

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 14/8/2021) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 VOCALIST	Social broadcast, carried by TV, backed performer (8)	Anagram of SOCIAL inside TV reversed
5 FELONS	Guys carrying on for low criminals (6)	FELLOWS with ON exchanged for LOW
10 CHARM	Do damage after captain's appeal (5)	HARM after C
11 VERMILION	Red pests nearly finished off big cat (9)	(VERMI)n + LION
12 BATHING COSTUME	Swimmers came to bus confused about event (7,7)	Anagram of CAME TO BUS outside THING
14 LAND	Country's computer system died (4)	LAN + D
15 BEAN CURD	Asian food one surly sort consumed in bed (4,4)	(AN + CUR) inside BED
18 BAD	Criminal group eliminating head of narcotics (3)	BAND minus (N)arcotics
19 RED ONION	Duck served in unusual diner on vegetable (3,5)	O inside anagram of DINER + ON
20 HINT	Trace thing not completely wrecked (4)	Anagram of (THIN)g
23 PROCRASTINATOR	One who delays air transport wrongly holding company back (14)	Anagram of AIR TRANSPORT outside (CO reversed)
26 COALITION	Fossil fuel - it is reduced by half by active political group (9)	COAL + IT + I(s) + ON
27 ROUGH	Unwell food supplier needing time off (5)	TROUGH minus T
28 DOTING	Soft metal used in composition of track (6)	TIN inside DOG
29 TRAM STOP	Drive by street entering top boarding facility (4,4)	(RAM + ST) inside TOP

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 VOCABULARY	Head of operations a club ordered in to change wording (10)	[(O)perations + anagram of A CLUB] inside VARY
2 CHASTENED	Disciplined leader of competition moved quickly (9)	(C)ompetition + HASTENED
3 LIMPID	Weak credentials must be transparent (6)	LIMP + ID
4 SAVAGE	A thousand dollars put in to rescue Yahoo (6)	(A + G) inside SAVE
6 EXISTING	Real outlet prematurely ended police undercover operation (8)	(EXI)t + STING
7 OPIUM	Narcotics division originally not bound to impound distributed drug (5)	Anagram of IMPOUND minus [(N)arcotics + (D)ivision]
8 SANE	Normal contributor to business - an employee (4)	business AN Employee
9 CROOKED	Irregular green light featuring in renovated decor (7)	OK inside anagram of DECOR
13 EDITORSHIP	This period disrupted journalist's office (10)	Anagram of THIS PERIOD
15 BAN	Restrict financial institution almost totally (3)	(BAN)k
16 UNIT TRUST	Campus that cleared out evidence of deterioration in investment company? (4,5)	UNI + T(ha)T + RUST
17 INACTION	Fighting laziness (8)	Double Definition
18 BOTANIC	Introduction of bylaw modified action of plants (7)	(B)ylaw + anagram of ACTION
21 ATONER	One who makes up for wrong attitude in middle of search (6)	TONE inside se(AR)ch
22 ANTRUM	Ant coming in contact with strange cavity (6)	ANT + RUM
24 REACT	Respond to play more than once (5)	Double Definition
25 ICED	Slices of nice dessert should be kept cool (4)	nICE Dessert