

The Stickler Weekly 148 Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 ISSUES	Crooked Aussies not charged with capital matters (6)	Anagram of AUSSIES minus A (capital letter)
5 FIND	Track down addict dropping ecstasy (4)	FIEND minus E
9 E-MAIL	Art deleted from material used incorrectly in communication (1-4)	Anagram of MATERIAL minus ART
10 DRAG RACER	Drive car backwards in gear, upset with fast competitor (4,5)	DR + (CAR reversed inside anagram of GEAR)
13 PLEDGER	Promising person quietly detailed book of accounts (7)	P + LEDGER
14 DELAYED	Deposit stated in legal document may be held up (7)	LAY inside DEED
15 TA-TA	Length of event at auditorium is so long (2-2)	evenT AT Auditorium
16 PERSECUTOR	In essence, court tortured a tormentor (10)	PER SE + anagram of COURT
19 COMBUSTION	Search rigged units containing oxygen burning (10)	COMB + anagram of UNITS outside O
20 CLAM	Very reticent person, one kept from mining land (4)	CLAIM minus I
23 ACTRESS	A clock, one with a particular role? (7)	A + C(TRESS)
25 NOODLES	Pasta, lots, offered after starter from Napoli (7)	OODLES after (N)APOLI
26 PERFORMER	Right fashion adopted by noble entertainer (9)	(R + FORM) inside PEER
28 SHALE	Marketing surrounding hard rock (5)	SALE outside H
29 DOOR	Reception or a place of entry (4)	DO + OR
30 SALARY	Authority accepting 60% of large payment for work (6)	SAY outside (LAR)GE

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 SILAGE	Stored fodder is blown around by wild gale (6)	IS reversed + anagram of GALE
3 UNDERFELT	Layer found at the bottom of pile? (9)	Cryptic Definition
4 STAID	Grave stone placed next to support (5)	ST + AID
5 FORELOCK	Hairy growth or otherwise ultimately carried by sheep (8)	[OR + OTHERWIS(E)] inside FLOCK
6 DUE	Proper sovereign prince deposing king (3)	DUKE minus K
7 DESPOT	Person with more than enough power to clean up mess? (6)	Double Definition - one punny
8 CAVEAT EMPTOR	Adventurer holding a casual worker to purchasing principle (6,6)	CAVER outside (A + TEMP + TO)
11 CRYSTAL-CLEAR	Announcement redirected at callers is readily understood (7-5)	CRY + anagram of AT CALLERS
12 RIDER	Contractual clause directors modified without cost (5)	Anagram of DIRECTORS minus COST
17 SCOUNDREL	Healthy relative poisoned by cold, bad egg (9)	(SOUND + REL) outside C
18 AU REVOIR	Gold ring dropped in river spoiled farewell (2,6)	AU + O inside anagram of RIVER
19 CRAMP	Confine resistance operating in military base (5)	R inside CAMP
21 MASTER	Head of school in a term reassigned teacher (6)	(S)CHOOL inside anagram of A TERM
22 TOSSER	One having a fling ordered roses after end of engagement (6)	Anagram of ROSES after ENGAGEMENT
24 SEMIS	They transport cargo of cruise missiles (5)	cruISE MISsiles
27 END	Close bends not protected by guardrails? (3)	(B)END(S)