

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 18/9/2021) Solution

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

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SOPRANO	Singer, for example, not included in remastered opera song (7)	Anagram of OPERA SONG minus EG
5 BUSHIE	Coach that is following hard outback worker (6)	BUS + (IE after H)
9 ROBOT	Factory worker, perhaps, born inside base (5)	B inside ROOT
10 PAGEANTRY	Display part of a book, an essay (9)	PAGE + AN + TRY
11 EMISSARY	Agent's failure recognised after the first quarter of poor year (8)	MISS inside anagram of YEAR
12 TERROR	Fear mistake coming from tee (6)	ERROR after T
13 POTS	Bar sent back containers of beer (4)	STOP reversed
14 ONCE AGAIN	Ocean battered land not for the first time (4,5)	Anagram of OCEAN + GAIN
17 PLACEMENT	Political group recalled bond distribution (9)	ALP reversed + CEMENT
18 MISS	Notice the absence of a schoolteacher (4)	Double Definition
20 LASTED	Young man, consuming large amount of stew, carried on (6)	LAD outside (STE)w
21 RATIONAL	Clear-headed one arranged loan after reduction of rate (8)	(I + anagram of LOAN) after (RAT)e
24 CLOSENESS	Friendship seen for a change in competitor's first defeat (9)	Anagram of SEEN inside [(C)ompetitor + LOSS]
25 DALLY	Detective and associate hang about (5)	D + ALLY
26 STATUS	Pieces owned by artist, a Tuscan with standing (6)	artiST A TUScan
27 STRAYER	One who heads off course right, on board a tireless horse (7)	R inside STAYER

