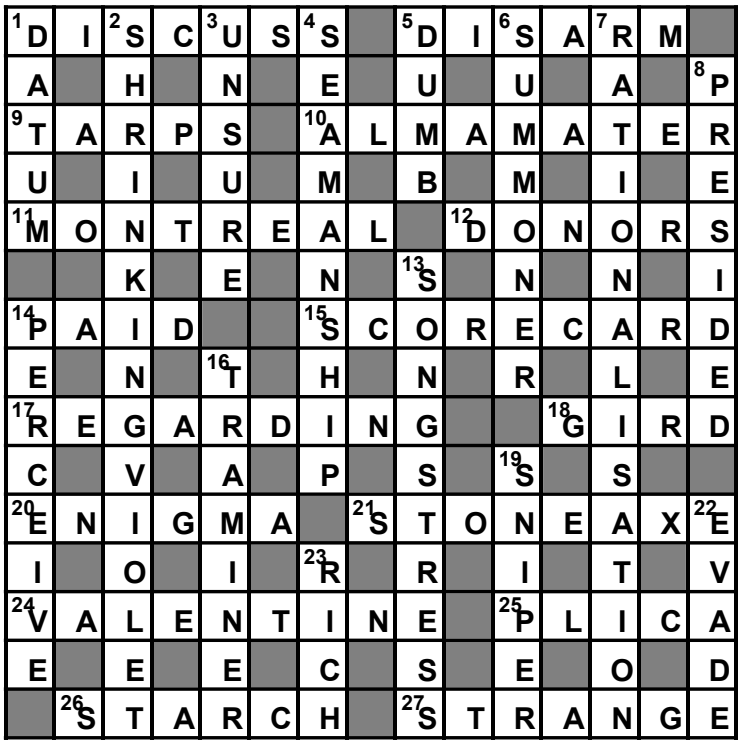
AFR Cryptic (Saturday 14/11/2026) Solution



Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DISCUSS	Talk about track and field event before start of sprints (7)	DISCUS + (S)prints
5 DISARM	Win over leader of many after botched raids (6)	(M)any after anagram of RAIDS
9 TARPS	Protective sheets ruined large amount of pastry (5)	Anagram of (PASTR)y
10 ALMA MATER	Two academics involved in reform could be old school (4,5)	(MA + MA) inside ALTER
11 MONTREAL	Canadian port not treated right in feast, say (8)	(Anagram of NOT + R) inside MEAL
12 DONORS	Complete, and not small, contributors (6)	DO + NOR + S
14 PAID	One involved in protection is rewarded financially (4)	I inside PAD
15 SCORECARD	Small company embarrassed about coach's sporting result (9)	S + CO + (RED outside CAR)
17 REGARDING	Before minor car accident, partygoer switched on (9)	(RAGER reversed) in front of DING
18 GIRD	Young lady cut off old copper ring (4)	GIR(l) + D
20 ENIGMA	Imagine missing out on one convoluted puzzle (6)	Anagram of IMAGINE minus I
21 STONE AXE	Old chopper, one included in taxes erroneously (5,3)	ONE inside anagram of TAXES
24 VALENTINE	Sweetheart, 9, taking time at the end of farewell (9)	(NINE outside T) after VALE
25 PLICA	"Fold" left written in 12-point (5)	L inside PICA
26 STARCH	Celebrity chef reduced by half important foodstuff (6)	STAR + CH(ef)
27 STRANGE	Odd selection offered at end of street (7)	RANGE after ST

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 DATUM	Little bit of information group of workers kept in check (5)	TU inside DAM
2 SHRINKING VIOLET	Shy person is overthinking broadcast about love primarily (9,6)	Anagram of IS OVERTHINKING outside (L)ove
3 UNSURE	Nurse, poorly placed after university, is lacking in confidence (6)	Anagram of NURSE after U
4 SEAMANSHIP	Join vessel admitting an ability to sail (10)	(SEAM + SHIP) outside AN
5 DUMB	Speechless maiden accommodated by knight (4)	M inside DUB
6 SUMMONER	Caller functioning in warm period (8)	ON inside SUMMER
7 RATIONALISATION	A national riot is changing systematic organisation (15)	Anagram of A NATIONAL RIOT IS
8 PRESIDED	Head of police lived and acted like one in control (8)	(P)olice + RESIDED
13 SONGSTRESS	Vocalist's son dealt with girl's initial anxiety (10)	SON + (G)irl + STRESS
14 PERCEIVE	Feel for a bearing at the back of dodgy vice (8)	PER + (E after anagram of VICE)
16 TRAMINER	Perhaps origin of white rat unsettled digger (8)	Anagram of RAT + MINER
19 SNIPER	Cold feeling adopted by serial killer (6)	NIP inside SER
22 EVADE	Get away from first offender soaking up publicity (5)	EVE outside AD
23 RICH	The German state exporting energy is productive (4)	REICH minus E