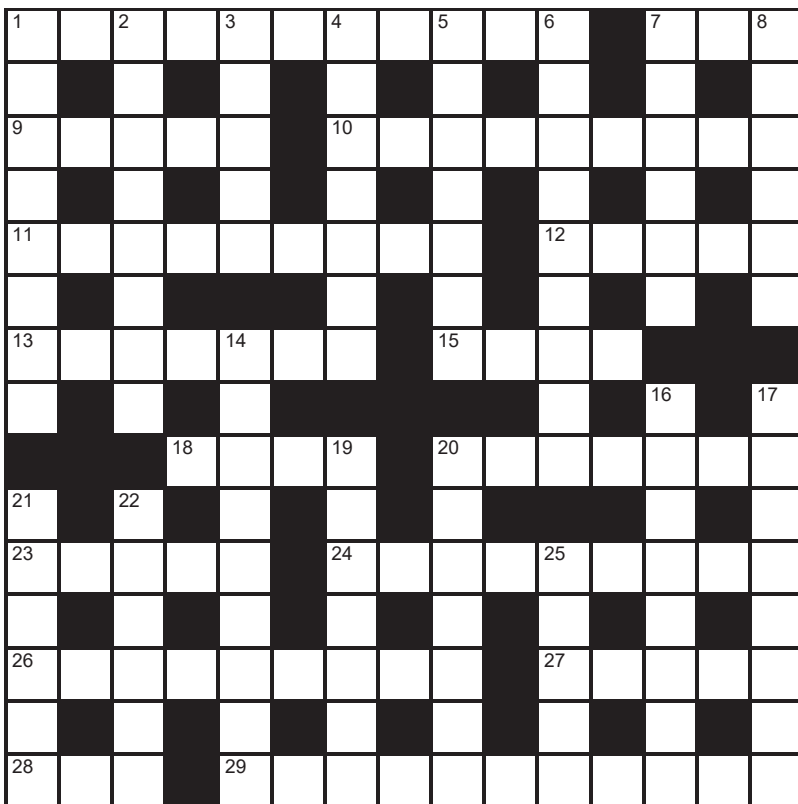


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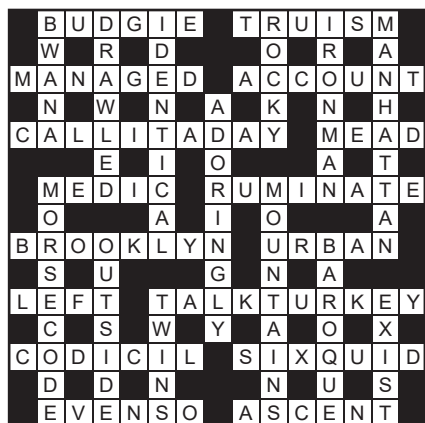
ACROSS

- 1 Unit in hotel in west Melbourne getting renovated (5,6)
- 7 Quarrel over former government (3)
- 9 Smells initially need investigating? You've got 2 b kidding me! (5)
- 10 Raises wiped out for retrained workers (9)
- 11 Gibberish line about oddly dismal boy (4,5)
- 12 Tiny bit of smoked ham (5)
- 13 Strip of ground home to a wild horse (7)
- 15 Small beat poetry competition (4)
- 18 Equipment good for one of The Avengers (4)
- 20 Almost all nuts mixed with a dried fruit (7)
- 23 Some breathing exercises for part of one's chest? (5)
- 24 Weird uniform just about covers the tops of the hips (9)
- 26 After bold poker bet, that guy will create trouble (5,4)
- 27 City food shop stocking sourdough, finally (5)
- 28 Had lunch in canteen regularly (3)
- 29 Kid's book seeing hateful frog undergoing a transformation (3,8)

DOWN

- 1 Snake fighting bird ultimately exposed to blows? (8)
- 2 Gift not available online with phone (8)
- 3 Stops ignoring Conservative moderates (5)
- 4 Associate supported by American university, by and large (7)
- 5 Energy is invested in songs that aren't usually hits as well (7)
- 6 Put back in controls? Not likely! (9)
- 7 Story penned by whistle-blower provides comfort (6)
- 8 Dan possibly cut Judy short with satisfactory answer (6)
- 14 Chicken, or maybe turkey piece stuffed in certain type of bread (5,4)
- 16 Meeting room with a toilet set up outside? That's heaven! (8)
- 17 Cabin-boy whipped up drink for the little 'uns (8)
- 19 Swiss dairy expanded? Uh-huh, so we're told (7)
- 20 Cycling reports are mostly excellent (7)
- 21 Tibetan turn of phrase (6)
- 22 Hint at leaving eventually (2,4)
- 25 Free from resistance, I tended to faff at the end (3,2)

Solution 17,875



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