

CroZworld

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"Who overcomes by force hath overcome but half his foe."
—John Milton 1608-1674, *Paradise Lost*, bk. I, l. 648.

GRIDATORIAL

With this month's *Crozworld* we welcome a new compiler, **Kev Layton**. Kev hails from Aitkenvale, which is a suburb of Townsville, Queensland.

Kev was a member of Brian Gibson's *Cryptic Forum* and was a regular contributor of cryptic puzzles and acrostics. Since the demise of the *Forum*, Kev has joined the Australian Crossword Club and has been enjoying the variety of puzzles and quizzes so far.

Since his retirement as a senior officer with Mount Isa mines — where he gained the nickname "The Beast" — Kev has been indulging his major interest of fishing and has also been looking after the glorious African violets in his garden.

Kev has compiled *Connections for Example* (Slot 2) which will be welcomed by many solvers for its originality. There is nothing "beastly" about it at all!

On the solving side, Kev admitted that whilst he is having difficulty with some of the *Crozworld* puzzles, "I'll eventually get the hang of those that are new to me," he said with commendable candour.

Many thanks for your contribution Kev, and welcome to the delights of *Crozworld*.

We have another excellent and varied selection of crosswords this month together with a cryptic quiz — *Aussie Gold* — compiled by Cha-Cha. This quiz should keep the Olympic flame alive and burning bright. Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! Oi! Oi! Oi!

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

An ebullient start to the new millennium with a superbly presented January issue. Some solvers were brought up short by the Pud at Slot 5 but everyone seems to have enjoyed their exertions.

Slot 1: A number of errors in this generally well received General Knowledge puzzle. The more notable ones were DUNES, LEVEE, MOLES (8ac), PASCAL (10ac), ROOS, MOSS (16ac), PRIG (18ac), MUSEUM, CENEUM, LOGEUM (4dn), SALVATOR DALI (7dn) and AMPIDEXTROUS (9dn).

Slot 2: After weighty deliberations a panel of eminent and affable judges determined that DON is not a valid optional answer to the 27ac clue, as it does not truly mean a 'level of proficiency'. This verdict had the unfortunate consequence of removing ticks from no less than 21 perspiring solvers. CABELETTA (17dn), ONCER (16ac), STEAL (11ac) and ARR (15dn) also spoilt a few cards. Solvers inquiring about the mysterious Roderic O'Connor (5dn) are referred to Alan (Sherlock) Walter's comments on page 10, whence all is revealed.

Slot 3: Not too much wrong with this latest *Southern Cross* special. IDOLATROUS (13dn) was subject to a few different spelling mistakes, as were a couple of other words, and there were a few blanks in grids.

Slot 4: Several problem areas including LOGO & LEGS for the L clue which cost 4 ticks, and half a dozen variations on the XENURINE theme. And although nearly everyone got it right, there were inquiries about the R clue — (... 'to advance' = refer, 'and look around' = see, reversed; 'Tries' = referees). *Members Comments* also contain a most humble apology by Roy Wilson for part of the Y clue, issued on behalf of a penitent *Praxis*.

Slot 5: Comments ranging from ambrosia to dyspepsia about the *Stroz* Pud. Clue 18 gave heartburn to a number of solvers, torn between SIGNET and the correct answer STINGO ('Sterling' = ST..G, 'band' = O, encircling 'elegant' = IN, 'dish' for dash = STINGO, meaning vigour). CHOCOS was a repeat spelling error for the vegies at clue 8. (*Collins* E.D. says a choco is Oz slang for a member of a citizens' army or a conscript.)

Judging by letters received with the puzzles our members have feasted well over the Xmas and New Year period, and are readying themselves to launch an assault on anything that puzzle setters may throw at them in the coming year. The resident soothsayer predicts perfect scores by more members than ever during the coming solving season, and has never been wrong yet.

—Jim Colles

LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	104	105	105	102	54	470
Correct entries	86	72	95	84	32	369
Success rate %	82.7	68.6	90.5	82.3	59.2	78.5
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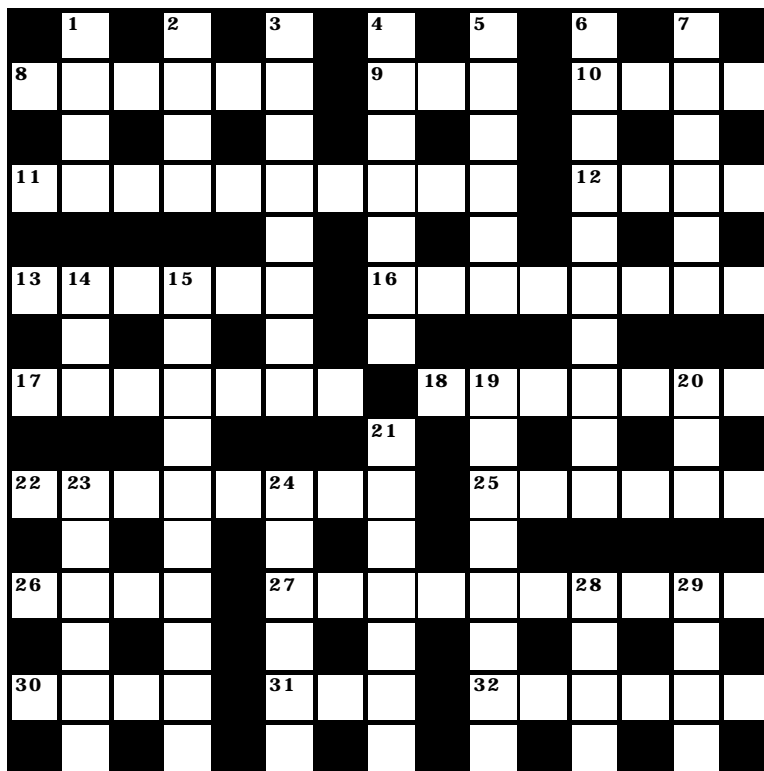
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**GENERAL
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by
Daintree Lady

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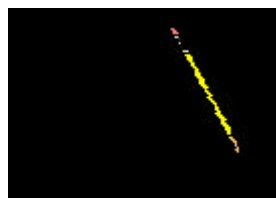


