



**Across**

- 7 This brand of *18 Down* takes its name from the South Island mountain that dominates the region where the product is made. (6)
- 8 Objects positioned secretly for discovery by another, especially in order to incriminate an innocent person. (6)
- 9 This band won the Eurovision Song contest in 1974 with the song *Waterloo*. (4)
- 10 This small settlement, approximately 30km northwest of Gisborne, was one of the areas affected by severe flooding in 2023. (2,6)
- 11 The central character in most of P. G. Wodehouse's *Jeeves* stories is \_\_\_\_\_ Wilberforce Wooster. (7)
- 13 To make sense or seem reasonable. (3,2)

- 15 The act or practice of lending money at an exorbitant rate of interest. (5)
- 17 Any coniferous tree of the genus *Cupressus*, having dark green scalelike leaves and rounded cones. (7)
- 20 The term for a period of damaging dust storms that affected the American and Canadian prairies in the 1930s. (4,4)
- 21 A member of a European people who once occupied Britain and Spain and Gaul prior to Roman times. (4)
- 22 Employees who work in an office, bank, or law court and whose job it is to look after the records or accounts. (6)
- 23 The structural and functional unit of the nervous system. (6)

**Down**

- 1/16 On 16 August 2008, the Evers-Swindell twins successfully defended their title in this aquatic

- event at the Beijing Olympics. (6,6)
- 2 A drink prepared from the root of *Piper methysticum* that is consumed at ceremonial and social occasions in Tonga and other Pacific Islands. (4)
- 3 On 18 August 1971, PM Keith Holyoake announced that NZ combat forces would be withdrawn from \_\_\_\_\_ before the end of the year. (7)
- 4 Irish comedian, actor and musician Terence Alan Milligan is better known by this nickname. (5)
- 5 Geographic and cultural region in northeastern Canada that forms part of the province *Newfoundland and \_\_\_\_\_*. (8)
- 6 This settlement at the eastern end of Otago Peninsula is the location of a *marae* of the same name. (6)
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ is the popular shortened name for an island in the

Hauraki Gulf that is an open nature reserve and sanctuary. (8)

- 14/21 In August 1892, enthusiasts gathered in Christchurch to discuss the formation of a women's \_\_\_\_\_, the first in Australasia. (7,4)
- 16 See 1
- 18 Chinook, Atlantic and Sockeye are the species of this family of fish to be found in Aotearoa/New Zealand. (6)
- 19 On 16 August 1944, the NZ Red Cross Society, the National Council of Churches, and the Society of Friends formed \_\_\_\_\_ (acronym), to help rehabilitate war-torn nations. (5)
- 21 See 14