

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 29/9/2018) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 WEATHERS	Sports divided up by the seasons (8)	THE inside WEARS
5 CLERKS	Stickler taking on development without IT office workers (6)	Anagram of STICKLER minus IT
10 EARPLUG	A rep arranged to carry a noise reduction unit (7)	Anagram of A REP + LUG
11 MACHETE	Assistant taking hold of short chef's chopper (7)	MATE outside (CHE)f
12 LEASE	Agreement stipulated by letter as seen in shelter (5)	AS inside LEE
13 THRESHOLD	Beat old lower limit (9)	THRESH + OLD
14 POWER STATION	Two parties switched on large generator of electricity (5,7)	Anagram of TWO PARTIES + ON
18 HEARTSTRINGS	This stranger disguised deep emotions (12)	Anagram of THIS STRANGER
21 REDUCTION	Cut professional out of copy (9)	REPRODUCTION minus PRO
23 ROMEO	Monroe, not Marilyn, ultimately confused lover (5)	Anagram of MONROE minus marily(N)
24 CORDIAL	Warm core reduced by selector switch (7)	(COR)e + DIAL
25 BACK OUT	Withdraw a gutless cook taking part in contest? (4,3)	[A + C(oo)K] inside BOUT
26 SIDLED	Sedan at the front ticked over and crept along (6)	(S)edan + IDLED
27 TESTATOR	Will architect examine a raised area? (8)	TEST + A + TOR