Across

- 8** Gold coin of the Roman Empire (6)
- 9** Asiatic tree of the genus *Moringa*(3)
- 10** Image of the cross on which Jesus died (4)
- 11** Small squadron of ships (10)
- 12** Founder of Carthage (4)
- 13** Based on two (6)
- 16** Unsegmented worm (8)
- 17** City of NW Washington (7)
- 18** Radioactive metal element used in gas mantles (7)
- 22** A low stool shaped like a drum (8)
- 25** Female reproductive part of a flower (6)
- 26** A tau cross (4)
- 27** Portable sanctuary in the form of a tent in which the ancient Israelites carried the Ark of the Covenant (10)
- 30** Any of several ancient Semitic fertility gods (4)
- 31** Standard monetary unit of Romania (3)
- 32** Having an equatorial diameter of greater length than the polar diameter (6)

Down

- 1** Small cavities in a rock or vein, usually lined with crystals (4)
- 2** Cavities in which the large intestine begins and into which the ileum opens (4)
- 3** Tiny shrimp-like crustacean with body enclosed in a bivalve shell (8)
- 4** City of central Texas (7)
- 5** Italian Benedictine monk who was one of the founders of scholasticism (6)
- 6** Christians who betrayed their fellows at the time of the Roman persecutions (10)
- 7** Wild mountain sheep of North Africa (6)
- 14** Tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet (3)
- 15** Any small dipterous fly, widely used in laboratory genetics studies (10)
- 19** Seventh satellite of the planet Saturn (8)
- 20** One of the original three cantons of Switzerland (3)
- 21** Obsolete name for antimony (7)
- 23** Trojan prince, son of Aphrodite (6)
- 24** Mineral - major source of titanium (6)
- 28** Pointed tools for marking surfaces (4)
- 29** A substance for packing a joint or coating a porous surface to make it impervious to gas or liquid (4)



- **Slots 1-5: Col Archibald, Unit 2, 52 Hunter St, Woolowin Qld 4030. Closing mail: Tuesday 13 February 2001.**
- **Slot 6: Col Archibald, Unit 2, 52 Hunter St, Woolowin Qld 4030. Closing mail: Friday 23 February 2001.**

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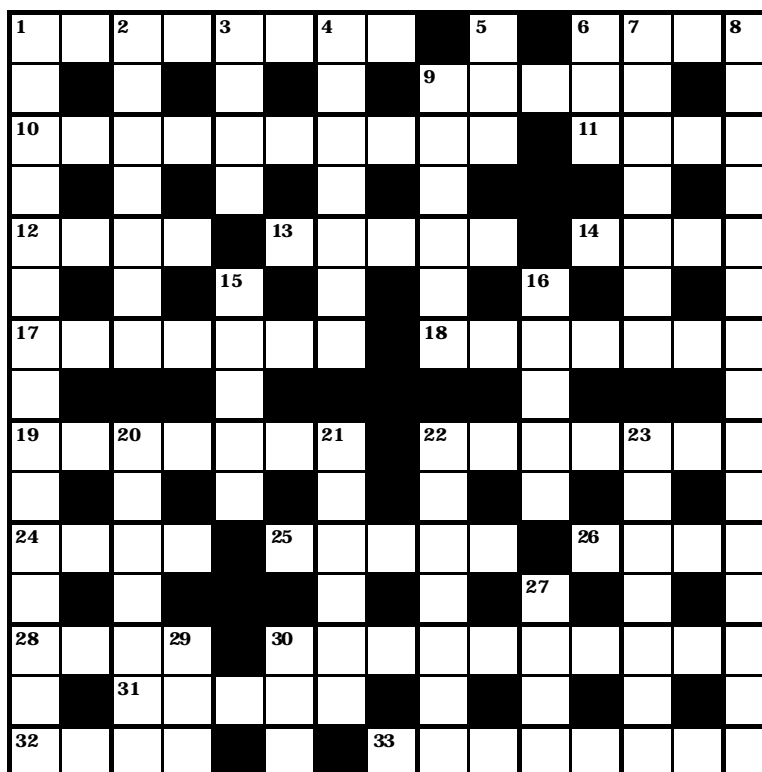
**CONNECTIONS
FOR EXAMPLE**

*by
Kev Layton*

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Connections clues: Find a word that will go after the first and before the second clue words to give two other words, phrases or names. **For example clues:** Find a word that will go either before both or after both clue words to give two other words, phrases or names.



Across

- 1 Tin wolf for example (8)
- 6 Johnny crop connection (4)
- 9 An old bag to rag us about (5)
- 10 The lane benefits a runner. He warms up in them (5, 5)
- 11 A wee dram poured back, say (4)
- 12 Measure back entrance (4)
- 13 Is it possible for the Big Apple to be smart? (5)
- 14 A negative associated with dying, I hear (4)
- 17 Treatments to body odour complicated and little known (7)
- 18 Cutting sort of person to plough ahead without a break (7)
- 19 Smoked dog connection (7)
- 22 Calm will ensue if ice-cap is broken up and loses direction (7)
- 24 Part of interval's over — just as well (4)
- 25 Small openings illuminated in the ship (5)
- 26 Sold used car (4)
- 28 St Crispin rises embracing Jesus of Nazareth (4)
- 30 Recipe of rum, rib and a fish (10)
- 31 Play the organ? What a gas! (5)
- 32 Japanese measures (4)
- 33 Nosy W Ham United bloke who is a bachelor (8)

