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WORLD NEWS

NEW ZEALAND

STEEPEST STREET – AGAIN

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NEPAL



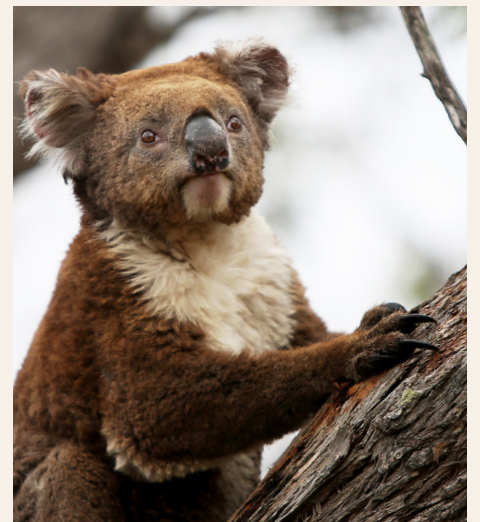
RARE LEOPARDS TAGGED

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AUSTRALIA

KOALAS RELEASED

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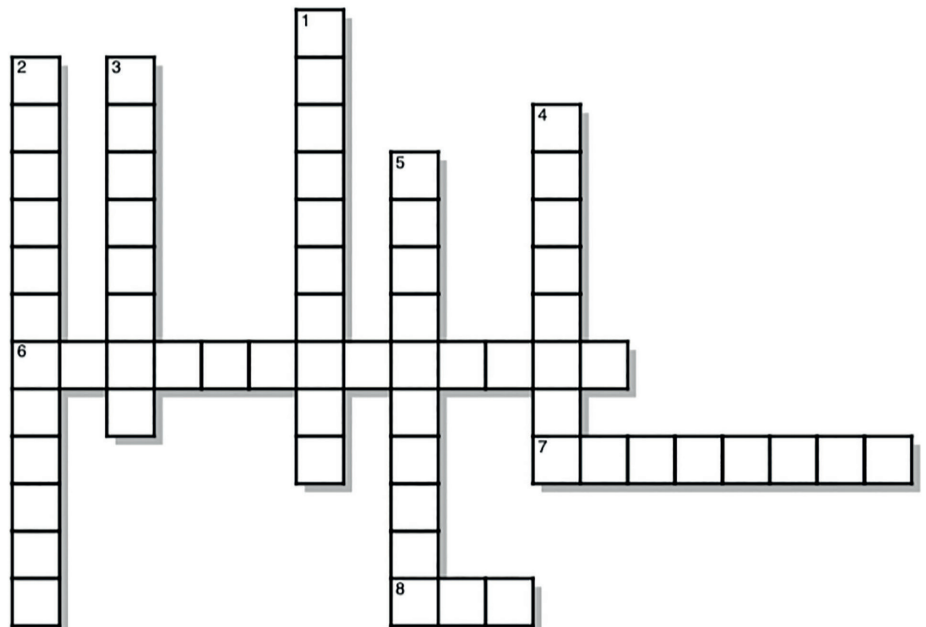


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- 2) To say “Well done!” (verb 12)
- 3) The time of the Middle Ages: the 5th-15th centuries (adjective 8)
- 4) Rising at the sharpest angle (adjective 8)
- 5) An Australian evergreen tree with leaves eaten by koalas (noun 10)

ACROSS

- 6) Given a drug to send an animal to sleep for a short time (verb 13)
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