

# X Marks The Spot

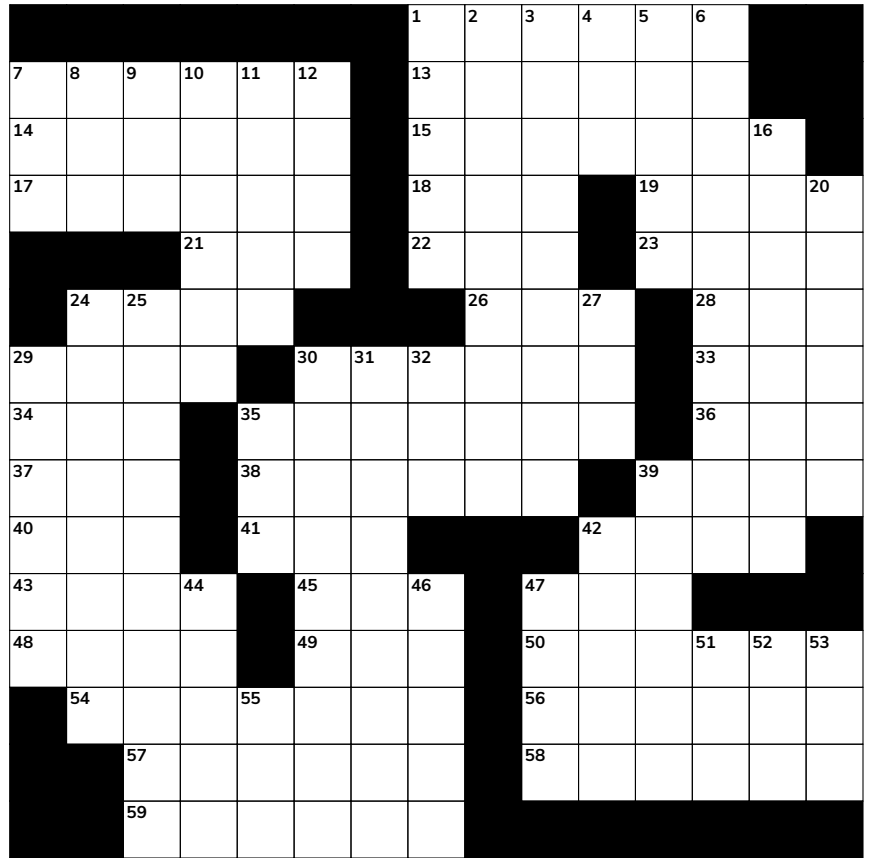
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X may mark the spot, but the answer to the meta is what you have to traverse to get there

## ACROSS

- 1 Date in May when closet Star Wars fans inadvertently out themselves
- 7 What you might find at a factory outlet
- 13 Worship song by John Wimber from 1980
- 14 Hebrew for "My Lord"
- 15 Cocktail that comes in black and white varieties
- 17 Ratio that skews images if not preserved
- 18 The most common form of lupus (abbr.)
- 19 Music streaming service (now defunct) that may have started the annoying trend of dropping a letter out of a normal word and calling it a business
- 21 "Quiet, I'm trying to solve this meta!"
- 22 "That blog post was too long but I read it anyway." (abbr., which I made up just now)
- 23 Annoying person, slangily
- 24 "Should my baby sleep in a bassinet or \_\_\_?"
- 26 Junior's junior, perhaps?
- 28 There is such a thing as the Australian Government Rebate; this is its acronym
- 29 Aussie rules footballer, Shaun \_\_\_, born in 1971 (hee hee, my revenge for all those US sporting people in crosswords!)
- 30 How Australians refer to the Salvation Army (with "the")
- 33 "No," said the Scot
- 34 Preposition that can sound like poetry or slang

- 35 You need more than one of these to form a bureaucracy (is that allowed? see, that's why I need 8 down)
- 36 Noises from angry dogs
- 37 What we have to do to grass constantly to maintain suburban decorum
- 38 Delivery experts, for short
- 39 Earl Grey and Russian Caravan, for two
- 40 What you add to your ad if you are willing to negotiate
- 41 Prefix that goes before and means "before" (ooh, that's meta!)
- 42 Watering holes, with a piano (hopefully)
- 43 \_\_\_ and file
- 45 What people in the UK speak
- 47 VI years before the battle of Hastings
- 48 Short form of the long name for a car
- 49 Talk about us (only in an SMS)
- 50 Animals running amok across the centre of Australia (more than a million of them!)
- 54 Newton, the one in Mission: Impossible 2, not the inventor of gravity
- 56 Actor who no longer voices Nahasapeemapetilon
- 57 Relating to high mountains
- 58 \_\_\_ is the night, according to F. Scott Fitzgerald
- 59 What the Scot in 33 across's kilt is made of



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## DOWN

- 1 Gold medal-winning position

- 2 English snooker player, Ronnie \_\_\_, one of the most talented players ever
- 3 Light-hearted and disingenuous
- 4 What you write on an envelope to make it go back where it came from
- 5 One part of a pizza cut into three equal pieces
- 6 Someone who enjoys loud, thrashy music
- 7 Carrier based in Johannesburg
- 8 Maybe my crossword could do with a couple of these? (abbr.)
- 9 Policeperson, slangily
- 10 Only male child
- 11 Stille \_\_\_, a well-known German Christmas carol
- 12 Someone who looks like Bambi about to be struck by a car at night (think about it) (abbr.)
- 16 Waterfall popular with honeymooners, but lots of them
- 20 Turns out Fiona is one (spoiler alert!)
- 24 Traveler in a hot-air balloon
- 25 "Here's something to think about!"
- 27 Multinational collaborative project in low Earth orbit (abbr.)
- 29 Suckerfish
- 30 Social media hangout dedicated to a specific topic
- 31 Country of the tango and Eva Peron
- 32 Line that some say connects a significant place to another significant place
- 35 "That's a \_\_\_"
- 39 Beatles song from the Revolver album
- 42 Mark on a tree, indicating you're on a trail
- 44 Marsupial in a tree, indicating you're in Australia
- 46 According to Kermit, it isn't easy being this
- 47 Test you have to pass in order to even try to become a doctor (abbr.)
- 51 Diagram used to describe complex databases (abbr.)
- 52 Untruth
- 53 Middle Eastern currency code
- 55 Josh Carter's employer in Rutherford Falls (can't wait until season 2!)