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The answer to the meta is suggested by something that happens three times in the grid

ACROSS

- 1 Abrupt transitions from one sequence to another
- 5 Sacrifice location
- 10 Part of a cathedral
- 14 Getting the job done
- 15 Of service
- 16 Sound of relief
- 17 Prefix for byte, still associated in my mind with the downloading of mp3s
- 18 Poker giveaways
- 19 EGOT winner, lyricist Tim ___
- 20 Extremely
- 22 Clean thoroughly, as a car
- 24 Latin expression used to justify claims that land may be acquired by a state's occupation of it, and very much not true of Australia before 1788
- 28 Opposite of offs
- 29 Homer's barkeep
- 30 Mineral spring
- 31 In favour of
- 32 Punctuation mark that comes in an Oxford variety
- 34 Australia's national gemstone
- 35 ___ and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- 40 Cries heard at the bullfight
- 41 Teacher that Emmett falls hard for in "Back to the Future 3"
- 42 Clumsy one
- 43 Flavour enhancer, for short

- 46 IATA code for John Wayne Airport (and the first three letters of 51 down for my Australian solvers)
- 47 #1 single
- 50 Corporate term for Australia's indigenous peoples
- 54 Ask over
- 55 Courage and fortitude
- 56 Length squared, for a square
- 58 "Get Out" director, Jordan ___
- 60 Coup d'___
- 61 Yin's counterpart
- 62 Dog-___ (like a well used book)
- 63 Department store section
- 64 Where you find aglets in relation to shoe laces
- 65 Elvis' blue shoe leather
- 66 "Smooth Operator" singer

DOWN

- 1 Regain consciousness
- 2 Negative way of referring to an odd number?
- 3 AFL team, Richmond ___
- 4 Fab Four drummer, Ringo ___
- 5 Right or condition of self-government
- 6 4G go-with, on phones
- 7 Frequent Wes Anderson actress, ___ Swinton
- 8 Back streets
- 9 Take it easy

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- 10 Month in which Australians celebrate ANZAC day
- 11 Actress who originated the role of Eliza Hamilton in the Broadway musical "Hamilton", ___ Soo
- 12 "Be with you in a ___"
- 13 Female sheep
- 21 Birth country of Dwayne Johnson's mother
- 23 The Amazing Mumford's magic words: "___ peanut butter sandwiches!"
- 25 Trial version
- 26 Russia's ___ Mountains
- 27 The sun
- 32 Circular music media
- 33 Section of a circumference
- 34 Out ___ limb
- 35 Jai ___ (ball game)
- 36 Add to your social circle
- 37 Romance author of "Not My Romeo" fame, ___ Madden-Mills (just trying to get away from "Casablanca")
- 38 Largest moon in the solar system, in orbit around Jupiter
- 39 Furious
- 40 Slangy sound of discomfort
- 43 US cable channel that launched on August 1, 1981
- 44 Actor who took on Tommy Lee Jones in "US Marshals", Wesley ___
- 45 French cake
- 47 Douglas Adams' quote: "If you pour your milk into a cup of ___, you will scald the milk." (from "The Salmon of Doubt")
- 48 Where you can find Uluru, for example
- 49 African fly
- 51 Sausages in Aussie slang
- 52 Big name in tractors
- 53 List components
- 56 Sailor's "yes"
- 57 Managed
- 59 Was in front