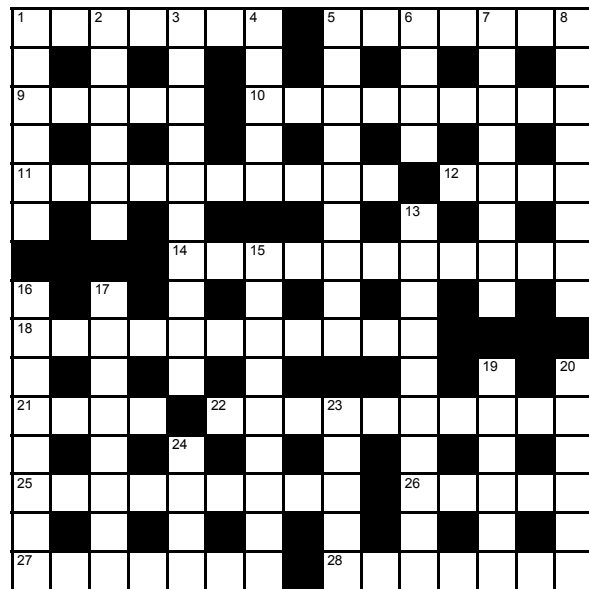


## Across

- 1 Forward, backward? Love is short of being full to the brim (7)
- 5 Precarious freedoms lack energy in slavery (7)
- 9 Friend ends with fire (vuur) lighter (5)
- 10 Scaled seafood and prepared beer (initial drink) (9)
- 11 Idea of eggs broken in suction lacks credibility to start with (10)
- 12 1st eye not opening is a visual impediment (4)
- 14 Organ's pitch - it's an absolute pain! (6,5)
- 18 Compromise is good - I've got naked at swims (4-3-4)
- 21 Dweeb is loner - depressed inside (4)
- 22 Young girls at hand offer close shaves (4,6)
- 25 Belief in training (9)
- 26 Sign with no expectations at first for money (5)
- 27 Small tree in drain left in final cleaning (7)
- 28 Naughty habit to pull back (7)



- 24 Country rose, provided with judicious and industrious leaders (4)

## Down

- 1 Roman Catholic gets porridge first (6)
- 2 Boil bursts, gunge empties - help! (6)
- 3 Cheat, then criticise huge flat Northern Cape area for extreme sports (10)
- 4 Lawful like cities? Not half (5)
- 5 Sunlight musical on 7<sup>de</sup> Laan? (4,5)
- 6 Gown to steal the finale (4)
- 7 Doug regularly helping to spell (8)
- 8 Annoyed and recklessly damned journo (8)
- 13 Sixth sense Euclid oddly associated with friend mainly (10)
- 15 Daughter making stranger infirm? (9)
- 16 Bureaus become nice in time (8)
- 17 Old cats and dogs and minister come back or go beyond (8)
- 19 Disappear in Vinitsh on assignment (6)
- 20 Climb a small last serac to finish (6)
- 23 Continue in Zimbabwe - nerve-wracking retirement (5)