

AFR Cryptic (New Year 2021) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CUT A DASH	1 Such data manipulated to make a striking impression (3,1,4)	1 Anagram of SUCH DATA
5 CHAD	5 Combined group in church addressed African nation (4)	5 churCH ADdressed
8 DRIVERS	8 Clubs close to polluted waterways (7)	8 pollute(D) + RIVERS
14 WHOOP	14 Loud cry doctor on TV produced before operation (5)	14 WHO + OP
15 LEARNER	15 Apprentice left profitable enterprise (7)	15 L + EARNER
16 ASTRODOME	16 Enclosed sports centre, for instance, staff recognised in book (9)	16 AS + (ROD inside TOME)
17 IMPASTO	17 I am after origin of old painting (7)	17 IM + PAST + (O)ld
18 BANDITS	18 Thieves by the way involved in scraps (7)	18 AND inside BITS
19 CUSTARD	19 Big name tucked into processed food and dessert (7)	19 STAR inside CUD
20 LOCATE	20 Track down members of bloc at embassy (6)	20 bLOC AT Embassy
22 DEGENERATE	22 Impure form of energy green represented in meeting? (10)	22 (E + anagram of GREEN) inside DATE
23 SPIKE	23 Skewer an ear of corn (5)	23 Double Definition

24 PARALYSE	24 A player's repositioned and put out of action (8)	24 Anagram of A PLAYERS
26 LEASES	26 Sale changed focus of domestic rental agreements (6)	26 Anagram of SALE + dom(ES)tic
28 CAME TO	28 Team reassigned in company recovered (4,2)	28 Anagram of TEAM inside CO
31 MEAT PIE	31 MasterChef's original cooked pate that is one of Australia's favourite foods (4,3)	31 (M)asterchef + anagram of PATE + IE
32 FETED	32 Honoured leader of Thailand during plentiful meal (5)	32 (T)hailand inside FEED
34 LAMINATE	34 Cover a minister put in at the last second (8)	34 (A + MIN) inside LATE
37 MEA CULPA	37 Clam up wrongly about each admission of guilt (3,5)	37 Anagram of CLAM UP outside EA
39 DUMMY	39 Wet soft earth turned over by my open hand (5)	39 MUD reversed + MY
40 ROSTRUM	40 Platform shoes primarily handled by cobblers? Strange (7)	40 (S)hoes inside ROT + RUM
43 RIBBON	43 Tease bishop about decorative material (6)	43 RIB + B + ON
45 RISING	45 Lifting is supported in wrestling arena (6)	45 IS inside RING
47 CHEERING	47 A great deal of audacity demonstrated by band is encouraging (8)	47 (CHEE)k + RING
49 GORGE	49 Leave wild party, missing out on a feast (5)	49 GO + (RAGE minus A)
50 ORCHESTRAS	50 They create music or unusual art in musical (10)	50 OR + (anagram of ART inside CHESS)
53 SPARTA	53 Greek city's craftsmanship on display in spring (6)	53 ART inside SPA
56 AROUSED	56 Excited baron, out of bounds, took drugs? (7)	56 b)ARO(n + USED
58 UPLOADS	58 Data transfers Middle Eastern political group used with advantage in America (7)	58 (PLO + AD) inside US
59 RIPOSTE	59 Right that is reinforced by standard response (7)	59 (R + IE) outside POST
61 IN EARNEST	61 Close bird sanctuary after one? Seriously! (2,7)	61 (NEAR + NEST) after I
62 AT ONE GO	62 A hundred runs, for example, scored before duck in a single effort (2,3,2)	62 A + TON + EG + O
63 OBAMA	63 Employees committed to job amazed former leader? (5)	63 jOB AMAzed
64 MUSTERS	64 Marshals rest uneasily after problem with retirement (7)	64 Anagram of REST after SUM reversed
65 RIDE	65 Drive and walk down street (4)	65 STRIDE minus ST
66 PARAKEET	66 A gardening tool bitten by pet bird (8)	66 (A + RAKE) inside PET

