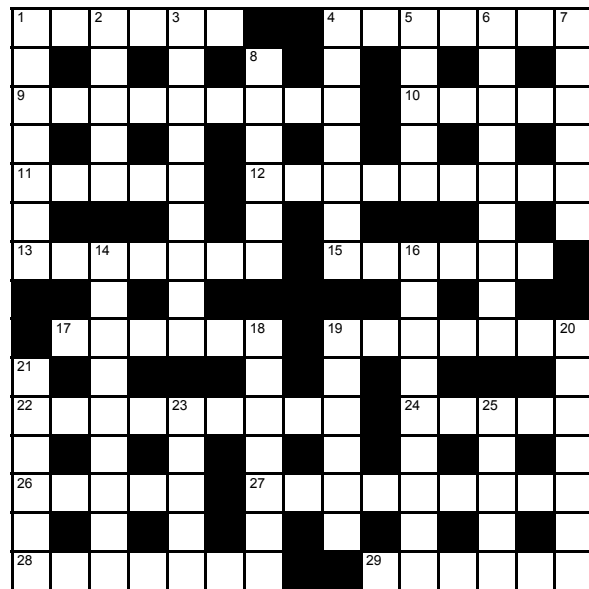


## Across

- 1 Halve one's energy in starting to breathe cigarette tobacco (6)
- 4 Sport for tall Ben maybe? (7)
- 9 Worn out, for instance, by chap from Scandinavia (9)
- 10 Pieces of birds (5)
- 11 Jerk follows in room (5)
- 12 Where Eskom leaves us - not knowing what is happening! (2,3,4)
- 13 Thrashings kept secret in 'good' primary school (7)
- 15 Judge that's come after dagga and makes a meal of it (6)
- 17 Distant loud bark about nothing (3-3)
- 19 Nick's in study with poet (7)
- 22 Grumpy groin oddly disappears from sentry (9)
- 24 Crime involved in Chile billions being returned (5)
- 26 Tender but vrot, even pear (5)
- 27 Reject players when I discourage outsiders (4,5)
- 28 Right, dye twice, rinse, and there are no tears (3-4)
- 29 Ogles over quiet old untouchables (6)



- 20 Joins fighters after I am kicked out (7)
- 21 A sincere heart thread in treaty (6)
- 23 Be quick before hot becomes cold flavouring (5)
- 25 Climb Eiger, filled with colour (5)

## Down

- 1 Under the e-ban - chaos! (7)
- 2 Support way with daily grind (5)
- 3 Climax as endless curve reaches party (9)
- 4 Perpetual denial: new post isn't straightforward (7)
- 5 There tumble number of stumps at one end (5)
- 6 Love helping after trouble (9)
- 7 Saul is converted and ends Greek drama in capital (6)
- 8 Looks up, offering six poses (6)
- 14 Insect will pull duck down finally ... and then run away (9)
- 16 Main surge at law - dive to control (5,4)
- 18 Cheated and robbed of woollen coat? (7)
- 19 Bee is nothing unknown on main road heading north (6)