

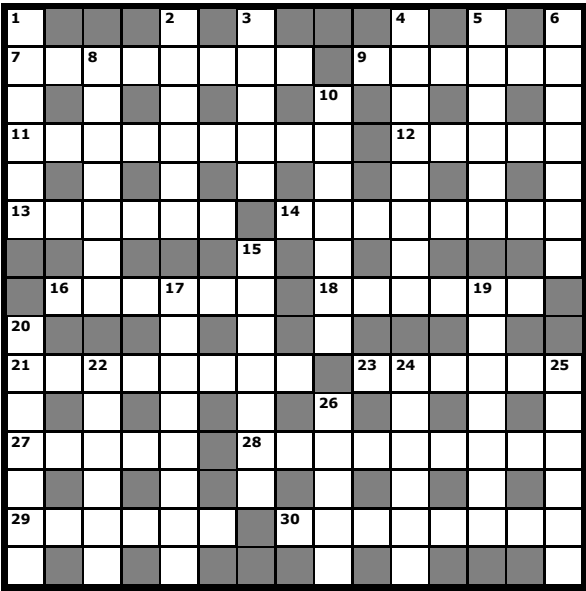
October 2025 Slot 5 by T-boy

Across

- 7 Articulate anagrammatic quote, Len! (8)
- 9 Force a way through stars in the Great Bear (6)
- 11 Cacophonous din when intravenous drip following burn gets nearly dry (9)
- 12 Lemon - dreadful fruit (5)
- 13 Judge and joker swing back and forth (6)
- 14 Force units holding women into planned communities (3,5)
- 16 Old blackguard has contents of vial in palm (6)
- 18 Overcoat left in Margaret's luggage (6)
- 21 Complete crook said to have given hint to solution of mystery (8)
- 23 Attack dog stuck in middle of chimney (6)
- 27 Prohibited key rings (5)
- 28 Told to obtain psych. roster for one requiring balance? (9)
- 29 Not all Aussies take time out (6)
- 30 Origins of enclosed lines carrying electricity secured in charged power source (4,4)

Down

- 1 Sirenian pig eats primarily eggs and corn (3,3)
- 2 Cavities in highway entering famous park (6)
- 3 Popular amateur boule work (5)
- 4 Variable climates give traveller's joy. (8)
- 5 Criminal caught police officers! (6)
- 6 Archdean Kirsch periodically has hock wine (7)
- 8 Best drug-free ice cream eases up earache (7)
- 10 Break from xxIxA! (4,3)
- 15 Book total leads to electronic benefits transfer for defaulted loan (3,4)
- 17 Adrift half mile out of Cornish port (8)
- 19 Occasional sellouts I have are hard to remember (7)



- 20 Relaxed, taking time in Adelaide - bliss (7)
- 22 Peers overheard toreador's puzzlement at empty plaza (6)
- 24 Ms West acquires French booty spot! (6)
- 25 Provoke, catch, then let out (6)
- 26 Gutless dog caught in total melee (5)