



Across

- 6 Middle Eastern reason may result in betrayal. (7)
 7 Harnesses sounds within eggs? (5)
 9 US law officer's redoubt, or Russian chamber. (4)
 10 Seems in solution but is without? (10)
 11 Winter sport within, in beer becomes JFK's favourite European. (8)
 13 Graduate to Dr Magoo's Chinese wall? (6)
 15 See 14 down. (4)
 17 A disease of six winter sporting codes. (5)
 18 Help love mean average. (2-2)
 19 'Bearing place sounds unsure? Spittle and muck!' (6)
 20 One who traffics in preferments otherwise omits sin. (8)
 23 Sickly, uneasy soul, after a fashion. (10)
 26 8 across, courted. (4)
 27 One loses it on becoming bankrupt. One becomes bankrupt on keeping it. (5)
 28 A rock loses a way to become 'Rocky'? (7)

Down

- 1 Defective emerald nit resulted in this (as Ireland met disorder). (10)
 2 Transfer signs a transfer? (6)
 3 Bonus loses (bad start) and becomes burden. (4)
 4 Bulls say 'properly presented, this is an epitome.' (8)
 5 Decomposed leaf to fly (insect, that is, by the sound of it). (4)
 6 The extreme... or certainly the last, of *The Fortunes of Richard Mahoney*... Maul it? Drop that. It's left. (5)
 8 Pubs' thunderbox within without (Fr). (7)
 12 Diced carrots lose about petty corruption. (5)
 14 Orthodox US geographical history. Or heterodox Australian jurisprudence? (with 15 across) (5,5)
 16 Little devil overrode each to accuse of high crime before competent tribunal. (7)
 17 Virginian elk bearing vanishes. (8)
 21 Might edge to chaos? (6)
 22 Sounds bad and strange for the assembly. (5)
 24 King who softens as David harps on. (4)
 25 Moveable framework (worn over shoulder or around waist). (4)

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Cafe Eataliano

Personal legal affairs took me recently to my old stamping ground, Tamworth. As the old song says, 'By chance, but not really by chance' my visit coincided with a District Court circuit attended by many of my old comrades-in-arms.

Accordingly I attended the judge's dinner which was held at Cafe Eataliano in the middle of the main drag (Peel Street).

The chef/proprietor, Vince Tusa, is an Italian-Australian whose father was a policeman in Florence. Vince began in the restaurant business in a very small way with a take-away pasta outlet in West Tamworth, initially opening only on Sundays.

The business grew quickly and he returned to Italy and scoured the country for an old-fashioned wood-fired oven, which he imported to Australia and installed in the present restaurant.

He is serving fabulous peasant-style Italian food. I had grilled mussels with very fine breadcrumbs, herbs and parmesan and shared with my solicitor, Terry Broomfield, and her Honour Judge English the 'Of the Day' pizza with artichokes, prosciutto, black olives, garlicky tomato sauce and just a light sprinkle of parmesan.

The restaurant is a BYO and Chris Hickey, as usual, did us all proud.

As we thought we were winding down, Vince Tusa approached the table and asked us how we had found our meals. We delivered a suitable rave, which was greeted with 'Do you like baby octopus?' Answered by us with a chorus of 'Yes!' He asked 'Are you going to be here tomorrow? Because that's tomorrow's special'. We replied 'Sadly, no. We're back to Sydney'. He said, 'Just wait a few minutes,' and he returned with two metal dishes containing the *piece de resistance* (or the Italian equivalent!): very fast-fried baby octopus in a tomato, garlic and olive sauce with just a splash of white wine. It was tender and absolutely delicious.

Her Honour insisted on picking up the tab. We let her, because the whole meal, for five, cost less than \$90.00!

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