The P clue held me up for ages; I think there has been a mistake in cluing, as a packet ship is neither a container nor a large amount of money. *Chambers* defines "packet" as both a packet ship and a large sum of money; maybe confusion resulted. The F and S clues weren't too satisfactory either. Wild=Foul? (only if its weather) and Stuff=Stick? These are thesaurus rather than dictionary meanings and too vague. *Peter C. Dearie*
- Thanks *Timid Terrier* for A Jigsaw with a few Chainsaw properties (cutting edges). *Alan Walter*

AUGUST 5-2002 — SKELETON CROSSWORD by Daintree Lady

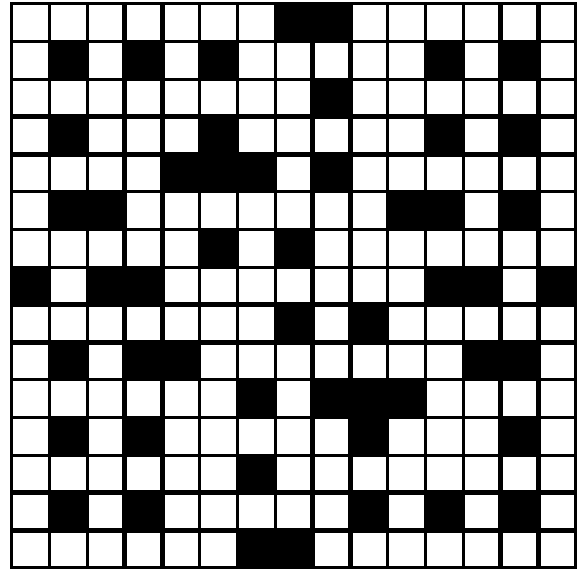
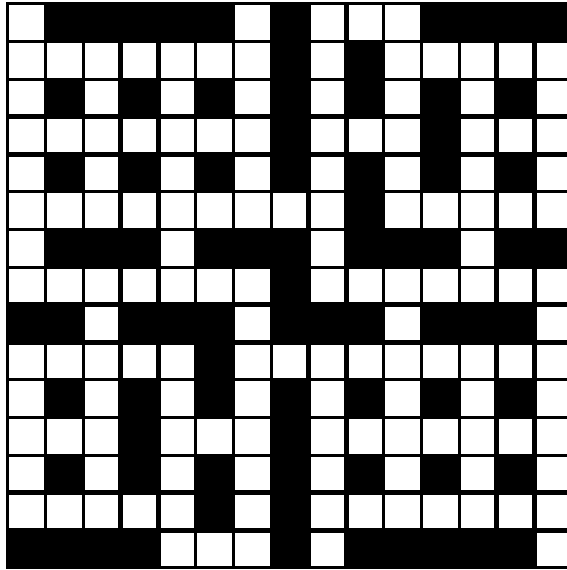
- This one is my favourite for the month – they are so satisfying to solve. More please. *Catherine Hambling*
- My first success in a puzzle of the slot 5 type! *Nea Storey*
- The skeleton looks daunting, but in fact falls into place quite easily. The clue for 4dn made me wonder. I shouldn't equate 'well' with 'mine', but I decided that I had to for this. *Margaret Galbreath*
- A novel puzzle. As with slot 1, good fun – changes are most welcome. *Tom Phelan*
- Guesswork, luck, and Daphne's run-ins helped me here. 9ac and 2dn really appealed. *Ted O'Brien*
- Another new variety of puzzle for us, and tricky into the bargain. *Irene Watts*
- The skeleton was a little daunting at first, but fortunately there was enough help to get started. *Margaret Davis*
- Slot 5 had some elegant clues, a most enjoyable slot. *Peter C. Dearie*
- Personally I prefer skeleton crosswords to be left in the closet! This puzzle was not too untoward because of the two-way symmetry. In 5dn the definition using "these, perhaps" is so vague that it is NOT a proper definition. *Alan Walter*



