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EXPLANATIONS (C = cryptic part of clue + S = straight part of clue;
or S + S = clue holding answer twice with two different straight meanings;
or POW = play on words.)

Note that joining words may or may not be an integral part of the clue.

Punctuation and capital letters are irrelevant.

The art of the setter is to make it non-obvious how and where to split the clue,
and to mislead the solver along an irrelevant path.

ACROSS

1. S: means of communication = media
S: in old Persia = Media
4. POW: one's background needed to use a PC = desktop
8. C: roll (list) ring (enclose) empty laneway (ly)
S: pay attention = listen closely
9. C: must toss rapid shot (anagram of "must toss rapid")
S: games like basketball = stadium sports
10. C: crowd (gate) outside sports-ground in North Melbourne (outside "Arden St")
S: Victoria = Garden State
14. C: salt (nitrate) in South Australian port (inside "elliot") is turned (everything reversed)
S: a cosmetic, say = toilet article
16. C: catch (net) spellbound (surrounded by "magic") countrymen (Poles)
S: their forces = magnetic poles (implied)
17. C: retiring (coy) old (o) group reared ("set", reversed)
S: animals = coyotes
18. C: act (do) long (yen)
S: master = doyen

DOWN

1. C: spots (moles) beginning of teenage (t)
S: abuse = molest
2. C: Earl of Spencer commonly (Di's pa) with anger (ragingly)
S: with invective = disparagingly
3. C: extreme letters (a,z) raised anger ("ire", inverted)
S: Caucasian = Azeri
4. C: sign at bottom of form ("Aries" under "document")
S: programs = documentaries
5. C: go (shot) place (put)
S: sport = shot-put
6. C: the (the) summons (cite) is upheld by using spoken testimony (reversed, inside "orally")
S: without any supporting evidence = theoretically
7. C: you (ye) into football transfer (inside "pass")
S: Jewish side locks = payess
11. C: sheep (ewe) is covered with dirt (inside "dust")
S: towards sunset = due west
12. C: half the letters (a to m) I (i) composed initially (c)
S: related to a particular matter (atomic)
13. C: what you have during summer (less on)
S: schooling = lesson
15. C: gloomy and reticent personality clinically (Type D)
S: went into print