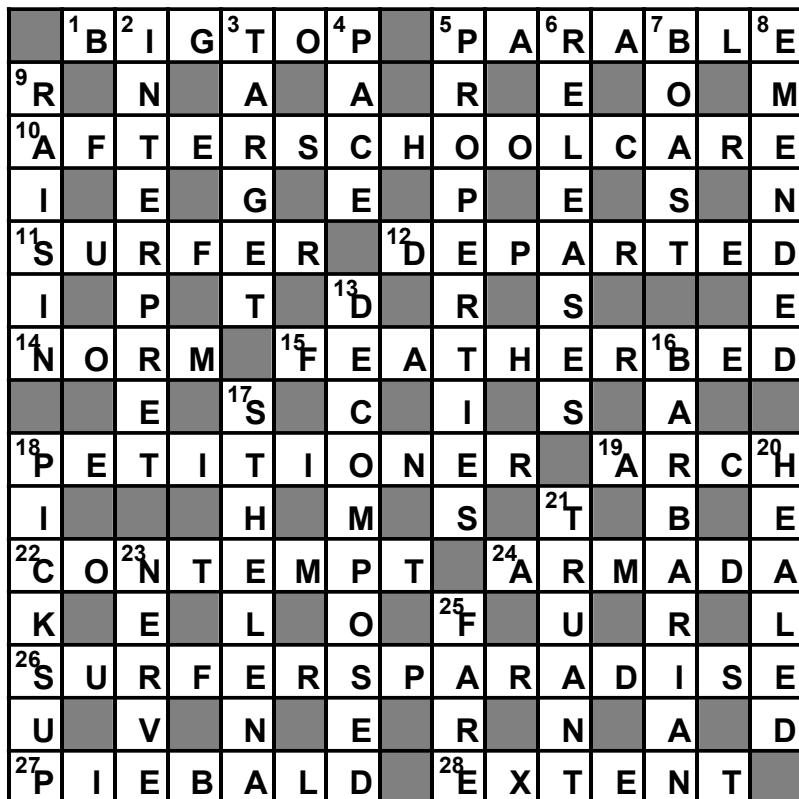


# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 17/1/2026) Solution



Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BIG TOP	Dance around one great entertainment centre (3,3)	BOP outside (I + GT)
5 PARABLE	Lesson given by expert following average golf score (7)	ABLE after PAR
10 AFTER SCHOOL CARE	Teacher of carols organised child-minding service (5,6,4)	Anagram of TEACHER OF CAROLS
11 SURFER	Board rider is certain about fellow rider at the back (6)	SURE outside F + ride(R)
12 DEPARTED	Property document containing deception, in retrospect, should be left (8)	DEED outside (TRAP reversed)
14 NORM	Standard selection from Lennon or McCartney (4)	lennoN OR Mccartney
15 FEATHERBED	Spoil meal containing 50% meat and herb (10)	FEED outside [me(AT) + HERB]
18 PETITIONER	Claimant favoured one written in Italian and Irish (10)	PET + [ONE inside (IT + IR)]
19 ARCH	Most important parade started late (4)	(m)ARCH
22 CONTEMPT	Disregard kid, one not always at work before time (8)	CON + TEMP + T
24 ARMADA	A river and a barrier held back fighting force (6)	A + R + (A + DAM) reversed
26 SURFERS PARADISE	Irrational fears surprised a Gold Coast resort (7,8)	Anagram of FEARS SURPRISED A
27 PIEBALD	Mongrel that is restrained by lead, unsettled lad (7)	IE inside PB + anagram of LAD
28 EXTENT	Reach links contained in hypertext entry (6)	hypertEXT ENTry