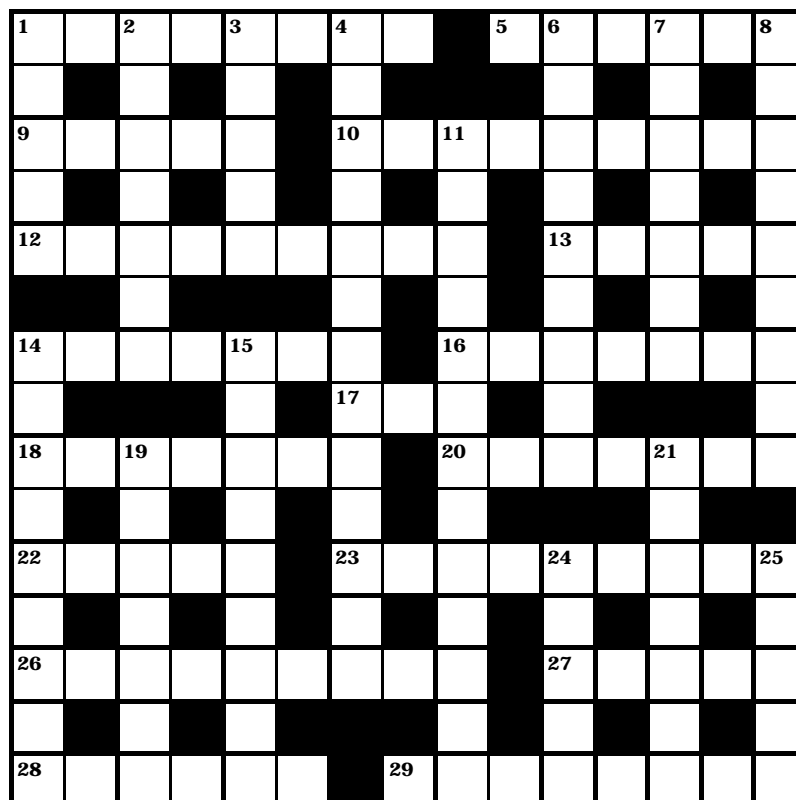
Down

- 1 Used for washing lavatory standing on London rail line (8, 7)
- 2 I hosed a hybrid type of spuds (7)
- 3 He needs to keep having a joint (4)
- 4 Ape bird which is behind time (7)
- 5 Craft rises as vehicle goes down (3)
- 6 Senior Officer's assistant made out to be a bounder (3)
- 7 Set out quite a variety, say (7)
- 8 Childhood hero rediscovered by gap in school days (8, 7)
- 9 Hand band for example (6)
- 15 Said to benight a leader of Iran in the Middle East (5)
- 16 Build something the Cockney said he destroyed? (5)
- 20 Open world body's gob (7)
- 21 Each big cat is somehow wind borne (6)
- 22 Shoot nothing before a small kangaroo. It's a smaller beast (7)
- 23 Iron rails for cats (7)
- 27 Measure mother, Mrs Hamilton! (4)
- 29 Strange address for the Yank's money gatherers (1, 1, 1)
- 30 Part of twenty when up a swamp (3)

CRYPTIC
by
Difficult Women

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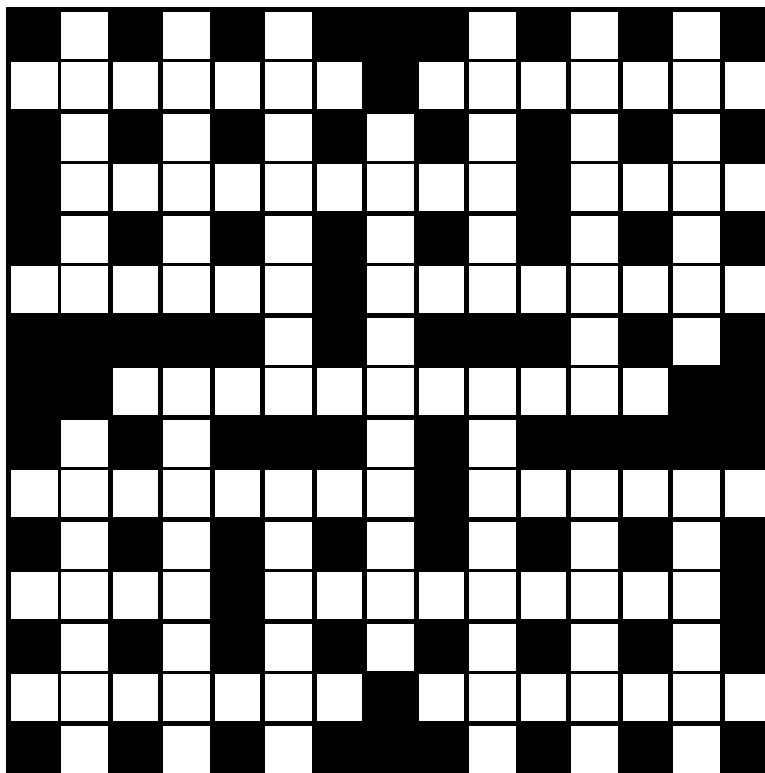
- 1 Study about foot with letter skill (8)
- 5 Science report to study old drinking bout (6)
- 9 Pacific example of love to civil engineer, a bridge player (5)
- 10 Some cascade upheaval, AN Chekhov created (9)
- 12 Dark company at place of entertainment (9)
- 13 Rascal starts to kick nagging aunt very energetically (5)
- 14 Plant Tom and Ian to attempt (7)
- 16 Distinct specialist goes around Latin to see (7)
- 17 Sappers against revolution (3)
- 18 Picture, gold a vivid pictorial impression (7)
- 20 Ungrateful king loses a thousand to judge (7)
- 22 Inhabitant returns to waterfall (5)
- 23 Back on hill ten, we object and are infamous (9)
- 26 Adorn vehicle to proceed on ship floor with freight (4, 5)
- 27 Cap, shirt in mud (5)
- 28 Car part screen in a ventilation system (6)
- 29 Tongan perhaps to isolate sweetheart at river? (8)

- 1 Drench shag without right (5)
- 2 French crew shipment (7)
- 3 Musical composition; Japanese drama a difficulty (5)
- 4 Plant Mark to hire fugitive (7-6)
- 6 Split fish with pig rind (9)
- 7 To hide Will around pupil in an enclosure (7)
- 8 Plant ground surface over a mine say with weed (3-6)
- 11 A British book revision gets first class return money including love for Society clippings (13)
- 14 Fight spiteful woman and follow (3,3,3)
- 15 Same Indic tale revised (9)
- 19 Native Indian bear; a female person (7)
- 21 Difficulty with exercise man accepted (7)
- 24 Dance with doctor associate after game (5)
- 25 Thin female queen (5)

