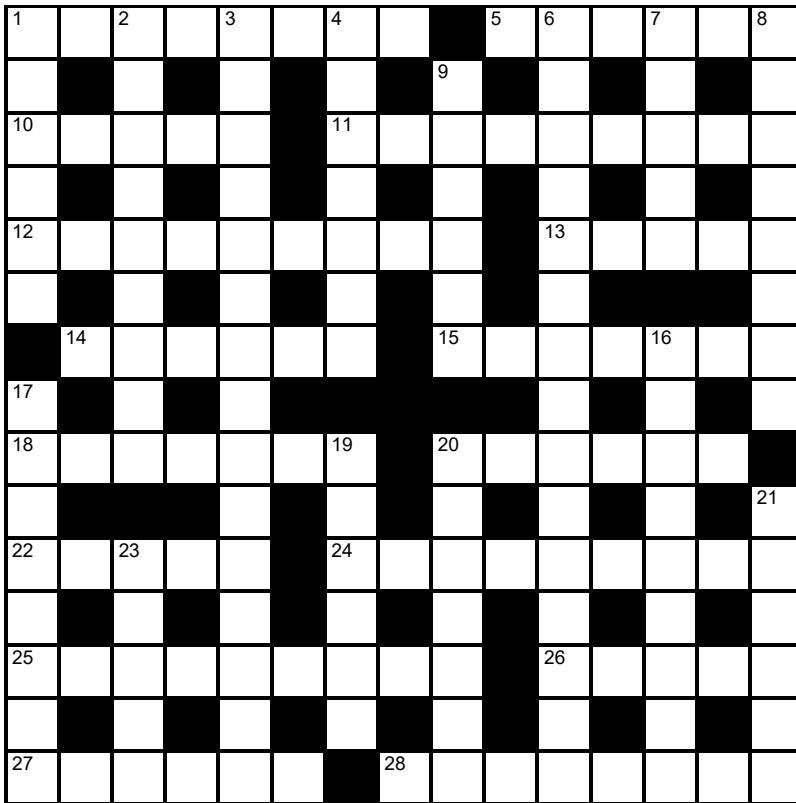
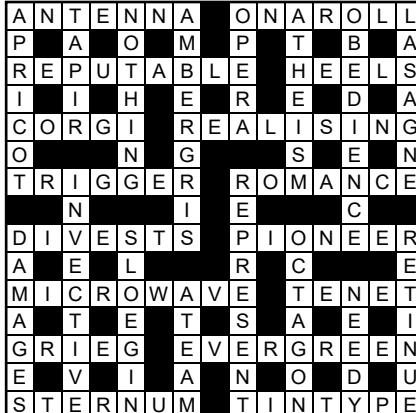


# CROSSWORD No 17,758 by AARDVARK



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## ACROSS

- Understanding group of oldies joining Sydney perhaps (8)
- Image of mourner at a valediction reflecting (6)
- One that's used to groom, Jack possibly made speech (5)
- Departs with spray, back to the front, rebuffing French city's disorder (9)
- Fuel for vegetarian enthusiast with canal permit (3,6)
- Scrums regularly falling on hip bone (5)
- Daily losing capital, being increasingly unproductive (6)
- Middle Eastern territory's small space heated (7)
- Ulster community welcomes artist home? (7)
- Beauty treatment they spy in Cornish water (6)
- Broadcaster's charity event embraced by Bee Gee (5)
- Breed particular cat, when tortoises removed, to have kittens (5,4)
- Old boy to move quickly, twice, for aesthetic item (5,4)
- Fabric that's an irritation (5)
- Begin cladding posh house (6)
- Quiet amorous behaviour, cuddling Parisian, nothing salacious (8)

## JOTTER PAD

## DOWN

- Holy place psychiatrist detailed close to temple (6)
- Georgia, on sofa in Somerset maybe, reading reference book (9)
- Globetrotter, around Ireland with Russian, repelled snappy reptile (15)
- Roof worker eats skin of deep-fried fish (small portion) (7)
- Climber's state on peak in Caucasus: death personified, we hear (8,7)
- Harmful stimulant, with unknown unsettling name (5)
- Register includes commercial vehicle (8)
- Flier prepares to enter periphery of turbulence (6)
- Scotsman in casualty's queasy, with half wasted posture (9)
- Rough Liverpudlian briefly cut by barber, at intervals (8)
- Country musician's latest gold habit (6)
- Battered food chip shop worker keeps dry (7)
- Most indecent musical genre opening in theatre (6)
- European journal featuring French area once (5)