

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 22/8/2020) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 MUSIC STOOL	Collapsed scrum is lacking right, and also left, player's support (5,5)	(Anagram of SCRUM IS minus R) + TOO + L
6 A T MS	Distributors of cash at malls not catering for everyone (1,1,2)	AT MALLS minus ALL
9 LAITY	Everyone except the clergy put it in place (5)	IT inside LAY
10 MESSAGING	Difficulty getting on communication system (9)	MESS + AGING
12 RESTATED	Repeated change to date after a short break (8)	Anagram of DATE after REST
13 ACTIVE	Industrious area of Australia that is plugged by leader of Victoria (6)	ACT + [IE outside (V)ictoria]
15 AMPLIFY	Insurance company reduced life policy's final increase (7)	AMP + LIF(e) + polic(Y)
16 EQUALS	Rivals quarrel drunkenly, giving up rights and privileges ultimately (6)	(Anagram of QUARREL minus RR) + privilege(S)
17 AIR	Broadcast couple with no introduction (3)	(p)AIR
19 AMBLER	Stroller is better with front section removed (6)	(g)AMBLER
21 THRUSTS	Pushes hard, opening up structured investments (7)	H inside TRUSTS
24 TIRING	Difficult time, one managed by phone (6)	T + I + RING
25 SLIMLINE	Despicable person, holding nothing back, trimmed down (8)	SLIME outside (NIL reversed)
27 PRIESTESS	Religious leader, one established in news media generally (9)	(I + EST) inside PRESS
28 NIGHT	Dark horse not taking the lead (5)	(k)NIGHT
29 RUNT	Small pig makes noises endlessly? (4)	g)RUNT(s)
30 BARRISTERS	Roadblocks breached by street people who know the law (10)	BARRIERS outside ST