**INTERNATIONAL
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JIGSAW
by Virgo**

F E B R U A R Y 4 2 0 0 1

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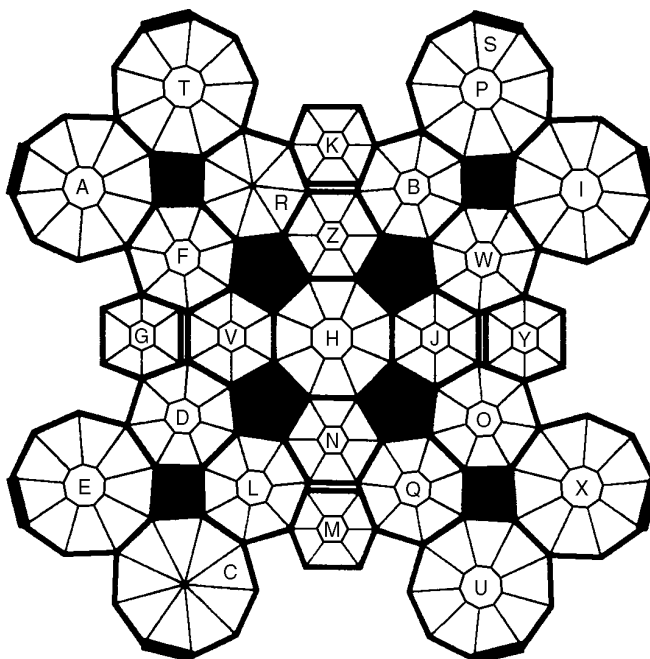
The letter before each clue is the last letter of the answer.

- Z** Spanish poet James takes the Fifth and turns to Buddhism (7)
- Y** Liberally issuing Seoul with a new order aboard mutiny ship (11)
- X** A mystery dad gets a packet of bath salts (7)
- W** Old before our time — Divorce Capital in a flutter (6)
- V** Valet turns down four in an Israeli city (3-4)
- U** English songstress follows silly hoon to State Capital (8)
- T** Being blind to upper class toff and lackey (11)
- S** Careless Arabs lost a bird (9)
- R** A snake in the grass? Watch out for his first three serves! (6)
- Q** A Squire no use around this Country (4)
- P** Cracks whips or goes in for praise with respect (7)
- O** Site not applicable to Georgia — Japanese play Winter games host (6)
- N** A glass bottle from Moore St. (8)
- M** Polesman set up in tissue formation (8)
- L** A choice word sent back the French, in a manner of speaking (4)
- K** Eskimo sorcerer breaking rib off. Off all right! (7)
- J** Asian flower also found over in Bejel, Tuscany (6)
- I** An Eastern City (type A we hear) (6)
- H** Has Bach lost an hour's composition in an African fortress? (6)
- G** 'Going My Way?' Six sing it badly (8)
- F** Soft drink contains no evidence (2, 5)
- E** A diamond game (9)
- D** Not told of one French and one Egyptian port (6)
- C** Push no Arctic drug (8)
- B** Far Northern Capital deity taking a bath in disguise (8)
- A** Girl starts seeing Oscar presented honouring Italian actress (6)

BITE & SITE
by
Coming and Going

F E B R U A R Y 5 2 0 0 1

**Book
Prize**



The letter before the clue is the *first* of the answer. The letter in each polygon is the first of the solution that fits there. The S word comprises the eight letters against the heavy boundary lines. C, R and S are all placed correctly at the beginning of their words, all three of which go around clockwise. Other solutions may begin at any point and go in either direction. Touching letters in neighbouring polygons are the same, except for those beside the pairs of short heavy lines. These letters are independent of each other. Except for clues F, G, J, M, S and U all other theme clues have a secondary indicator only.

THEME 1: A E G H M P R S T V X Z

THEME 2: C D F I J K L N Q U W

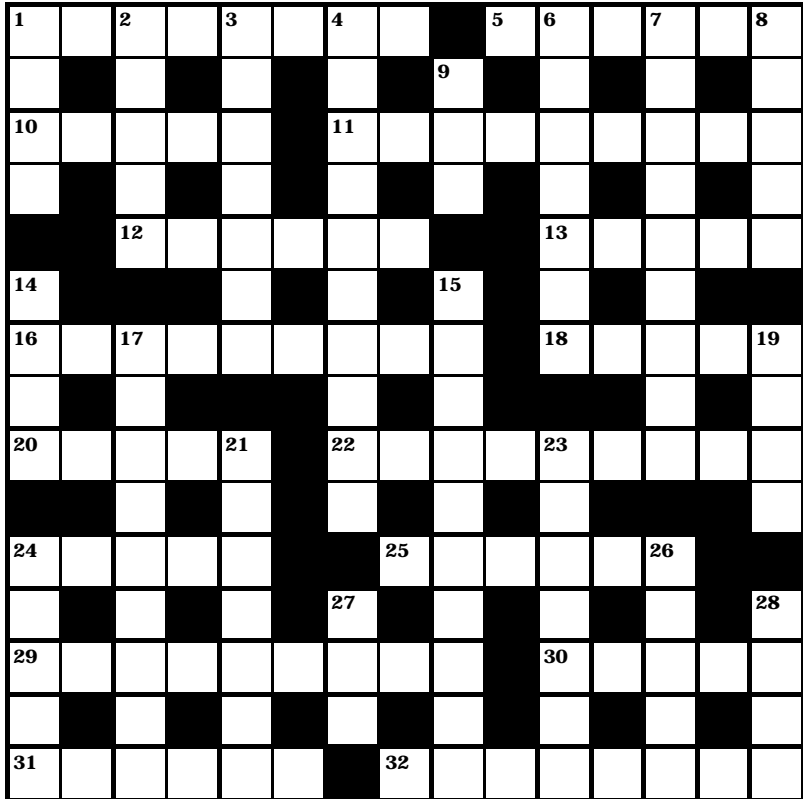
*Now don't take fright — a bite's not a bight,
I try to play fair — R and W are a helpful pair,
A mesh loosely covers Themes 1 and 2,
And that is quite enough for you!*

- A** Road chain is out completely (9)
- B** Exist with leaders and removes the froth from beer (7)
- C** American prom etc. stirring? (9)
- D** Disturbance of touch as in child's game and face as in clock (7)
- E** Tiny gaggle scrambled without bone (3-6)
- F** Steering device with real estate home to many early Internet developments (7)
- G** Type of variety ranged all over the place (6)
- H** Ransacks a chess piece not usually P (8)
- I** Frantic but with ease it is said relaxes (9)
- J** A job with the CIA would suit this mathematician (6)
- K** First dazed and peaky then troubled (6)
- L** Go to any of these in an emergency (7)
- M** Small girl scared from her clump of grass it sounds like (6)
- N** No thug makes ten with one (6)
- O** About all sorts but not necessarily licorice (7)
- P** Puss jumping in three rings (9)
- Q** Mixed autumn colours in famous London gardens it is said (7)
- R** The centre and the convex side of a book (7)
- S** A form of barbed scourge with a sting in the tail (8)
- T** Natural at dancing (9)
- U** Unlimited studios (9)
- V** Six singular lions make a variety that is orange and brown and P (6)
- W** Wee bee heard knotting ties (7)
- X** Sword-shaped without identification but with a chapter of the Koran (9)
- Y** Said why are small potatoes mashed for craft? (6)
- Z** These are striped variety commonly called jumping (6)

DEDICATED TO IRIS
by
Colinebrii

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Some clues have no definition. These answers are related.

