

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 17/2/2024) Solution

<sup>1</sup> B	A	<sup>2</sup> T	T	<sup>3</sup> L	E	<sup>4</sup> S	C	<sup>5</sup> A	R	<sup>6</sup> R	E	<sup>7</sup> D		
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<sup>25</sup> E	V	I	L	O	N	E		<sup>26</sup> D	R	O	V	I	N	G
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		<sup>27</sup> S	P	E	N	D	I	N	G	M	O	N	E	Y

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BATTLE-SCARRED	Veteran cricketer confused scarlet and red (6-7)	BAT + anagram of SCARLET + RED
9 OREGANO	Flavour enhancer or, say, a number (7)	OR + EG + A + NO
10 RETIREE	Someone no longer working on exhaust pipe at the rear (7)	RE + TIRE + pip(E)
11 LUCRE	Members of sinister cult brought back riches (5)	sinistER CULt reversed
12 HEAVINESS	Male ass bearing grape-grower's weight (9)	(HE + ASS) outside VINE
13 TEAMWORK	Meat cooked right in Chinese pan is a joint effort (8)	Anagram of MEAT + (R inside WOK)
15 DESPOT	Person with more than enough power to clean up mess? (6)	DE-SPOT
18 ROTTER	Weasel-like animal following river beast (6)	OTTER after R
19 BASS HORN	Academic's clipped old orchestra member (4,4)	BAS + SHORN
22 FARMSTEAD	Disoriented mates died east of remote agricultural settlement (9)	(Anagram of MATES + D) after FAR
24 BEARS	Wild animals are running amok in evacuated buildings? (5)	Anagram of ARE inside B(uilding)S
25 EVIL ONE	I have returned with single character that cannot be trusted (4,3)	IVE returned + LONE
26 DROVING	What a jackaroo might be doing is drifting behind back of herd (7)	ROVING after her(D)
27 SPENDING MONEY	Agent, taking care of resolution by married one, allocated allowance (8,5)	SPY outside (ENDING + M + ONE)

