

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 15/3/2025) Solution

¹ S	A	² M	O	³ A	N		⁴ S	⁵ P	A	⁶ N	G	⁷ L	E	⁸ S
E		U		G				E		O		E		H
⁹ T	A	S	T	E		¹⁰ C	A	R	B	O	N	A	R	A
B		H		N		H		M		D		F		N
¹¹ A	V	I	A	T	O	R		¹² A	L	L	A	Y	E	D
C		N		S		I		N		E				Y
¹³ K	E	E	P		¹⁴ A	S	S	E	S	S	E	¹⁵ D		
S		S				T		N				A		¹⁶ S
		¹⁷ S	A	¹⁸ C	R	I	S	T	Y		¹⁹ B	L	U	E
²⁰ R				O		A		W		²¹ P		L		R
²² E	A	²³ S	T	M	A	N		²⁴ A	M	U	S	I	N	G
S		H		B		N		V		S		A		E
²⁵ E	L	U	C	I	D	A	T	E		²⁶ H	O	N	D	A
N		N		N		M				E		C		N
²⁷ T	E	T	H	E	R	E	D		²⁸ A	R	D	E	N	T

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SAMOAN	1 Islander, say, cut short protest (6)	1 SA(y) + MOAN
4 SPANGLES	4 Special fishes with shiny spots (8)	4 SP + ANGLES
9 TASTE	9 Small serving of polenta steamed, perhaps? (5)	9 polenTA STEamed
10 CARBONARA	10 English banger, say, available in bar, served with a sauce (9)	10 CAR + (ON in BAR) + A
11 AVIATOR	11 One who flies through to river south of Australia's capital (7)	11 (VIA + TO + R) after (A)ustralia
12 ALLAYED	12 Put down vote for splitting up all traders at the centre (7)	12 AYE inside [ALL + tra(D)ers]
13 KEEP	13 Last to look the other way (4)	13 PEEK reversed
14 ASSESSED	14 Valued pack animal scattered seeds (8)	14 ASS + anagram of SEEDS
17 SACRISTY	17 Christ sacrificing much ultimately in, say, part of church (8)	17 [CHRIST minus muc(H)] inside SAY
19 BLUE	19 Argument is blasted in speech (4)	19 Sounds like BLEW
22 EASTMAN	22 Mates sorted out an American photographic pioneer (7)	22 Anagram of MATES + AN
24 AMUSING	24 A reflection is delightful (7)	24 A + MUSING
25 ELUCIDATE	25 Explain cryptic clue, one written by partner (9)	25 Anagram of CLUE + I + DATE
26 HONDA	26 Car-maker had changed around reflection of number (5)	26 Anagram of HAD outside (ON reversed)
27 TETHERED	27 Broken teeth, a light colour, should be secured? (8)	27 Anagram of TEETH + RED
28 ARDENT	28 Study in creative works is passionate (6)	28 DEN inside ART