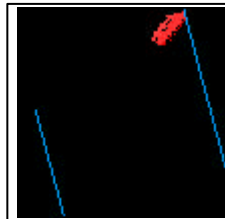
Across

- 1 Get specification back to front? After a drink! (8)
- 5 Malay man first to evolve! (6)
- 10 Spenser to grin while carrying sweetheart! (5)
- 11 Arabia doesn't have a scent for gum arabic sugar (9)
- 12 A cry expressing pain (6)
- 13 Spoil baby's shoe say! (5)
- 16 Communication with mature gossip (9)
- 18 Drop engine first! (5)
- 20 Reason religion is lacking in essence, unfortunately (5)
- 22 Yellowish musical instrument gets the bouquet (9)
- 24 Penned a variety of diets (5)
- 25 Instrument used by alien (6)
- 29 Drawing lots to divine class, I take 50 for example to top echelon (9)
- 30 About to stare back at the basket (5)
- 31 Trendy to understand nothing (6)
- 32 Go before English worker is about to surrender (8)

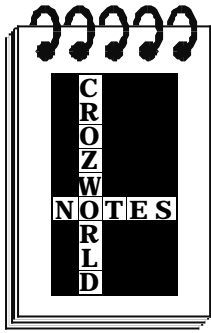
- 6 Shower with head (7)
- 7 Introduce new words to artificial language and take award with first syllable (9)
- 8 A course to my rival (5)
- 9 Listen to Spike! (3)
- 14 Titled woman! (4)
- 15 Former government agency to take identification to each new outbreak pertaining to parasitic worms (10)
- 17 Dress hoops the journalist contained in a provision basket (9)
- 19 Spenser easily takes earth outright! (4)
- 21 Moving round and round, this fellow mixes gin (7)
- 23 Sounds silly to have a centilitre with English dry fruit (7)
- 24 Suspect to shout Japanese dish (5)
- 26 Article about at that point (5)
- 27 Concerning 500 (3)
- 28 Caused by seeing twenty seven (4)

Down

- 1 Herb starts eagerly going back to a heartless sheila (4)
- 2 Theme railway carries mineral (5)
- 3 Ringer will vibrate at the back door (7)
- 4 Irreconcilable old organisation proceeds with no initial expert (10)



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The Internet has a large selection of websites for the crossword enthusiast. Not only can you find a variety of puzzles to solve either online or by downloading them, but there are numerous articles on how to solve and compile crosswords.

One of the best is **The Crossword Centre** which can be found at: www.crossword.org.uk This website is maintained by the champion British crosswordeer Derek Harrison and contains challenging crossword puzzles, crossword history, links, books and software. One of the highlights of the site is the section devoted to **Apex** (Eric Chalkley). Derek's list of crossword books is essential reading for all crossworders; and there is some interesting information about the famous modern 'father' **Ximenes**.

The newspaper cryptic crosswords can be found at the following websites:

The Times: <http://www.the-times.co.uk/> Click on 'Puzzles and Games' then on 'Crossword'.

The Sunday Times: <http://sunday-times.co.uk/> Click on 'Crossword' at the top of the page.

The Guardian: <http://www.guardianunlimited.co.uk/> Scroll down to 'Useful resources' and click on 'Crossword'. You can solve the crosswords online and also use an anagram finder. There is a section on "How to solve cryptic crosswords".

The Atlantic Monthly: <http://www.theatlantic.com> Click on 'The Atlantic Monthly' icon, scroll down to 'Other Departments' and click on 'The Puzzler' compiled by Emily Cox and Henry Rathvon. From the same site you can access all of these compilers' puzzles since July 1997. There is also a "Complete introduction to clue-solving".

For Crosswords and Links: <http://www.primat.wisc.edu/people/hamel/cp.html> This website set up by Ray Hamel has an extensive list of puzzles and links to crossword sites.

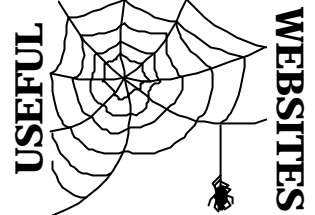
Online Dictionary: If you want to access an online Dictionary that boasts a word count of 2,642,830 words in 662 online dictionaries visit: <http://www.onelook.com> Just type in a word and you will get the meaning and a list of references where the word may be found. For example, I looked up 'banausic' and the search yielded 8 references where the word may be found, including the site 'Worthless Word for the Day'!

Crossword Dictionary: The *Crossworders' Dictionary and Gazetteer* is a 6000-page digital dictionary/gazetteer that supplements all other paper crossword dictionaries and is by far the largest and most complete work of its kind. It is the heavyweight of crossword references — "a crossword puzzle dictionary on steroids" states the publisher. The dictionary is over 5000 pages long and the gazetteer content is over 1000 pages. The software allows for extensive searching and browsing, including specialised gazetteer (geography) sub-searches to find rivers, cities, languages, coins, measures, VIPs and much more. The total work contains over 108,000 individual look-up words with over one million total words including look-up word definitions (clues) and supporting information, all cross-referenced. The included word entries are current for the year 2000 and extend back over 65 years. Also included is almanac material (i.e. Nobel Prize & Academy Award winners, Shakespeare) and extensive foreign language content. For details visit: <http://www.crosswordstar.com>



From David Stickley: "The well-known magazine **Better Homes and Gardens** has added theme crosswords to their site. They have incorporated some of the ideas people contributed after the first lot were released as well as adding some new crosswords that can be downloaded and solved. Go to: <http://www.bhg.com.au/aprix/bhg.nsf/Content/Crosswords> where you'll find all the crosswords on the site listed (what a good idea!). You might notice some puzzles appear in both online and downloadable (pdf file) form and they request solvers pick one or the other. Personally I like both as if you don't get a chance to finish it online you can download and finish it at your leisure. Also, even if you finish the puzzle, you can download and give it to a friend to solve."

