

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 7/2/2026) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 COOK STRAIT	NZ channel throws together feature (4,6)	COOKS + TRAIT
6 LIMO	People mover is large in my opinion (4)	L + IMO
10 DRAMA	Theatre doctor, a man not fully extended (5)	DR + A + (MA)n
11 SYMBOLISE	Mean boy smiles wickedly (9)	Anagram of BOY SMILES
12 JIGGLE	Shake and dance with broken leg (6)	JIG + anagram of LEG
13 ROCKERS	What they enjoy is musical chairs (7)	Double Definition
15 HANGER	One dressing, say, missing original wardrobe item (6)	(c)HANGER
16 ALFRESCO	Manufactured seal for trapping carbon in the open air (8)	Anagram of SEAL FOR outside C
17 TAPE DECK	Limitations of diode found in packet affected old stereo component? (4,4)	(D)iod(E) inside anagram of PACKET
20 COMBAT	Something used by a groom at engagement (6)	COMB + AT
23 AMOROUS	A room remodelled by American in love (7)	Anagram of A ROOM + US
24 ABLAZE	A short jacket is glowing (6)	A + (BLAZE)r
26 BODYGUARD	Defender died in front of confused guy in committee (9)	(D + anagram of GUY) inside BOARD
27 GRAVE	Last resting place of importance (5)	Double Definition
28 MARC	Ruin opening of classic French brandy (4)	MAR + (C)lassic
29 PERSONALLY	I think representative turned around son and friend (10)	REP reversed + SON + ALLY

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