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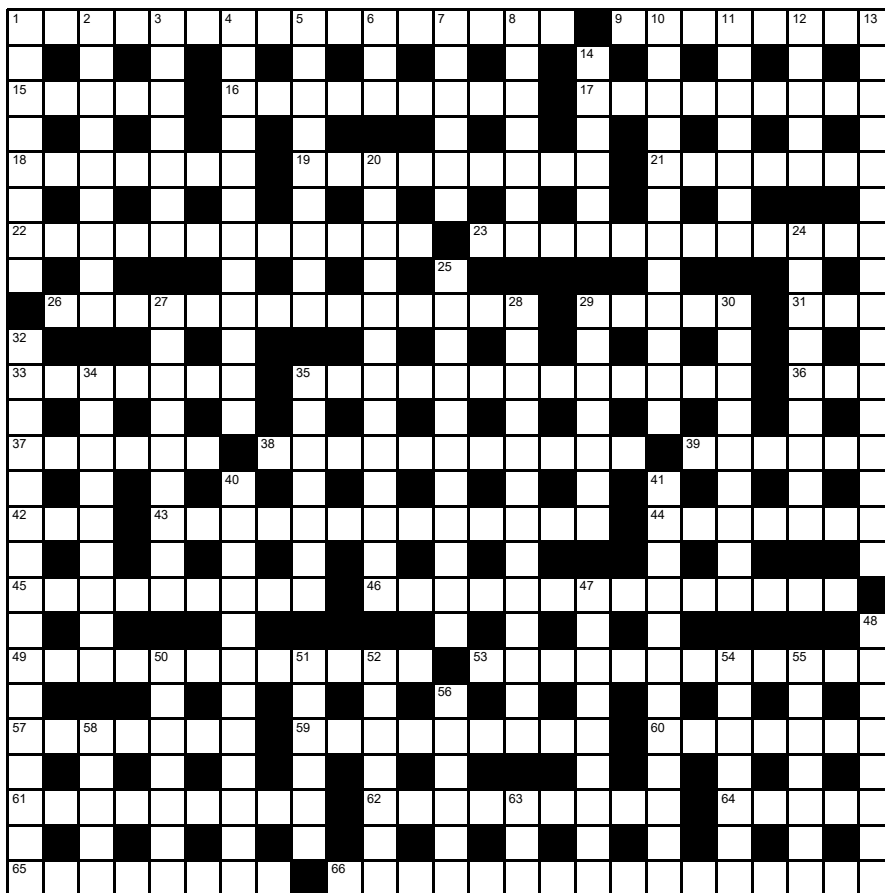
1 This area of the eastern South Island is known for its large braided rivers and the 'patchwork quilt' effect of the paddocks when seen from the air. (10,6)

9 A type of dark-coloured sweet Italian vinegar made from white grapes and aged in wooden barrels over a number of years. (8)

15 Former NZ cricketer Nathan _____ holds the record for the fastest double century in a test match. (5)

16 The body of water between Australia and New Zealand, named after the Dutch explorer who was the first European to cross it. (6,3)

17 An ancient region in the Horn of Africa situated in the northern highlands of modern-day Ethiopia and Eritrea. (9)



18 An inscription on a tombstone or monument in memory of the person buried there. (7)

19 A suburb of Rotorua that includes a 'living' Māori village of the same name. (9)

21 The highest-ranking clergyman of a particular region or country. (7)

22 A person whose outstanding talents are recognised at an early age. (5,7)

23 First part of the signature

greeting of Bruce Forsyth, host of the British TV game show *The Generation Game*. (4,2,3,3)

