

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 1/11/2025) Solution

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| <sup>1</sup> D  | E | <sup>2</sup> B  | I | <sup>3</sup> T  | E | <sup>4</sup> D  |                 | <sup>5</sup> P  | U               | <sup>6</sup> S  | H               | <sup>7</sup> I | N | <sup>8</sup> G  |
| O               |   | U               |   | I               |   | E               |                 | A               |                 | L               |                 | N              |   | Y               |
| <sup>9</sup> M  | U | S               | I | C               |   | <sup>10</sup> F | O               | R               | M               | A               | T               | T              | E | R               |
| I               |   | I               |   | K               |   | R               |                 | T               |                 | T               |                 | H              |   | A               |
| <sup>11</sup> C | E | N               | T | E               | N | A               | R               | Y               |                 |                 | <sup>12</sup> P | E              | L | T               |
| I               |   | E               |   | D               |   | Y               |                 | I               |                 | <sup>13</sup> F |                 | N              |   | E               |
| <sup>14</sup> L | I | S               | B | O               | N |                 | <sup>15</sup> E | N               | T               | I               | R               | E              |   |                 |
| E               |   | S               |   | V               |   | <sup>16</sup> R |                 | G               |                 | R               |                 | A              |   | <sup>17</sup> A |
|                 |   | <sup>18</sup> P | I | E               | C | E               | S               |                 | <sup>19</sup> N | E               | U               | R              | O | N               |
| <sup>20</sup> O |   | A               |   | R               |   | S               |                 | <sup>21</sup> H |                 | E               |                 | F              |   | C               |
| <sup>22</sup> R | O | R               | T |                 |   | <sup>23</sup> T | R               | A               | N               | S               | M               | U              | T | E               |
| A               |   | T               |   | <sup>24</sup> F |   | R               |                 | V               |                 | C               |                 | T              |   | S               |
| <sup>25</sup> T | A | N               | T | A               | L | I               | S               | E               |                 | <sup>26</sup> A | D               | U              | L | T               |
| E               |   | E               |   | R               |   | C               |                 | N               |                 | P               |                 | R              |   | R               |
| <sup>27</sup> D | E | R               | W | E               | N | T               |                 | <sup>28</sup> S | C               | E               | N               | E              | R | Y               |

| Across       | Clue                                                            | Explanation                            |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1 DEBITED    | Small amount listed in property document is taken away (7)      | BIT inside DEED                        |
| 5 PUSHING    | Energetic dog biting part of a leg (7)                          | PUG outside SHIN                       |
| 9 MUSIC      | Last part edited out of simulcast messed up orchestral work (5) | Anagram of SIMULCAST minus LAST        |
| 10 FORMATTER | Program that prepares disks for whatever occupies space (9)     | FOR + MATTER                           |
| 11 CENTENARY | Canteen exploited all leaving rally for a long time (9)         | Anagram of CANTEEN + (RALLY minus ALL) |
| 12 PELT      | Throw missiles and hide (4)                                     | Double Definition                      |
| 14 LISBON    | Lives in pound close to Portuguese port (6)                     | IS inside LB + ON                      |
| 15 ENTIRE    | Middle section of trench and drain should be full (6)           | tr(EN)ch + TIRE                        |
| 18 PIECES    | Unusual species with no tail or segments (6)                    | Anagram of SPECIE(s)                   |
| 19 NEURON    | Inert gas used to seal centre of pure nerve cell (6)            | NEON outside p(UR)e                    |
| 22 RORT      | Underlings controlled by mobster or triad commit fraud? (4)     | mobsteR OR Triad                       |
| 23 TRANSMUTE | Change trains, taking no notice of one mum (9)                  | TRAINS minus I + MUTE                  |
| 25 TANTALISE | Lead on bronze is featured in report (9)                        | TAN + (IS inside TALE)                 |
| 26 ADULT     | Sealed section of road ultimately could be fully developed (5)  | roAD ULTimately                        |
| 27 DERWENT   | Tasmanian flower turned red and died (7)                        | RED reversed + WENT                    |
| 28 SCENERY   | View credentials leaving residency abroad (7)                   | Anagram of RESIDENCY minus ID          |

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