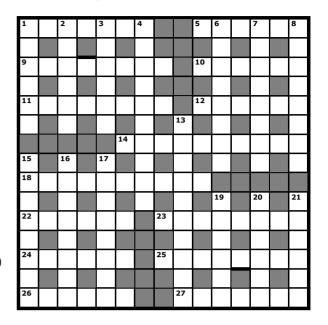
October 2025 Slot 2 by Ninian

Across

- 1 Saw favourable part of speech (7)
- **5** Crystal has two pints and an unknown chaser (6)
- **9** Cleverly remodelled statue Liberty disheartened (8)
- **10** Remove obstacle from country club's crest! (6)
- **11** Irish city of different ilk harbouring organised crime (8)
- 12 Lie back go without dessert (6)
- 14 Roughly left 50c on the help desk (4,6)
- 18 Drover charged smuggling fleece (10)
- **22** Following a person of faith, Elsa trimmed precious possessions (6)
- **23** A positive indicator seen in a Swiss standard (4,4)
- **24** Settles for the night in short North Melbourne side street facing west (6)
- 25 Shred note and create mayhem (8)
- 26 Twisted Sister hit back (6)
- **27** Make clear to one included in plot after king was beheaded (7)

Down

- Tolls across river are present for 30 years (6)
- 2 Choose one degree for high points (6)
- 3 Exact formerly wrong (6)
- **4** Masks desserts containing 12 centre (10)
- **6** Superfluous uniform knight born and died without one (8)
- **7** Recants note on short treatises (8)
- **8** Delivery system identifiers have, say, five eights for Santa (3,5)
- **13** Give the cat a brew of tea that is below a standard measure (10)
- **15** One of twelve is understudy for wizard (8)
- 16 Scarlet clubs giants in the forest (8)
- **17** Current and old style cocktail for those who attend (8)
- 19 Dormant viper taking shelter (6)



- **20** Those who are blind at parties hit this cocktail (6)
- 21 Tavern hosts short term resident (6)