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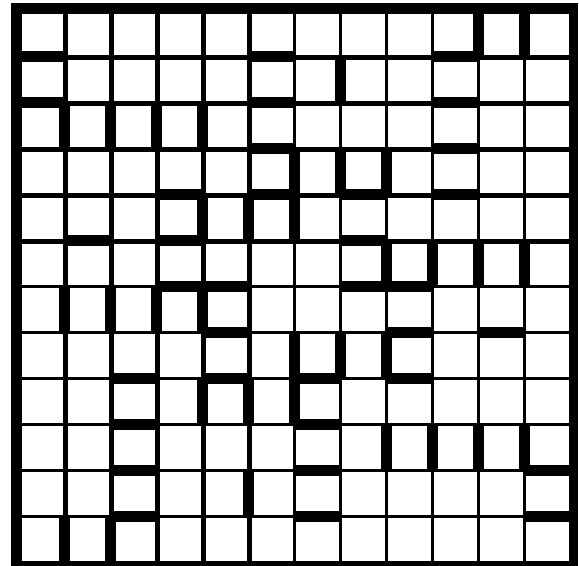
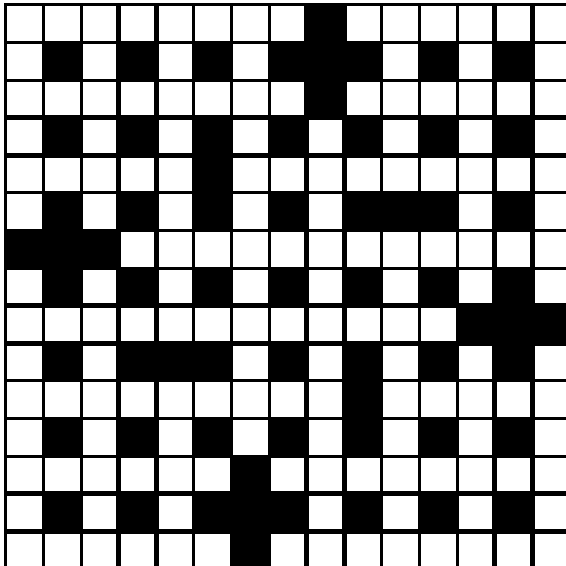
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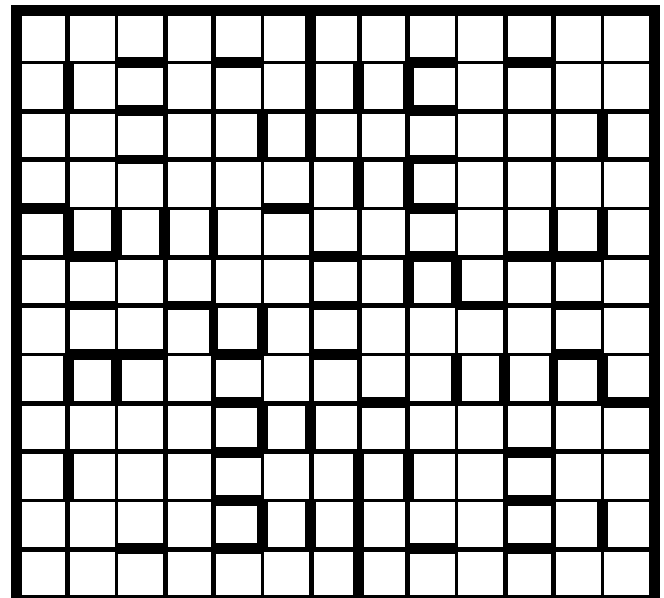
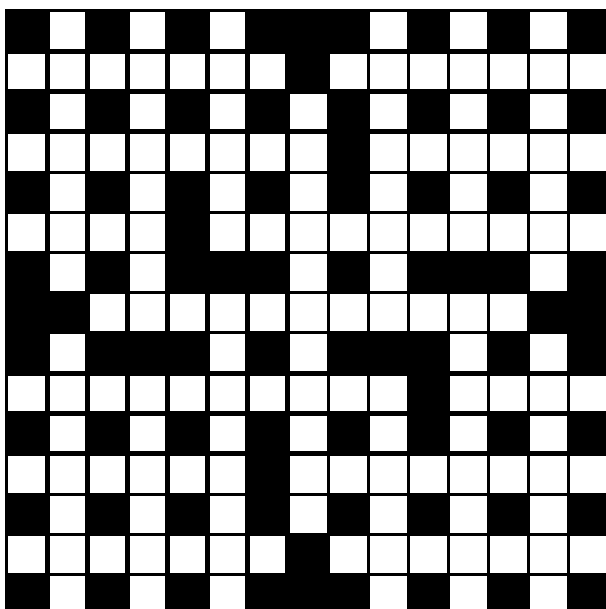
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July 6-2002 - Poetry Revisited by Brother Naga (Bob Hagan)

Entries: 52. Correct: 40. Success rate: 76.9%. Prize winner: Max Roddick. Congratulations!

