

A Puzzle Of Cities

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The answer to the meta is an Australian city containing 4 of the 5 vowels and which you will never have seen in any crossword ever

ACROSS

- 1 Equine partner of clip
- 5 Northern Australian city that was devastated by Cyclone Tracy in 1974
- 11 Big Blue
- 14 "Brooklyn Nine Nine" cop, ___ Diaz
- 15 Change the title of
- 16 Scot's denial
- 17 "___ be alright on the night!"
- 18 Dressed like Dame Edna
- 19 Printers' measures
- 20 North-western Australian city that sounds like a household cleaning item
- 22 North-eastern Australian city with convenient access to the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest
- 24 Apt acronym for the Sport and Recreation Complaints and Mediation Service
- 28 Rwandan resident, perhaps
- 29 Monty Python member, Michael ___
- 33 Brought to a stop
- 35 Egyptian sun god
- 36 Outdoor enclosures for felines
- 37 Golfer, Ernie ___
- 40 Rested (on)
- 41 Central Australian city as it appears in the title of Neville Shute's 1950 novel (it's no longer a town, though)
- 42 Get bigger
- 43 Publishing VIPs
- 44 Telephoned
- 45 Flaky mineral
- 46 Olivia Newton-John film of 1980

- 47 Australia II, with its winged keel, for example
- 48 South-western Australian city that is actually closer to Singapore than it is to 55 across
- 51 Pharrell Williams song from the soundtrack for "Despicable Me 2"
- 53 Dugong (not an Aussie insult; that's drongo, you drongo!)
- 55 South-eastern Australian city that is part of a long-running feud with Melbourne over which city is the best (in case you were wondering it's Melbourne, but that harbour is, I have to admit, spectacular)
- 60 ___ Shapiro of NPR
- 61 How some medicines are taken
- 65 Glowing review
- 66 "Encanto" songwriter, ___-Manuel Miranda

- 67 Mint that comes in a plastic box with a flip-top lid
- 68 Sheltered, at sea
- 69 See 47 down
- 70 What iodine is used to test for the presence of
- 71 South-eastern Australian city with the first syllable dropped due to our penchant for shortening things (but it's better than dropping the second syllable!)

DOWN

- 1 "Away in a manger, no ___ for a bed"
- 2 Tolkien trilogy, to fans
- 3 Capital on a fjord (and definitely not part of the meta)
- 4 ___ Alto, CA (also definitely not part of the meta)

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- 5 More arid
- 6 Virgil's epic Latin poem, "The ___eid"
- 7 Boxing match div.
- 8 Major conflict
- 9 Apple computer
- 10 Invalidates
- 11 Nonreactive
- 12 Wedding announcement
- 13 Argentine soccer superstar, Lionel ___
- 21 Yahoo! competitor
- 23 Birth control method, for short
- 25 Sabbath bread (unless it's Passover)
- 26 Unofficial national anthem of Australia about a vagabond who steals a sheep and commits suicide rather than be arrested, "Waltzing ___"
- 27 Prepare to serve, as a pie
- 29 Lacking colour
- 30 Somewhat
- 31 Hawaiian garlands
- 32 Quaint lodging
- 34 ___ the line (obeyed)
- 36 Actor who played Will Ferrell's estranged father in "Elf", James ___
- 37 Monty Python member, ___ Idle
- 38 Scottish body of water
- 39 Go after a fly
- 42 "Today" rival, for short
- 44 Collusion
- 46 Andy Partridge's rock band with a blissful-sounding name
- 47 Christmas-related rebus: 47 down 69 across
- 48 Biblical song (1 of 150)
- 49 Spooky
- 50 Actor ___ Wilson of "The Office"
- 52 Intimidate, with "out"
- 54 ___ large (clear and obvious)
- 56 Dreary
- 57 "The Lion King" lioness
- 58 "And they all lived happily ___ after"
- 59 Gen Z exclamation of excitement
- 62 Obamacare initials (and for my Aussie solvers, the TV show hosted by Tracy Grimshaw)
- 63 Paper size in the US
- 64 Lake in French