

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 24/10/2020) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DEBATABL	A plot backed by board is contentious (9)	(A + BED) reversed + TABLE
6 PERM	Do authorisation without it (4)	PERMIT minus IT
10 LUSTY	Healthy core of valued collection of pigs (5)	va(LU)ed + STY
11 OPERATION	Ear reconstructed in alternative procedure (9)	Anagram of EAR inside OPTION
12 TATTERED	Cat's tail poorly treated is scruffy (8)	ca(T) + anagram of TREATED
13 FILLET	Supply half of diet's processed meat (6)	FILL + di(ET)
15 PRIVATE LESSON	Pressure applied by relatives disrupted child's personal training (7,6)	P + anagram of RELATIVES + SON
18 EXCHANGE RATES	Unusual tax charge seen in values monitored by currency dealers (8,5)	Anagram of TAX CHARGE SEEN
22 SORTIE	Sally is angry about it taking a turn (6)	SORE outside (IT reversed)
23 STALLION	Deliberately delay one on horse (8)	STALL + I + ON
26 ORIENTEER	Cross-country runner or one heading in to register (9)	OR + I + (E inside ENTER)
27 GLOBE	Almost get around high hit ball (5)	(GE)t outside LOB
28 SAGA	Silver found in one part of Oz? It's a long story (4)	AG inside SA
29 LIBERATED	Told stories about live rodent set free (9)	LIED outside (BE + RAT)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 DILUTE	Thin cover put over tradesman's vehicle (6)	LID reversed + UTE
2 BUS STOP	Break open operation based around small boarding place (3,4)	(BUST + OP) outside S
3 THYME	Herbaceous plant stock picked from healthy meadow (5)	healTHY MEadow
4 BOOMERANGS	Australian basketball player, with stress diminished, bounces back (10)	BOOMER + (ANGS)t
5 EXES	Inmates of complex, especially old friends? (4)	complex ESpecially
7 EDIBLES	Food from deli best trimmed and cooked (7)	Anagram of (DELI BES)t
8 MONOTONE	Brief time not acknowledged by one in flat (8)	MON + NOT + ONE
9 MANIFEST	Fellow in case established patent (8)	MAN + IF + EST
14 HEART-THROB	Brother that nearly replaced object of infatuation (5-5)	Anagram of (BROTHER THA)t
16 ITALIANS	Backing of company not accepted by different antisocial people (8)	Anagram of ANTOSOCIAL minus (CO reversed)
17 TEE-SHOTS	Golfers hit some to these prepared greens at the end (3-5)	Anagram of TO THESE + green(S)
19 CURSING	Scoundrel to perform a song with swearing (7)	CUR + SING
20 SPIN OUT	Lose control of jet flying across one side of mountain (4,3)	SPOUT outside [I + mountai(N)]
21 INDEED	One broadcast ended without doubt (6)	I + anagram of ENDED
24 LAGER	Characters of legal age refused alcohol (5)	legaL AGE Refused
25 WELL	A spring in good condition (4)	Double Definition