



## ACROSS

- 1 Wrote (6)  
 4 Australian airline (6)  
 9 Punch (informal) (4)  
 10 Mull over (10)  
 11 Black, silver or lock (pl.) (6)  
 12 Fair (8)  
 13 The modern calendar (9)  
 15 Queen's underling (4)  
 16 Yellow thing sounds like a joke\* (4)  
 17 Attachment (9)  
 21 Embarrassed (like a barnyard animal?) (8)  
 22 Back to tire endlessly in ray of curiosity\* (6)  
 24 (Only) Central Asian county that is double land locked (10)  
 25 Calf meat (4)  
 26 Number of players on a cricket team (6)  
 27 Relating to stars (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Long chain of repeating molecules (7)  
 2 Medieval warrior loses cocktail at the end of the day\* (5)  
 3 Audience is the final practitioner\* (7)  
 5 Reddish-brown (6)  
 6 Kill (9)  
 7 Obstacle (7)  
 8 Clear cut (much like old television!) (13)  
 14 James Bond movie, 1995 (9)  
 16 Five of a kind (7)  
 18 Tasks (7)  
 19 Plant - a lit act (anag.) (7)  
 20 Separate (6)  
 23 Curiosity, for example (5)