—Patrick

CRUCIVERBAL



The solutions to these clues are the surnames of people who won Gold Medals at the Sydney Olympic Games. Most of them won gold for individual performances. However, some were part of a small team. Where this was a team of 2, both members have been included and are placed together in the list. In other cases, the person named is high profile although winning only team gold on this occasion. Solutions next month.

-  1 Liberated person _____
-  2 Overturn baby's drink _____
- 3 Falsify _____
- 4 Sport that tumbles _____
- 5 Party game _____
- 6 Fine day _____

- 7 An evil _____
- 8 Sparkler _____
- 9 The tack hammer _____
- 10 Rumpled towels left behind _____
- 11 Fortify with great staying power _____
- 12 Smashed her pot _____
- 13 Overcooks _____

MEMBERS COMMENTS

JANUARY 1 - 2001 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Liked the General Knowledge puzzle, Virgo. Shirl O'Brien
- Just as well I've been told the No.1 slot is no longer an orthodox puzzle. I may have been confused. Roy Wilson
- Enjoyable! What a relief after all previous Nos.1. Audrey Ryan
- I found this much easier than the old conventional type puzzle. Hope they stay that way. Col Archibald
- Quite hard enough for a Slot 1. I had to do quite a lot of research. Betty Cumming
- Some of the 'general' knowledge was more like specific knowledge, but I think I've got it right. Barbara Ibbott
- I'm still sad about the demise of the conventionals, but was agreeably surprised to find that this month's replacement was quite reasonable. I hope that the No.1s remain at this level of difficulty. Irene Watts
- Quite good but I was surprised that it was so conventional. Jenny Wenham

JANUARY 2 - 2001 - CRYPTIC by Noel Jessop

- As always, Noel gave us a good solid puzzle with some terrific words: NUCLEOLUS, CHARIVARI, CABALETTA and ERISTIC. Just too much for the 'spell check' on my typewriter it couldn't handle any of them! I loved the clue for 8dn. Roy Wilson
- Always good to see Noel. Shirl O'Brien
- A typical Noel, with plenty to be learnt from unusual words and subtle clues. Betty Cumming
- Good job I've got Noel's *Crossword Puzzles Without Tears* because it's the only place I can find a reference for 15dn 'Aar', although the answer was clearly part of the clue. It's nice to find it in a dictionary! Col Archibald
- Who is Roderic O'Connor? It took me ages to discover that he was a former King of Ireland 1116-1198AD. This king is not listed in any of our standard dictionaries, so I would have preferred 'Roderic' changed to 'Donald', as Donald O'Connor, the well-known entertainer, is listed in the *Macquarie Dictionary*. Alan Walter
- I liked 'seize sound' to give 'cc' in 16ac. Brian Tickle
- Usually I find great difficulty with Noel's clues and have to make guesses to try and see if these suit the clues. This time the puzzle seemed better so maybe I'm improving. Irene Watts
- I always find Noel's puzzles very difficult, and this was no exception. Barbara Ibbott
- Loved Noel's 'Grisly Bar'. Always enjoy a good misleading clue. Steve Workman

JANUARY 3 - 2001 - CRYPTIC by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- A beautiful puzzle - wonderful clues - Shirl is a living treasure. Roy Wilson
- Why can't you be like me, Shirl, and give people something to complain about! Col Archibald
- I seemed to make hard going of this offering from Shirl! Enjoyed it, nevertheless. Betty Cumming
- This was easier than puzzle 2 and I enjoyed working it out. Barbara Ibbott
- Plenty of 'SHIRL' clues, with humour and wit that make solving enjoyable. Irene Watts
- 1dn was an excellent homophonic clue. Brian Tickle

JANUARY 4 - 2001 - ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Mmm, very patchy AJ. My profoundest apologies to the purists for using 'SWEETHEART' as 'E'. Roy Wilson
- What a feat tailoring 2x14 & 2x12 letters into a grid! Loved JACOBITE RISING and BURLESQUE. Shirl O'Brien
- Took the old grey matter a while to figure that there were two 'Cs' and two 'Ts' in the clues. I'm not sure that I understand the R clue. Col Archibald
- The different grid always 'kept you on your toes'. Good one Praxis. Betty Cumming
- A difficult AJ. Roy's puzzles are always a challenge, though I don't care for the 'R' clue. The 'T' clue was very clever, and reminded me of the old pop song 'Tain't what you do it's the way that you do it'. Irene Watts
- Loved the 'B' clue. Brian Tickle
- Some difficult clues. Not sure about the 'R' clue as I can't reconcile my answer with it. Barbara Ibbott
- Just about taintless, I thought. Thanks Praxis. Tom Phelan
- My vote for the clue of the month goes to the S clue, but I'm not sure if I understand the R clue. Jenny Wenham

