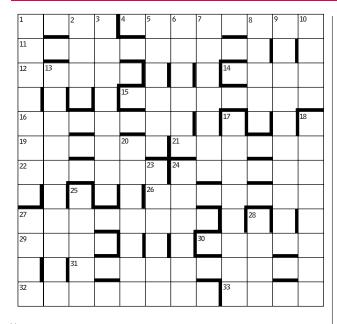
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ACROSS

- 1 Aussie Charlie maybe once imprisoned in NZ if felonious (4)
- 4 Scottish support that can be provided by the clans (8)
- 11 Battered, a true 'cauli' ear may be so described (10)
- 12 Star in group gripping bass instrument from Africa (5)
- **14** Tailless lizard, northern scoff (4)
- **15** Course daughter consumed in recess it doesn't get lighter than this (8, 2 words)
- **16** High-pitched or tinkling alto parts (7)
- **19** Workers etc feed us, work being in foreign seas (6)
- 21 Toxic solvent with which huntress entraps bovine (6)
- 22 Dog book, a worthwhile thing to have (6)
- **24** Church canon in a heavenly colour (6)
- **26** Repetitive musical piece that gets a sailor dancing (7)
- 27 Second vintage given very little examination (8)
- 29 Strong link saving king in retreat (4)
- **30** Foursomes in international entering good steady scores (5)
- **31** What can make a hole in wet sand? Rotten timber can't (10, 2 words)
- **32** Working on art in Paris has one lying posed within ... one of these? (8)
- **33** Confused sweetheart, one supplanted by setter? (4)

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Across 7, hiddenrev.; 10, I'm + BR inrake; 11, 'hokes'; 20, a nip (rev.) + a in cold + A; 22, pew inanag; 23, Il in taped; Byron had club foot; 28, 0 inc-coa(t); 29, mana live; 30, ut in mi; ref. Riccardo M., Italian conductor; 31, ref. 'L'état, c'est moi'; 32, p + anag, in on; 23, R + eke; 34, Irel(and) in we + SS.

Down 1, frog + tips (rev.); 3, anag. incl. l; 5, lop in lander; 6, pert (use); 9, (h) exes; 16, anag. less ur-; 17, anag. in CE; 19, ain in murls; 21, "I'm a mate'; 25 OT in ras; 26, ref. French town St O.; & Italian town San Remo; 27, 2 meanings.

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DOWN

- 1 A flop, millions invested, in South Africa its 'music' is very limited (8)
- 2 Son abandoned thrill in fast dance (4)
- 3 Heroes disturbed after uncertainty over brigade equipment (8.2 words)
- **5** Sultan's ornamental devices involving tough struggle with prince (6)
- **6** Nut or head cut from fish. dead (6)
- **7** Cobra, welcome spoil for lemur (7)
- **8** Edmund's careful is that him briefly appearing in country dance? (5)
- **9** Enclosure granny's in shortly, about mounted *not* side-saddle (10, 2 words)
- **10** With freshwater features, reddish in colour (4)
- **13** Government official misrepresented as 'a brute and a cur' (10)
- 17 Sad song performed in transport for fans? (8)
- 18 Informer once abused beaks in minor channel overseas (8)
- **20** Imprisoned Italian, one doing for traitorous mafiosi (7)
- 23 Sad old soprano, worn out (6)
- **24** Be like William, we hear? A tenner's one worth having! (6)
- **25** Getting runs in cricket, say, the old trouble (5)
- 27 Predatory bird from this country turning up in South Africa (4)
- **28** Star part in Semiramide (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.