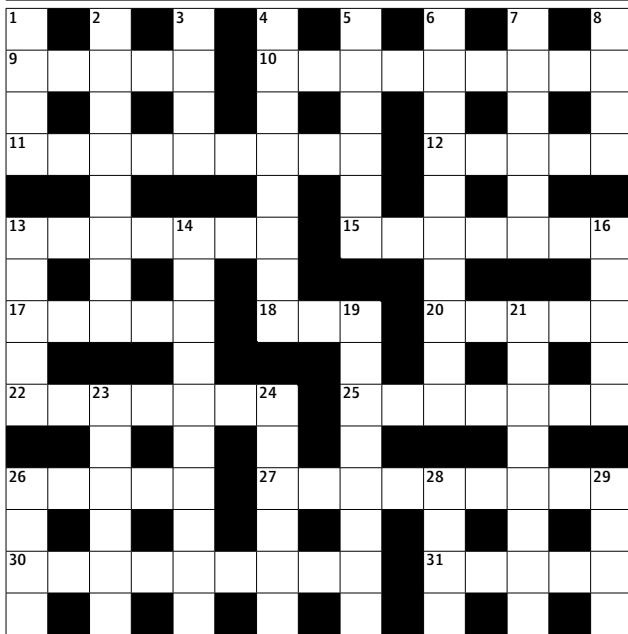


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Across

- 9,20,23** In which Sydney features prominently (though neither of those alluded to) (1,4,2,3,6)
10 Carrier's fan carrier almost capsized (3,6)
11 Month one: gets quaintly drunk on approx. a sixth of a pint (9)
12 Tobacco in can – lots rejected (contains uranium) (5)
13 See 26 down
15 Shakespeare character's earliest manifestation lacks independence (7)
17 Score on date, with internal covering (5)
18 Period hack, good for Times (3)
20 See 9
22 Devil responsible for 9 20 23 (7)
25 Frank might show it's paid, getting job to get on (7)
26 Carbon-14 measurer, say, who's arranged a partner? (5)
27 See 26 down
30 Overheard description of Don Quixote's end of a working day? (9)
31 Anxious about unarticled Native Americans (5)

Down

- 1,3** Aggressive pitch (not the padded sort, it's said?) (4,4)
2 Brass slate often seen on the range (8)
3 See 1
4 Musical composition, if a satnav turned volume off (8)

- 5** Blair originally: "Zero tolerance at the heart, I say" (6)
6 Guardian supporting Shakespearean character faring well (10)
7 See 26
8 Old sporting hero Coe over time (4)
13 Went furtively topless but did nothing? (5)
14 Devious clue: "Following from French uprising: German chap wearing girdle" (3,7)
16 Rock scorer's "Stumped" single (5)
19 No longer number one comprehending depth computer technology? Speed up! (8)
21 Cross piece over entrance to cellar? (4-4)
23 See 9
24 Unkempt as a cormorant? (6)
26,7,13across,27 9 20 23 by 5, comprehensively losing a couple of capital boxing bouts? (4,3,3,2,5,3,6)
28 City's permission to seize document (4)
29 Succeeding when planting kiss in lacy material (4)

Solution No. 26,004

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