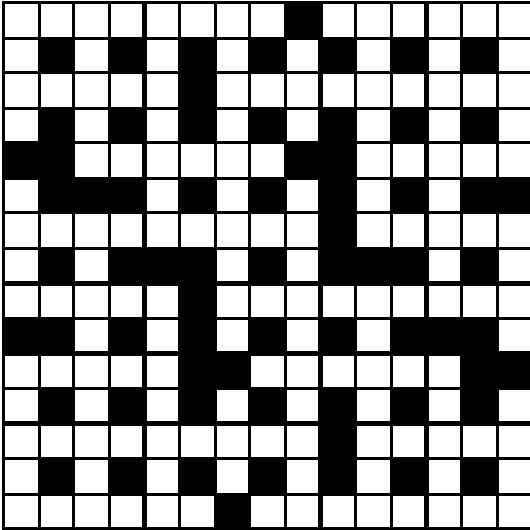
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- My brain can't cope with this! June Parker
- Not patient enough for this. I need answers to run all the same way. Lorna Waites
- What a gem of a 'PUD'! It certainly got the 'little grey cells' working. I particularly liked GORE = SPIT in the verbal sense, and I thought 'HOO' for 'WATER' a hoot. Roy Wilson
- What a challenging puzzle for Slot 5 ... could well have been classified as Slot 7. For the first issue of the new millennium I'd have preferred to see an easier puzzle to give everyone a fair chance of scoring well. At least for the beginning of the cumulative competition. Alan Walter
- My admiration goes to anyone who can fathom Patrick's clues, let alone fit them into a Pud. Audrey Ryan
- Have always relished Patrick's Puds, and this one is especially brilliant with its one-letter misprints. However, I feel this should not be in a Slot 5. It must be very daunting to new members. Even seasoned members like me feel very disappointed to fail at the beginning of the new cumulative period. And I am unsure - (GORE = SPIT, 'feels with the hands' = TASTES). But nothing can detract from this ingenious puzzle. Thanks, Patrick. Shirl O'Brien
- Clue 18 I chose SIGNET to mean 'elegant dash'. SIGNET and STINGO have been whirling around in my mind for over a week, and I had to stop it. Bev Solomon
- Did the gremlins get into the works? This puzzle is normally at Slot 6 or 7 every year, and will possibly knock quite a few members out of the cumulative prize points. A good puzzle, but very difficult, and I still can't understand clue 18, that is if I'm correct with 'signet'. Col Archibald
- Instead of 'elegant dash' I'd have preferred some Yorkshire ale at No.18 for a more digestible Pud. David Procter
- Last but far from least, a really cunning one from Stroz. A new approach to the very current sentiment (I'm writing this on 1/1/01) added quite a 'twist to the tail' and made it just that bit harder. Good to see you back compiling, Patrick, with all the rest you do for the Club. Betty Cumming

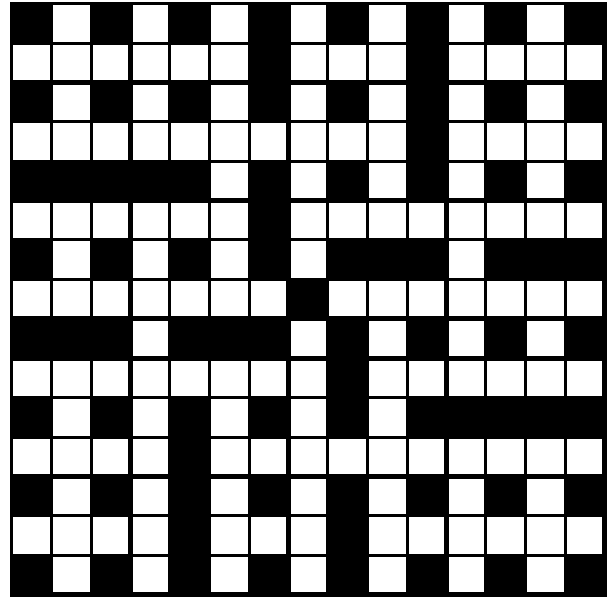
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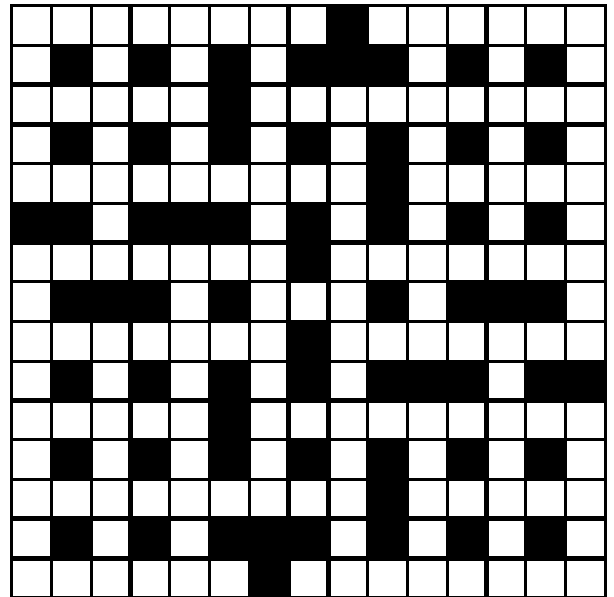
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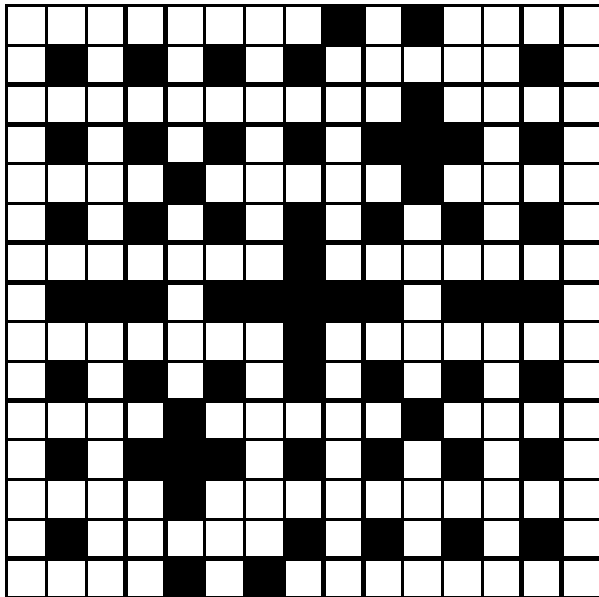
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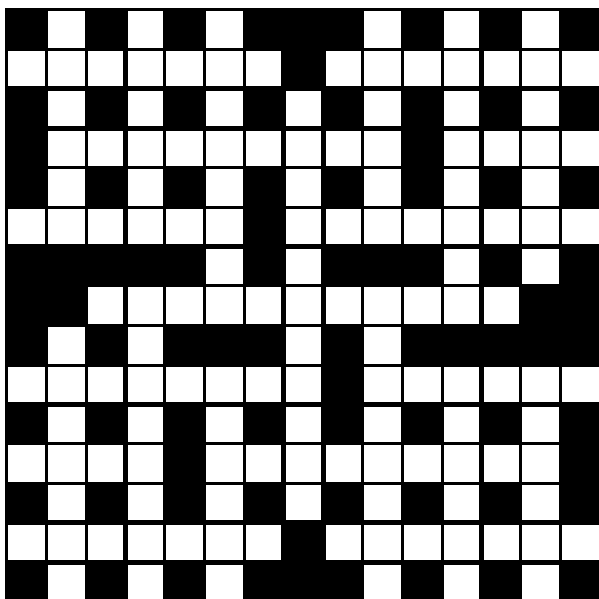
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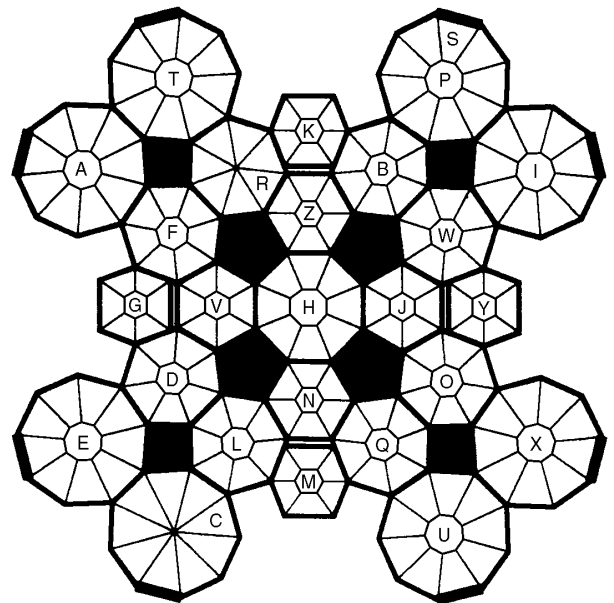
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The closing mail date for puzzles 1 to 5 is Tuesday 13 February 2001.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS (cont'd from page 10) JANUARY 5 — 2001 — FOOD FOR THOUGHT by Stroz

