**Across**

**1.** The name of the games (12)

**7.** A matter (5)

**8.** Black Fern who scored the winning sevens try in 2018 (7)

**10.** NZ team pipped by Australia in qualifying for demonstration sport (1,6)

**12.** Consume (3)

**13.** Go brown (3)

**14.** Items worn at the Games to help prevent viruses spreading (5)

**16.** Country at the Games with the biggest population (5)

**18.** Money, not cards (4)

**20.** Sprinted (6)

**21.** West African country that is one of the newest Commonwealth members (5)

**23.** Sound coming from the crowd (4)

**24.** Finish (3)

**26.** Participant in a weights event (6)

**30.** A lot (4)

**32.** The number of sports at Birmingham 22 (8)

**33.** Type of event in the pool (4)

**Down**

**1.** Women's T20, a new Games event is which sport? (7)

**2.** Perry the Bull has what role? (6)

**3.** How many tickets are expected to be sold for the Games? (3,7)

**4.** Athlete who gave NZ a huge 'magic moment' in 1974 (6)

**5.** City hosting the Games this year (10)

**6.** Competitor in this position gets a gold medal (5)

**9.** A curve (3)

**11.** The nation that will host the next Games in 2026 (9)

**14.** An event that combines different strokes in the pool (6)

**15.** A picturesque landscape (7)

**17.** Crux (3)

**19.** A commercial (2)

**21.** A winning moment can be \_\_\_\_ (6)

**22.** When a team loses in a semifinal they are \_\_\_ (3)

**25.** What athletes eat and drink forms their \_\_\_ (4)

**27.** NZ symbol worn by athletes, silver \_\_\_ (4)

**28.** The way out (4)

**29.** A dead heat (3)

**31.** Fresh, novel, or original (3)

**Across: 1.** Commonwealth, **7.** Issue, **8.** Brazier, **10.** E-Blacks, **12.** Eat, **13.** Tan, **14.** Masks, **16.** India, **18.** Cash, **20.** Darted, **21.** Gabon, **23.** Yell, **24.** End, **26.** Lifter, **30.** Many, **32.** Nineteen, **33.** Swim.

**Down: 1.** Cricket, **2.** Mascot, **3.** One million, **4.** Walker, **5.** Birmingham, **6.** First, **9.** Arc, **11.** Australia, **14.** Medley, **15.** Scenery, **17.** Nub, **19.** Ad, **21.** Golden, **22.** Out, **25.** Diet, **27.** Fern, **28.** Exit, **29.** Tie, **31.** New.