



**Across**

- 1 The international governing body of Association Football (*acronym*). (4)
- 3 A global sporting competition in which teams or individuals compete to become the international champion(s) in their sport. (5,3)
- 9 Written by Randy Newman and recorded by James Taylor, this 2006 song was used in the Disney/Pixar animated movie *Cars*. (3,4)
- 10 In the children's TV show *Sesame Street*, this is the name of the green-coloured grouch who loves trash and lives in a trash can. (5)
- 11 The second deepest in a family of brass instruments whose early versions were known in English as *sackbuts*. (4,8)
- 14 The most popular dog breed in Aotearoa/New Zealand (abbreviation). (3)

- 16 English composer, arranger and teacher best known for his orchestral suite *The Planets*. (5)
- 17 A term borrowed from Chinese philosophy meaning - *the art or skill of doing something in harmony with the essential nature of the thing*. (3)
- 18 A state of being filled with more people or things than is desirable or sensible. (12)
- 21 Ralph \_\_\_\_\_ Emerson was an American poet, essayist, philosopher and abolitionist who led the Transcendentalist movement of the mid-19th century. (5)
- 22 A slang expression indicating disagreement with or disbelief at a statement that has been made. (4,3)
- 23 This word for *small rocky islands* (in Scottish, especially Orkney dialect) derives from an Old Norse term. (8)
- 24 A watery or creamy clay mixture that can be used in pottery to join or decorate pieces. (4)

**Down**

- 1/2 On July 20, 2023, the \_\_\_\_\_ became the first NZ team to have a win in a [1 across] [3 across] finals tournament. (8,5)
- 4 "This above all: to thine \_\_\_\_\_ self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man." (Shakespeare, *Hamlet*). (3)
- 5 Traditionally, this advice is given to someone learning to cross a street safely. (4,4,4)
- 6 "It's a simple question of weight ratios! A five ounce bird could not carry a one pound \_\_\_\_\_" (*Monty Python and the Holy Grail*). (7)
- 7 In knitting, a \_\_\_\_\_ stitch can be thought of as the reverse of a plain stitch. (4)
- 8 This professional rugby team represents the area north of Auckland. (5,7)
- 12 A person who provides lubrication to engines or machinery. (5)
- 13 Yvette Williams became New Zealand's first female Olympic medallist when she won gold in this discipline at the 1952 Olympic Games. (4,4)
- 15 Types of mollusks that have two shells hinged together. (7)
- 19 A short work of poetry or prose describing a simple, peaceful scene of rural or pastoral life. (5)
- 20 Is indebted to someone or something, with respect to money or in an abstract or intellectual sense. (4)
- 22 In gambling (especially in poker) this means to match the bet of another player by staking an equal sum. (3)