



Across

- 1 Subtly skilful or tactful handling of a difficult situation. (7)
- 5 An expression used to indicate that something is not interesting, remarkable, or surprising in any way. (2-3)
- 8 On 26th July 1984, _____ became New Zealand's first *Minister of Women's Affairs*. (3,6)
- 9 In the breeding of farm animals, this is the technical term for an animal's mother. (3)
- 10 A word meaning *sky, weather, day or the heavens* in te reo Māori. (5)
- 12 A title for a king of ancient Egypt. (7)
- 13 After the initial break up of NZ band *Hello Sailor* in 1980, Dave McCartney moved to centre stage with his band *The _____*. (4,9)
- 15 A common disorder involving pain in the lower back. (7)

- 17 A slang term for an accident, particularly of a car or plane. (5)
- 19 "*_____ in the stilly night,...*" is the first line and title of an air by Thomas Moore, one of several poems he wrote and set to Irish folk melodies in the early 1800s. (3)
- 20 After lengthy negotiations, an armistice signed on July 27th, 1953 ended fighting in this conflict. (6,3)
- 22 The annual income provided by an investment, usually expressed as a percentage of its cost or of its current value. (5)
- 23 Located in the Hauraki Gulf", *Tiritiri _____ Island* is an *open sanctuary* known for its native birds and other wildlife. (7)

Down

- 1 If you have a natural ability or talent for a particular activity you can

- be said to have a _____ for it. (5)
- 2 A breed of domesticated pigeon usually having a black-and-white plumage with a ridged peak or cowl of short white feathers. (3)
- 3 In New Zealand/Aotearoa, a _____ is an officer of the Superior Courts who functions as part of the executive arm of these courts. (7)
- 4 An image or x-ray photograph taken of the activity of the brain. (13)
- 5 In the Christian Old Testament, this book is the first of the 12 *Minor Prophets*, appearing after the book of *Daniel*. (5)
- 6 A genus of shrubs cultivated for their large, showy flower clusters of white, pink, or blue. (9)
- 7 This city on the Mississippi River is the second largest by population in the state of Tennessee. (7)

- 11 A metric unit of length equal to one billionth of a metre. (9)
- 13 A 1957 movie starring Frank Sinatra in the title role as a philandering night club singer with big dreams of starting his own night club. (3,4)
- 14 A substance, organ, or piece of living tissue inserted within the body. (7)
- 16 Addressed a question to or made a request of someone. (5)
- 18 A *bouquet _____* is a bunch of herbs tied together or placed in a small bag, used as a flavouring for stews, soups and sauces. (5)
- 21 To be victorious in a contest or competition. (3)