

AFR Cryptic (ANZAC 2025) Solution

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| Across | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 DISCRIMINATED | Record considered broken by one minute is singled out (13) | DISC + RATED outside (I + MIN) |
| 9 BLEND IN | Wine store securing loan to match others (5,2) | BIN outside LEND |
| 10 SLUGGER | Small sailing ship - one that may strike a big blow (7) | S + LUGGER |
| 11 CORPS | Centre listened to military unit (5) | Sounds like CORE |
| 12 CALIBRATE | Fine-tune case framing a politician (9) | CRATE outside (A + LIB) |
| 13 EYE CHART | Are they confused about speed of light tester used by an optometrist? (3,5) | Anagram of ARE THEY outside C |
| 15 BARELY | First component of basic relay switched just (6) | (B)asic + anagram of RELAY |
| 18 MEDIUM | Die horribly in the arms of tight-lipped spiritualist (6) | Anagram of DIE inside MUM |
| 19 VILLAINS | Criminals should be home with others around? (8) | IN inside VILLAS |
| 22 STALEMATE | Drunken male wearing government tie (9) | Anagram of MALE inside STATE |
| 24 SHUTS | Accommodation for skiers in centre of Russia closes (5) | HUT inside ruSSia |
| 25 IN-GROUP | Sect kept from prosecuting newly formed clique (2-5) | Anagram of PROSECUTING minus SECT |
| 26 THEATRE | Have a meal right inside the cinema (7) | (EAT + R) inside THE |
| 27 LETTER-PERFECT | Renter cheeky about iron clubs correct in every detail (6-7) | LETTER + PERT outside (FE + C) |
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| Down | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 DEBACLE | Cable twisted inside unloaded device is a failure? (7) | Anagram of CABLE inside D(evic)E |
| 2 SPEARHEAD | Pioneer's fruit tree the fellow planted in grave (9) | (PEAR + HE) inside SAD |
| 3 RIDES | Popular entertainment group from Madrid especially (5) | madRID ESsentially |
| 4 MANICURE | Neatly trim fellow, one with remedy (8) | MAN + I + CURE |
| 5 NESTLE | Teens, upset about closure of school, settle in (6) | Anagram of TEENS outside schoo(L) |
| 6 THUMBNAIL | Small picture is cut from this and arranged in album (9) | THIS minus IS + anagram of IN ALBUM |
| 7 DOGMA | Follow scholar's teaching (5) | DOG + MA |
| 8 ARTERY | Main line crook pinched from ordnance (6) | ARTILLERY minus ILL |
| 14 HOUSEBOAT | Deal with snake found in heated mobile home (9) | (USE + BOA) inside HOT |
| 16 ETIQUETTE | Convention unsettled quiet setter with no limitations? (9) | Anagram of QUIET + s)ETTE(r |
| 17 LIVE IT UP | Throw one criminal over and celebrate (4,2,2) | (PUT + I + EVIL) reversed |
| 18 MOSAIC | Agents of CIA somehow returned an artistic work in pieces (6) | CIA SOMehow reversed |
| 20 SUSPECT | Have doubts about religious group keeping us quiet (7) | SECT outside (US + P) |
| 21 SAMPLE | Last portion of haggis, more than enough to try (6) | haggi(S) + AMPLE |
| 23 ANGEL | An application in semi-solid form is a very good one (5) | AN + GEL |
| 24 STEER | Handle old bull (5) | Double Definition |
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