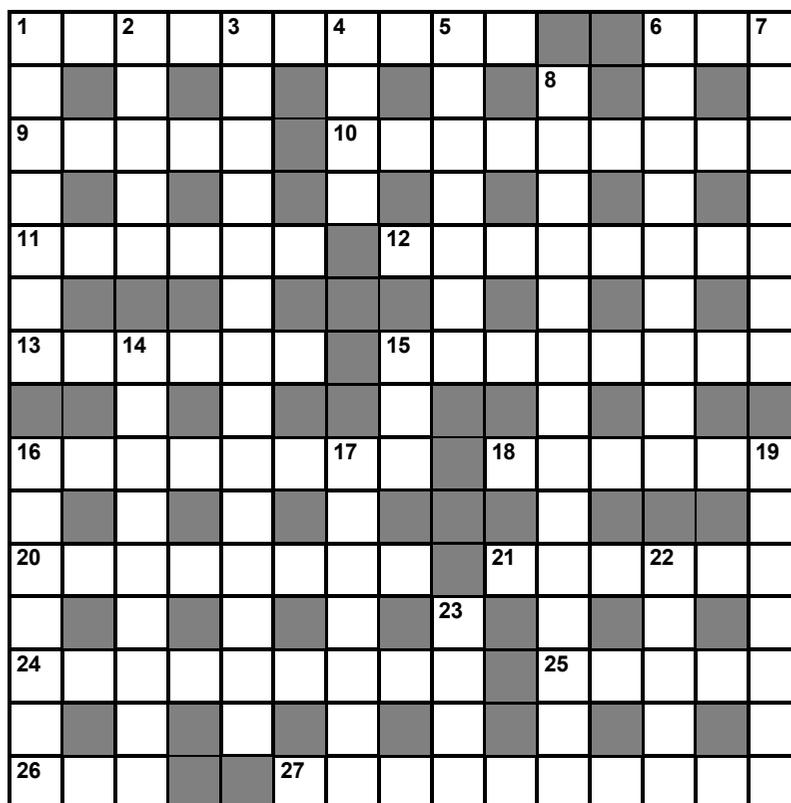


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## ACROSS

- 1 Bus fitted with aluminium switch, a safety feature (10)
- 6 A part of Australia - one loyal to the Queen (3)
- 9 Measure or units of measurement on network (5)
- 10 Champ's support for sails that is involving boat (9)
- 11 Disease connected to one's cuts (1-5)
- 12 Finds out about score reduced by 50% and cheers (8)
- 13 Empty public house reduced rent (6)
- 15 A function point adversely impacted endorsement (8)
- 16 Starter, say, changed tack in wind (8)
- 18 Prisoners of state - a serious problem (6)
- 20 Small dog is sick just after finishing mush (8)
- 21 Guest, revitalised by sleep, finally ...? (4,2)
- 24 One working in reconstruction of secret buildings (9)
- 25 Follow dog crossing river (5)
- 26 Scheduled examination largely given backing (3)
- 27 Showing up two hours before midnight social event (10)

## DOWN

- 1 Youngster grabbing that damaged container of cleaning fluid (7)
- 2 Language with nothing about vitality (5)
- 3 A defensive attitude - people inside get it easily mixed up (5,9)
- 4 Powerful leader losing primary seat (4)
- 5 Catches up in fixed balloon (7)
- 6 Faculty members like confining rat with mutated mice (9)
- 7 Pay for unfulfilled son's disloyalty? (7)
- 8 Agent disliked after M is portrayed falsely (14)
- 14 One detective taken in by young beneficiary (9)
- 15 Trouble with outspoken porter, say (3)
- 16 Those employed to protect people's money (7)
- 17 Get rid of one working in hiding (4,3)
- 19 Drive back there without the staple food (7)
- 22 Small shrimp, clear of river, deposit eggs (5)
- 23 Battered enemies missing troops heading west - that makes sense (1,3)