



**Across**

- 7 The \_\_\_\_\_ (in te reo Māori), also known as the *brown creeper*, is a small noisy passerine bird endemic to the South Island. (6)
- 8 South American mammals valued for their wool and immortalised in a Monty Python sketch with the final line "look out, there are \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ." (6)
- 9 Maori actions songs and the groups who perform them are referred to with the term "kapa \_ \_ \_ \_ ." (4)
- 10 This Northland harbour and the area surrounding it are known for huge sand dunes, the Kai Iwi lakes and the [11 Across] forest. (8)
- 11 The \_\_\_\_\_ Forest on the west coast of Northland is known for being home to [21/23 Across]. (7)
- 13 Any of numerous plants widely

- cultivated for their large showy red, pink or white flowers. (5)
- 15 A \_\_\_\_\_ comment or piece of writing is short, direct and full of meaning. (5)
- 17 A male donkey or a stupid foolish person. (7)
- 20 This perfect-sounding rural locality in Otago, situated at the head of Lake Wakatipu, was used to film parts of the *Lord of the Rings* movies. (8)
- 21/23 New Zealand's largest known living kauri tree is known as \_\_\_\_\_ (atua of the forest and all forest creatures). (4,6)
- 22 A diffuse cloud of particles and gases visible either as a hazy patch of light or an irregular dark region against a brighter background (in astronomy). (6)
- 23 See 21

**Down**

- 1 A small settlement in the Tasman District situated about 5km north of Motueka. (6)
- 2 The number "five" in te reo Māori. (4)
- 3 The lightest known metallic element, widely used in batteries and as the basis of mood-stabilising and antidepressant drugs. (7)
- 4 One of the popular or market names used in Australia and New Zealand for the flesh of several species of shark. (5)
- 5 Endemic to this country, this evergreen climbing shrub has clusters of bright red flowers in the shape of the rostrum of a native NZ parrot. (4,4)
- 6 The most populous city in Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City, is still commonly referred to by this former name. (6)
- 12 This small rural

- service town is located on State Highway 2 between Ekatahuna and Dannevirke. (8)
- 14 The capital city of Sicily, originally founded by the Phoenicians in 734BC and named *Sis* by them. (7)
- 16 A female name of Spanish origin, sometimes used in a pun involving a warning device on a two-wheeled mode of transport. (6)
- 18 In ancient Rome, this was an assembly of the senior and therefore wiser and more experienced members of the society or ruling class. (6)
- 19 A \_\_\_\_\_ video, image, story or idea is one that has spread quickly and widely via the internet or social media. (5)
- 21 The number "one" in te reo Māori. (4)