

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 24/1/2026) Solution

¹ S	T	² A	M	³ I	N	⁴ A		⁵ P	O	⁶ R	T	⁷ A	L	
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STAMINA	Enduring strength shown by 70% of Tasmanians with conditioning (7)	Anagram of (TASMANI)ans
5 PORTAL	Sydney, say, a large point of access (6)	PORT + A + L
8 LIPID	Cover impregnated with one soft, fatty substance (5)	LID outside (I + P)
9 ACTIVIST	Militant rescheduled visit, starting with a prominent part of Australia (8)	Anagram of VISIT after ACT
11 CROWEATER	South Australian: "We invested in revolutionary reactor" (9)	WE inside anagram of REACTOR
12 AGREE	Shake hands with leader of Australia concerned about the environment mostly (5)	(A)ustralia + (GREE)n
13 SIDE	Make-up of Australia's ideal team (4)	australiaS IDEal
15 ROSELLAS	Spiky plants harbouring all returning Australian birds (8)	ROSES outside (ALL reversed)
18 FAROUCHE	Socially inept touch not initially handled by passenger (8)	(t)OUCH inside FARE
19 TAIL	Australia's bowlers, say, heard story (4)	Sounds like TALE
23 CHINA	Porcelain items from church in Australia (5)	churCH IN Australia
24 PROTOZOAN	Australian, captured by troop, modified an organism that is very small (9)	OZ inside anagram of TROOP + AN
26 TIE-BREAK	Tribe prepared each king for decisive battle (3-5)	Anagram of TRIBE + EA + K
27 ABODE	Poetry found at the rear of 5-down's home (5)	ODE after AB
28 ANSETT	Old airline established in a particular area of Australia (6)	SET inside (A + NT)
29 REDFERN	Australian pioneer surgeon freed at sea by Royal Navy (7)	Anagram of FREED + RN

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