

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 28/5/2022) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CLOSED SEASON	When hunters shouldn't hunt near seas, in view of expert (6,6)	CLOSE + (SEAS inside DON)
9 STROLLERS	Street cars people spotted on the footpath (9)	ST + ROLLERS
10 CRIMP	Pinch lawbreaker close to shop (5)	CRIM + sho(P)
11 CREAMY	Smooth lot of paper housed in deserted cannery? (6)	REAM inside C(anner)Y
12 BILLIONS	Statement is including working capital of great value (8)	BILL + (IS outside ON)
14 RISING TIDE	Is batting great, with spin at both ends, a growing trend? (6,4)	(IS + IN + GT) inside RIDE
15 PITA	Take seeds out of a type of slightly leavened bread (4)	PIT + A
17 CASH	First letter of credit has misstated available money (4)	(C)redit + anagram of HAS
19 FOR EXAMPLE	Foreign exchange of great size, say (3,7)	FOREX + AMPLE
22 EMERSON	Last of the woolly merinos should be coming out (8)	th(E) + anagram of MERINOS
23 BOSNIA	Chief nearly resettled in a Balkan area (6)	(BOS)s + anagram of IN A
26 ROTOR	Run out to bowler's final spinner (5)	RO + TO + bowle(R)
27 IMPROVISE	One's in rally to perform without preparation (9)	IS inside IMPROVE
28 DOWN THE TRACK	Head of department organised to thank crew later on (4,3,5)	(D)epartment + anagram of TO THANK CREW

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 LARDERS	Retired doctor entering real small food stores (7)	(DR inside REAL) reversed + S
3 SALT MINE	Refined metals in a deposit of sodium chloride (4,4)	Anagram of METALS IN
4 DYES	Colours matched at last very well (4)	matche(D) + YES
5 EAST INDIES	Deposit of tin found in redeveloped seaside region of SE Asia (4,6)	TIN inside anagram of SEASIDE
6 SUCKLE	Nurse's luck changed in the middle of miniseries (6)	Anagram of LUCK inside miniSeries
7 NAIROBI	Big shot taking in broadcast, one in African capital (7)	NOB outside AIR + I
8 APOSTATE	Deserter took food at the end of a job (8)	ATE after (A + POST)
9 SAC	Compartment in platypus acts as a pouch (3)	platypuS ACTs
13 ETHOLOGIST	Record of events is transmitted in broadcast to the animal behaviourist (10)	(LOG + IS) inside anagram of TO THE
14 ROCKETRY	Ocker arranged to experiment with science developed at NASA? (8)	Anagram of OCKER + TRY
16 MALODOUR	Mixture of loam associated with severe stink (8)	Anagram of LOAM + DOUR
18 SHEETED	Golf equipment, picked up in shed, is wrapped in cloth (7)	TEE reversed inside SHED
20 PONTIAC	Blended pinot served with a cold vegetable (7)	Anagram of PINOT + A + C
21 ESCROW	Escape with bank deed held by a third party (6)	ESC + ROW
24 APE	Copy cassette except for the first bit (3)	(t)APE
25 APSE	Primate moved around small church recess (4)	APE outside S