

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 13/6/2026) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 ESTEEM	High achiever deals with withdrawn credit (6)	E + (MEETS reversed)
5 TACKLES	Has a go at gutless clerk in accounts? (7)	C(ler)K inside TALEs
9 GOLDEN TRIANGLE	Source of drugs, noted girl, distorted point of view (6,8)	Anagram of NOTED GIRL + ANGLE
11 HAT TRICK	Part of a magic act that transformed small wrench (3,5)	Anagram of THAT + RICK
12 DOLLAR	Adjustment of All Ords devalued Australian currency? (6)	Anagram of (ALL ORD)s
14 MOULD	Growth due to fungi's shape (5)	Double Definition
15 REASSURED	Users involved in study should be encouraged (9)	Anagram of USERS inside READ
17 POST-HASTE	Delivery has limitations of time right away (4-5)	POST + HAS + T(im)E
19 CODES	All kept from changing so-called secret writings (5)	Anagram of SO CALLED minus ALL
21 TIRADE	One with a role in commerce lecture (6)	I inside TRADE
23 MORTGAGE	Term extended by \$10in additional housing loan (8)	(TAG outside G) inside MORE
25 RADIO TELESCOPE	High-powered receiver activated coils operated by energy (5,9)	Anagram of COILS OPERATED + E
26 WRECKER	Wide creek mucked up river for destroyer (7)	W + anagram of CREEK + R
27 TWENTY	Run of Cabaret went years - quite a few (6)	cabareT WENT Years

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 SHOOT-OUTS	Decisive battles scare away aggressive solicitors (5-4)	SHOO + TOUTS
3 ENDURED	Experienced nude turned a vivid colour (7)	Anagram of NUDE + RED
4 MANICURIST	Fellow is captivated by one short beautician (10)	MAN + IS inside (I + CURT)
5 TORY	Conservative report short on substance primarily (4)	STORY minus (S)ubstance
6 CHAMOIS	Company is importing some pig leather (7)	(CO + IS) outside HAM
7 LEGAL	Allowed member a little latitude (5)	LEG + A + L
8 SPEARED	Expedition crossing a river may be hit by missiles (7)	SPEED outside (A + R)
10 WHIM	Fancy whip shortened by metre (4)	WHI(p) + M
13 MALEVOLENT	Virile one pulled away from violent hostile (10)	MALE + (VIOLENT minus I)
16 RED CARPET	One not taken with trade price arranged VIP treatment (3,6)	Anagram of TRADE PRICE minus I
17 PIT CREW	Racing team's Italian car losing a component lodged inside seat (3,4)	[IT + (CAR minus A)] inside PEW
18 HADDOCK	Fish consumed weed (7)	HAD + DOCK
19 CUTICLE	Dead skin penetrated by rotten lice (7)	CUT + anagram of LICE
20 SEEM	Appear to identify with mass (4)	SEE + M
22 RIDGE	Travel across front of gully and long narrow range of hills (5)	RIDE outside (G)ully
24 DEAR	Precious diamonds listed by auditor (4)	D + EAR