



Across

- 1 _____ *City* is the smallest country in the world both by area and by population. (7)
- 5 This professional rugby player usually played at centre or wing and was captain of the All Blacks in 2004 and 2005. (5)
- 8 A person who substitutes temporarily for another member of the same profession. (5)
- 9 Possessing more physical size and weight than others. (7)
- 10 In the 1924 Paris Olympics, this NZ runner won the bronze medal in the 100m sprint (a race that features in the *Chariots of Fire* movie). (6,7)
- 11 The name of this 1953 musical, set in a fictional Baghdad in the times of the Arabian Nights, is derived from a Turkish word for "fate" or "destiny". (6)
- 12 United pieces of metal together by softening with

heat and hammering or by fusion. (6)

- 15 On 5 July 1881, the NZ Parliament passed the Chinese _____, which imposed a £10 poll tax on new Chinese migrants. (10,3)
- 18 If something is described as _____ it is not as strong or effective as you think it should be. (7)
- 19 Following the Black Caps' unsuccessful 2024 Men's T20 World Cup campaign, this fast bowler retired from International T20 cricket. (5)
- 20 Sections of churches in the form of a domed or vaulted semicircular or polygonal recess. (5)
- 21 To perform surgery on a person or animal. (7)

Down

- 1 _____ *Dinkley* is one of the 4 main characters in the *Scooby-Doo* franchise and is usually depicted as the most intelligent of them. (5)

- 2 _____ is widely regarded as one of the greatest historians of the Roman Empire. (7)
- 3 In 1979, NZ band Mi-Sex released this song about a form of electronic entertainment that was sweeping the country at the time. (8,5)
- 4 This expression indicates that there is no prospect of an improvement in conditions or outlook. (2,4)
- 5 Originally popularised by *Nat King Cole*, this song was reworked in 1991 as a 'virtual duet' with his daughter *Natalie Cole*. (13)
- 6 In te reo Māori, this is a term for a paramount chief or person of a high-ranking noble family. (5)
- 7 A liquid that has been treated by having air passed or bubbled through it for purification is said to be _____. (7)

- 11 Located in the Far North District of NZ, the name this town means "ample food" in te reo Māori. (7)
- 13 This 1897 novel by Bram Stoker is regarded as a seminal piece of Gothic fiction. (7)
- 14 A cowboy of the South American Pampas. (6)
- 16 This former All Black and sheep farmer of the King Country was often referred to by his nickname *Pinetree* _____. (5)
- 17 A legal document signed, sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it. (5)