26 Deliver a comprehensive reprimand. (4,3,4,3)

29 To quarrel or fight noisily, angrily or disruptively. (5)

31 The fifth sign of the zodiac (23 July - 22 August). (3)

33 A musical direction indicating the piece is to be played at a brisk, lively tempo. (7)

35 The act or process of distributing or scattering something widely. (13)

36 To greedily take more than one's share of something. (3)

37 Descriptive of a person who is shrewd, clever, or has insightful intelligence. (6)

38 A defect of eyesight or of an optical system

- resulting in the formation of distorted images. (11)
- 39 Having lighter coloured hair or skin than others. (6)
- 42 The address of a web page on the world wide web (abbreviation). (3)
- 43 Used in navigation to determine longitude, this is the angle between the Moon and another celestial body. (5,8)
- 44 A sheath for carrying a handgun. (7)
- 45 Written by Wilkie Collins in 1868, *The _____* is considered the first modern detective novel. (9)
- 46 English mathematician and physicist known for his law of universal gravitation as well as a raft of other laws and theories. (3,5,6)
- 49 An unattractive or unpromising child who grows into a beautiful or admirable person. (4,8)
- 53 To make something happen more quickly or make people do things more quickly. (5,3,4)
- 57 Found mainly on islands off the coast of NZ, _____ are the only *rhynchocephalians* still in existence in the world. (7)
- 59 Strong distilled liquor such as brandy or whisky. (4,5)
- 60 Generally reckoned or considered to be such. (7)
- 61 An intricate and confusing interpersonal or political situation. (9)
- 62 In gambling games such as poker, this expression is used to indicate you will call or match the bet of a preceding player. (3,3,3)
- 64 To pass a rope or cable through an eye or other narrow opening. (5)
- 65 The quality of wearisome constancy, routine, and lack of variety. (8)
- 66 A large coastal feature of the East Coast of the North Island, situated near the top end of Bream Bay. (9,7)
- Down**
- 1 The name of the cross-eyed lion in the 1960s TV family drama series *Daktari*. (8)
- 2 Concerning or providing nourishment. (9)
- 3 "Let no feeling of vengeance presume to defile, The cause of, or men of, the _____ Isle." (John Brennan, *When Erin First Rose*, 1795) (7)
- 4 Cockney rhyming slang for "look". (8,4)
- 5 A person trained to provide a first line of assistance at the scene of an emergency is known as a "first _____". (9)
- 6 An annual climbing leguminous plant (*Pisum sativum*) with small white flowers and long green pods containing edible green seeds. (3)
- 7 English author Jane _____ (1775 - 1817) is known primarily for her six novels, including *Sense and Sensibility*, and *Price and Prejudice*. (6)
- 8 A Maori iwi associated with the Northland regions of Aotearoa/New Zealand centred in the Hokianga, the Bay of Islands, and Whangarei. (7)
- 10 Displaying no signs or evidence of a particular circumstance, event, or condition (especially of a disease). (12)
- 11 The ceiling of this chapel in the Apostolic Palace in Vatican City is decorated with a famous painting by Michelangelo. (7)
- 12 A type of Japanese comic book with an adult theme. (5)
- 13 A hotel and resort complex near Whakapapa skifield that closed permanently in February 2023. (7,9)
- 14 King of England from 1016, King of Denmark from 1018, and King of Norway from 1028 until his death in 1035. (6)

- 20 Happy, cheerful, in a good mood. (2,4,7)
- 24 A semi-rural suburb on the western outskirts of Christchurch city with a private museum specialising in road transport vehicles and technology. (9)
- 25 Devices installed on water supply pipes to measure usage. (5,6)
- 27 A powerful cardiac stimulant obtained from the leaves or seeds of the foxglove plant. (9)
- 28 Written by Phil Medley and Bert Berns in 1961, this song was a hit for the Isley Brothers (1962) and The Beatles (1963). (5,3,5)
- 29 An informal expression to indicate you don't know the answer to a question or problem. (5,2)
- 30 To successfully deliver a punch (in boxing or fighting). (4,1,4)
- 32 A range of mountains in North Otago located inland from Oamaru. (7,9)
- 34 A small European bird (Athene Noctua) introduced to Aotearoa/NZ in the early 20th century - known as *ruru nohinohi* in te reo Māori. (6,3)
- 35 "Many that live _____ death. And some that die _____ life. Can you give it to them? Then do not be too eager to deal out death in judgement." (J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings*) (7)
- 40 At the bottom level of the traditional Indian caste system, outside of the four Varna, were the *Dalits* or _____. (12)
- 41 Consider a situation or problem fully, along with all its possible effects or consequences. (5,7)
- 47 Something that serves as a model or a basis for making copies. (9)
- 48 Items worn on the head for protection against the elements, for decoration, or for religious or cultural reasons. (8)
- 50 Force, compel or coerce someone into doing something. (7)
- 51 To lure or entice (someone) into trouble or wrongdoing. (4,2)
- 52 Provide a person, animal or plant with the food that is necessary for life, growth, and good health. (7)
- 54 This Antarctic penguin is the largest of penguins, reaching heights of up to 1.3 metres. (7)
- 55 Following the massive earthquake of 3 February 1931, the commercial heart of Napier City was rebuilt in this style. (3,4)
- 56 A well-established film and TV production facility in Lower Hutt. (6)
- 58 One or more recordings released together, originally on 12-inch phonograph records. (5)
- 63 The 7th letter of the Greek alphabet. (3)