Members Comments:

- This was a classic Slot 6 — hard but fair. *Peter Dearie*
- My brain is in tatters after de-tatting clue 16 and as for 9, your **confection** was a hard centre, not sweet, but stimulating. *Max Roddick*
- I think incorporating **Pam** into the puzzle was the most romantic thing you could have done. *Carole Noble*
- Theoretically I hate puzzles like this and I can't understand why I enjoyed it so much. But I did! *Iain MacDougall*
- I'm sure Leigh Hunt, like the rest of us, would have marvelled to see what a superb puzzle you created from his poem. *Betty Cumming*
- My favourite was your clue for 'Quiescent' (that is, as long as I'm right). *Del Kennedy*

Compiler's comments: The members' comments in general were very complimentary — a great challenge; tricky but satisfying; a tough one but a good one. Several felt that with only one letter supplied in each answer word it was a bit *too* challenging. In future, I will consider adding some extra letters to give more solvers some encouragement. The poem brought back many old memories for solvers. Margaret Davis remembered 'doing' him at school and Audrey Austin recalled her mother at 85 reciting it on a cruise and winning an Amateur Talent Quest. It took Roy Wilson back 60 years (to what age, Roy?) He reckons Abou led all the rest because the names were in alphabetical order and no Aarons made it.

Clues that presented some problems:

1. Gens (tribe) — Inside info (gen) and close to stables (s)
 8. Supervisor (head) — great (super) + disguise (visor)
 12. Depressed (low) — crowd (press) in (deed)
 15. Nearest (next) — neighbouring (near) + small establishment (est). Closest would need CLOS to mean neighbouring.
- I have written to several members who had multiple errors outlining my thinking. If other members would like a summary of clue types just let me know.
—*Brother Naga (Bob Hagan)*

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Apart from a few esoterologisms, which were well clued in slot 4, *Chambers* had a rest this month. A great set of puzzles. (You really like to strain my spell-checker, don't you Bill? – SW) *Bill Bennett*
- Thoroughly enjoyed all the puzzles. I particularly enjoyed Shir!'s, having the names of birds in every row is no mean feat; and its little wonder Noel's puzzles are so popular – I just hope I've avoided all his little traps. *Roy Wilson*
- The Afrit Injunction says it quite clearly... "I need not mean what I say, but I must say what I mean". The setter who uses 'Head Girl' to represent 'G' actually means 'Head of Girl' and has simply not said what is meant. Any clue containing this construction is flawed, any puzzle containing such a clue is faulty, and constant use of it can never make it right. *Noel Jessop*
- Thanks for doing all the work this month. I never realized how rushed it can be on that last day – I got more than a third of all entries then. I have now vowed to send my entries as early as possible. (SW: Hooray, more like you please!) (*Audrey had her first stint as adjudicator last month*) *Audrey Ryan*
- Quite a good balance of puzzles this month, and very enjoyable. *Ron O'Rourke*
- I also agree with Noel's comments on "bhagee" (July Slot 3). Not all members have internet access or the latest dictionaries. Please use words that are easier to find for everyone, if possible. *Margaret Davis*
- Many strange words sprinkled throughout, but a most enjoyable set of exercises. *Jim Colles*
- Please thank Veniece for selecting my entry as winner in June 2 – 2000. It was a real pick-me-up, as I was miserable with winter ills and chills at the time. It was a delightful coincidence to find the availability of the *Chambers Dictionary* in the same issue of CrOZworld — I had been trying to purchase one for some time. *Dell Eisentrager*
- Thank you very much for the pleasant surprise we received today — the \$50 prize for managing to get 6 Slot 6 puzzles right (and not making one of our fairly frequent transcription errors). My wife shares the puzzles with me and we will be able to put the \$50 to appropriate use by up-dating our *Chambers* dictionary to the more recent edition. Thank you and all the others who do so much to provide a most enjoyable set of puzzles each month. *Daryl Ikin*

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• **ACC ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER 2002.** Our Get-Together 2002 will be held at Rydge's Hotel Sydney on Sunday 3 November 2002 commencing at 11:30am. It promises to be the Club's social event of the cruciverbal year and a great opportunity to meet our good friends of the grid. Make a note in your Diary now! More details later.

• **Attention** Members who have purchased the COLLINS CD Dictionary/Thesaurus if you are having problems installing on Windows 2000 or XP, contact Steve Workman on steve@famill.com.au for a fix.

• **CHAMBERS REFERENCE BOOKS:** All orders for the Chambers reference books have been sent to the distributor and we are awaiting delivery in due course. If there are any further orders, kindly send them to Patrick at pstreet@bigpond.net.au

PERSONAL:

- Patrick Street's father passed away on Friday 23 August 2002. He was aged 87 years. We send our sincere condolences to Patrick and his family.
- Del Kennedy's husband John has not been in the best of health lately. We wish him a speedy recovery.