- There sure are a lot of drinks in the pudding! How clever to work them all in. Doreen Jones
- What a marathon! Should have been called 'Drink for Thought', with a cocktail of eight strong drinks cleverly mixed into the Pud. I was ready to down all of them when I finally finished. Brian Tickle
- I've never cared for Christmas Pud. It's just too much of a good thing after a tasty and generous first course. This one looks very indigestible and I can't manage it. Maybe I'll have fruit instead — raspberries? Irene Watts
- Found this puzzle a mixture of brilliance (Claret, Scotch, Prunes, Apples) & vexing (Capita, Stingo, Canape). Tom Phelan
- Tough, fair and very satisfying. Hope I've properly digested the Pud. Jenny Wenham
- Just as with the real Christmas dinner, by the time I finished the Pud I was stuffed. Steve Workman
- Sorry, Patrick, got the message but too many clues were indigestible! Geoff Campbell
- What a treat! A brainbuster! This delicacy was too rich for me! Catherine Foster

December 6-2000 AUSSIE PLACES by Griffin (Ann Jermy)

Entries: 63. Correct: 54. Success rate: 86%. Prize winner: Sally Bouvier.

- ~~Very clever indeed. I'm sure it took a great deal of effort to compile. (Tidid)~~ Roy Wilson
- A delightful puzzle! Your clues were unambiguous & spot on and I learned something about cheese - Dunlop! Audrey Austin
- I really enjoyed this puzzle. The clues were very good and fair. Betty Siegman
- Enjoyed this puzzle very much. Especially like the clues for EXFORD & GLENELLA. Bill Bennett
- Thank you for your very novel and challenging puzzle. No doubt you have had lots of comments about the letter count for 8dn (whoops, typo — AJ) and the disappearance of SYNDAL from the latest Postcode list. Fortunately, I had an old phone book lying about and so I was able to overcome the problem. I wonder what happened to the place; perhaps the earth opened and it was just swallowed up! (see below) Catherine Hambling
- This was an extremely commendable performance by you to create a puzzle entirely of Aussie place names in a symmetric grid. It must have taken plenty of time and research to compile. It certainly took me plenty of both to fill in what I hope are the appropriate answers. (Right on, Jim — AJ) Jim Colles
- Ann, this is a mighty effort. Shirl O'Brien
- Thank you for a very entertaining and challenging puzzle and many clever clues. I'm doubtful about several of my answers and will be pleased to read the explanations. (No worries Dorothy — AJ) Dorothy Robertson
- This was a challenging and fun puzzle. Peter Dearie

Adjudicator's Comments: Sorry about the typo for 8dn; everyone figured it out though. I had one SHAGREACH, which I could not find in the PC or Phone book. (All my answers are in either or both.) SYNDAL is in Victoria near Mount Waverley PC 3149. It was in my Postcode book and is in my current Phone book. There were several transcription errors, ie GUTHO, GUTHH, REDNN, and LAURISTON. GLENALTA appeared several times. I could not accept this as I had in mind GLENELLA which just happens to be the name of one of the most successful Ella brothers. They all represented Australia in the game of Rugby Union. (Ref: *Macquarie*)

Finally, I must thank all of you who sent me some very complimentary notes and letters. I am glad that you enjoyed this puzzle as much as I enjoyed compiling it — there are more to come, so arm yourselves with a Postcode book! I hope that you all had a satisfying Christmas and will enjoy a Prosperous New Year. —Ann Jermy

NEW MEMBER: A warm welcome to Dell Eisentrager of Cambridge Park, NSW. Happy *Crozworlding*, Dell.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS FOR 2001: Andrew Meek, Gwenda Prewett, Patricia Reynolds, Anne Spelitis and Michelle Thomson.

ERROR MESSAGE: "Right Said ... by Fred" — Nov 6-2000: Corryn Anderson and Daphne Greening gained ticks for this puzzle.

CLARIFICATION: In the schedule of PRIZES 2001 in January 2001 *Crozworld*, the phrase "top score" where appearing in relation to "Cumulative Puzzles 1-5" and "Cumulative Quizzes" should read "that score".

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- √ Thanks to all composers, especially *Stroz* for a great No. 5. Roy Taylor
- √ The magazine is looking just great. Many thanks to the setters and all the tireless people who mark our solutions. It is so good of you to give up your time, and it's much appreciated. Betty Siegman
- √ Thanks for my prize last month. It was my biggest Christmas thrill, and much appreciated. Sheila Hasenkamp
- √ Thanks to the Club for my Slot 1-5 cumulative prize. I had no idea that I was even in the running as after 10 years I have never won one before. Catherine Hambling

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A VOTE OF THANKS for the time and effort our President, Patrick, has put into the face-lift for this New Millennium edition. The icons and Christmas decorations are superb, and the Highlights at the foot of page 1 give at a glance a summary of the contents of the issue. Congratulations on achieving a very **stylishly presented magazine.** May the success of *Crozworld* and the ACC continue throughout the year to come. Alan Walter