

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 29/8/2026) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CHOP-CHOP	Two pieces of meat sliced quickly? (4-4)	CHOP + CHOP
5 ELATED	Happy worker in news restricting overtime (6)	ED outside LATE
10 DISCONTINUATION	Break dance group making a comeback in the country (15)	DISCO + (UNIT reversed inside NATION)
11 ROUNDABOUT	Our band, in a new setting, finished with "Carousel" (10)	Anagram of OUR BAND + OUT
12 SUIT	Administrative official reduced size of hotel accommodation (4)	SUIT(e)
14 AREAS	Fields are grassy in the centre (5)	ARE + gr(AS)sy
15 RING A BELL	Jewellery and label oddly seem familiar (4,1,4)	RING + anagram of LABEL
17 KILLER BEE	Aggressive worker and rebel like being manipulated (6,3)	Anagram of REBEL LIKE
21 TEMPO	Rate parts of system, possibly (5)	sysTEM POSSibly
23 EDGY	Irritable and terribly fidgety once fit has passed (4)	Anagram of FIDGETY minus FIT
24 COMPARISON	Capital available after company managed primarily with distinction (10)	(PARIS + ON) after [CO + (M)anaged]
27 EXPERIMENTATION	Cross taken up by mean petitioner affected research (15)	X inside anagram of MEAN PETITIONER
28 PANAMA	Criticise a graduate's hat (6)	PAN + A + MA
29 READINGS	Values shown on gauges are altered by damage caused by accidents (8)	Anagram of ARE + DINGS

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 CODER	Software engineer writing in C, right? (5)	ODE inside (C + R)
2 OBSCURE	"B" scored in course confused minor (7)	B inside anagram of COURSE
3 CROP DUSTER	Produce sprinkler from assorted pre-cut rods (4,6)	Anagram of PRE-CUT RODS
4 OCTOBER	Alliance in bloc to be reviewed in one month (7)	bLOC TO BE Reviewed
6 LOAN	Head of organisation in computer linkup borrowed money (4)	(O)rganisation inside LAN
7 TRIBUTE	Tribe not quite given native American recognition (7)	TRIB(e) + UTE
8 DONATELLO	Italian sculptor is on a report tabled in function (9)	(ON + A + TELL) inside DO
9 IN TURN	One after another mended tin boiler (2,4)	Anagram of TIN + URN
13 MASTERCARD	Crates remade right in extremely good plastic (10)	(Anagram of CRATES + R) inside MAD
14 ANKLE-DEEP	Shallow one went first into store (5-4)	AN + (LED inside KEEP)
16 ICE	Cool down components of graphic equaliser (3)	graphIC Equaliser
18 LEG-SPIN	Pakistan's opener, buoyed by single, smashed bowling (3-4)	(P)akistan inside anagram of SINGLE
19 BROOME	Accommodation reserved in last place visited by tourists in WA (6)	ROOM inside BE
20 EXPANSE	Former partner looks around last piece of office space (7)	EX + PANS + offic(E)
22 MISSION	Fail to see one on task-force (7)	MISS + I + ON
25 NO-NOS	Child playing back unacceptable things (2-3)	(SON + ON) reversed
26 PRIM	Puritanical chief finished early (4)	(PRIM)e