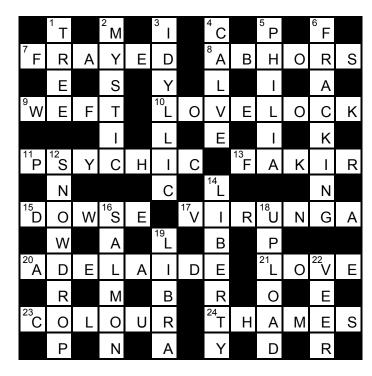
Crossword

Across

- 7 Worn out, of the end of a rope, or hem. (6)
- 8 How Nature treats a vacuum, said Aristotle. (6)
- 9 In weaving it cooperates with warp to create cloth. (4)
- **10** Surname of James, who released 'A Rough Guide to the Future' this year. (8)
- 11 Person who can perceive information hidden from normal senses.
 (7)
- **13** A Muslim Sufi ascetic. (5)
- 15 Traditionally you need a hazel or willow branch to do this. (5)
- **17** Africa's oldest national park, where a UK oil company, SOCO, is to cease operations. (7)
- **20** There is a dolphin sanctuary just 20 minutes from the centre of this Australian city. (8)
- **21** According to Dr Seuss, this is a state where "you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams". (4)
- 23 A therapy which uses light to balance a patient's energy levels. (6)
- 24 River subject this year to the worst flooding since 1947. (6)

Down

- 1 "The ____ of 14 down must be refreshed ... with the blood of patriots and martyrs" Thomas Jefferson. (4)
- 2 Such as Meg, who used to appear on TV lottery programmes. (6)
- **3** Blissful. (7)
- 4 To generate a new iceberg. (5)
- **5** One of the four ancient Greek words for love. (6)
- **6** A mining technique whereby high-pressure liquid is injected deep underground. (8)



- **12** Common name of 'galanthus', which forms a white carpet in gardens in late winter. (8)
- **14** See 1 down. (7)
- **16** Fish that swims back from the ocean to the upper reaches of rivers to spawn. (6)
- 18 To pass data from a PC, say, to a major computer system. (6)
- **19** The birthstone of this star sign is opal. (5)
- 22 To change direction suddenly. (4)