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 COWGIRL	1 Western woman returned outfit wearing hood (7)	1 RIG reversed inside COWL
2 TROOP	2 Officer at the start in Australian case set up military unit (5)	2 (O)fficer inside PORT reversed
3 DEPOSIT SLIP	3 Form of banking overseas, one used in department by mistake (7,4)	3 (OS + I) inside DEPT + SLIP
4 SOLD ON	4 Antique owned by family member is exchanged for money (4,2)	4 OLD inside SON
6 HARDINESS	6 Has taken over opening of royal feasts with resolution (9)	6 HAS outside [(R)oyal + DINES]
7 DEAD SEA	7 A deed's amended in connection with a large expanse of saltwater (4,3)	7 Anagram of A DEEDS + A
8 DETACHED	8 Cold detective felt pain (8)	8 DET + ACHED
9 ICONS	9 Pictures are not needed in new scenario (5)	9 Anagram of SCENARIO minus ARE
10 EVOCATIVE	10 Haunting place that's sheltered upset natives inside borders? (9)	10 COVE reversed + n(ATIVE)s
11 SPEED DEMON	11 Habitually fast driver needs moped completely rebuilt (5,5)	11 Anagram of NEEDS MOPED
12 MARBLE	12 Broken alarm bell not containing all hard material (6)	12 Anagram of ALARM BELL minus ALL
13 UNINTERESTED	13 Indifferent university reconfigured Net ready to work (12)	13 UNI + anagram of NET + RESTED
21 CORSAGE	21 Flowers, bundled together, droop in the centre (7)	21 SAG inside CORE
23 SPAIN	23 Meat that's processed largely in a European country (5)	23 (SPA)m + IN
24 POMP	24 Ostentation and power behind one from the old country (4)	24 P after POM
25 SEEMLY	25 See one unemployed in Manly that's decent? (6)	25 SEE + (MANLY minus AN)
27 SPLAYD	27 Consumer's tool is removed from different displays (6)	27 Anagram of DISPLAYS minus IS
29 AFFAIR	29 A fine gathering of producers to promote business activity (6)	29 A + F + FAIR
30 SMIRCH	30 Dirty edges fixed up next to church (6)	30 RIMS reversed + CH
33 DEMONSTRATOR	33 Guitar owned by master or exhibitionist (12)	33 STRAT inside (DEMON + OR)
35 TERRIER	35 Keen person's lapse inside bank (7)	35 ERR inside TIER
36 SMUG	36 Superior adhesives turned up (4)	36 GUMS reversed
38 CHORE	38 Routine task that's hard in essence (5)	38 H inside CORE
41 SLEEP APNOEA	41 Sane people worked out a problem for some retired people (5,6)	41 Anagram of SANE PEOPLE + A

42 PRAGMATISM	42 Treated stigma carried by pusher with common sense (10)	42 Anagram of STIGMA inside PRAM
44 BURROWERS	44 They undermine prickly case linked to debtors (9)	44 BURR + OWERS
46 STEELYARD	46 Restyled a replaced weighing machine (9)	46 Anagram of RESTYLED A
48 BOLDNESS	48 Large object held back by supervisor is brass (8)	48 (L + END reversed) inside BOSS
51 CLUTTER	51 Mess left in small sailing vessel (7)	51 L inside CUTTER
52 ANSWER	52 Acknowledge a state centre in Canterbury (6)	52 A + NSW + cant(ER)bury
54 ABEYANT	54 Inactive church building abandoned by bishop and social worker (7)	54 ABBEY minus B + ANT
55 AREOLA	55 Region around a nipple ring, left covered with patch (6)	55 (O + L) inside AREA
57 SERVE	57 Dish up some appetiser (vegetarian) (5)	57 apperiSER VEgetarian
60 STAGE	60 Arrange for men only on drugs (5)	60 STAG + E