

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 20/9/2025) Solution

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<sup>28</sup> D	U	N	E	D	I	N		<sup>29</sup> L	I	N	K	E	D	

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SCUTCH	Brickie's tool cut opening in concrete in silence (6)	[CUT + (C)oncrete] inside SH
5 CATERER	Nurse taking tea discounted by a food provider (7)	CARER outside (TEA minus A)
10 RERUN	Turner, losing time, reviewed old program? (5)	Anagram of TURNER minus T
11 REALIGNED	Was king, accepting all, largely straightened out? (9)	REIGNED outside (AL)l
12 UNLEADED PETROL	Escort, garaged by elder, put on refined fuel (8,6)	LEAD inside anagram of ELDER PUT ON
13 DUAL	Sing the praises of retired twin (4)	LAUD reversed
14 INFERNAL	In plant, a learner is extremely annoying (8)	IN + FERN + A + L
18 DETERRED	Discouraged detective made a mistake (8)	DET + ERRED
20 BOOM	Pick up big pole attached to sail (4)	Double Definition
24 SERVICE STATION	Car's final defects handled by group at one working garage (7,7)	[ca(R) + VICES] inside SET + AT + I + ON
26 TEST DRIVE	Shot played against international bowler's spin? (4,5)	Double Definition
27 STINT	Period pieces collected by Justin Trudeau (5)	juSTIN Trudeau
28 DUNEDIN	A pile of sand moved finally in NZ port (7)	DUNE + move(D) + IN
29 LINKED	Last part of manual written with pen should be attached (6)	manua(L) + INKED

[illegible]