

AFR Cryptic (Election 21/5/2022) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 GILLARD	PM is "indisposed" during Downer's return (7)	ILL inside (DRAG reversed)
5 MEDIC	Doctor's script listed in old-time dictionary (5)	old-tiME DICTIONary
8 AFFRONTED	Angry fellows bitten by a diseased rodent (9)	FF inside (A + anagram of RODENT)
13 ABOLITION	Ending fired up one in a benefit (9)	LIT inside (A + BOON)
14 ADOPTER	Deport a deranged person who takes others in (7)	Anagram of DEPORT A
15 THROB	Shortened the rifle to produce a deep regular sound (5)	TH(e) + ROB
16 BASING	Building is turned around in boom (6)	IS reversed inside BANG
17 MINI	Car parts needed from firm in Italy (4)	firM IN Italy
18 AGREEMENT	Deal with people interrupting a welcome (9)	MEN inside (A + GREET)
20 RAM	Computers need it to operate drive (3)	Double Definition
22 CHRISM	Holy oil from church is kept in vacated room? (6)	CH + [IS inside R(oo)M]

24 BARTON	Obstruct, not upset, leader coming first (6)	BAR + anagram of NOT
25 MOO	Low object in Earth's orbit seen briefly (3)	MOO(n)
28 TIME	Throw out rewind clock (4)	EMIT reversed
29 DIARISED	Managed, accepting a promotion as noted (8)	DID outside (A + RISE)
31 MORRISON	Foolish person, retaining right, is a Liberal leader (8)	MORON outside (R + IS)
35 REHEAT	Warm up herb tea, brewed without boiling primarily (6)	Anagram of HERB TEA minus (B)oilng
36 BOHEMIA	Part of Europe's border, one checked by boat largely (7)	(HEM + I) inside (BOA)t
38 SCULLIN	Row with elected parliamentary bigwig (7)	SCULL + IN
41 BANKSIA	Money lender is backing a native of Australia (7)	BANK + IS reversed + A
42 TURNERS	First of these reruns unsettled people like Nathan Lyon (7)	(T)hese + anagram of RERUNS
43 FRASER	Federal heavyweight fears converted capital from Russia (6)	Anagram of FEARS + (R)ussia
45 LATHERED	Machine that turns wine may be flogged (8)	LATHE + RED
47 GREEN TEA	Unrestricted free agents ordered hot drink? (5,3)	Anagram of (f)REE AGENT(s)
49 POND	Small amount of water and nitrogen collected in spaceship (4)	N inside POD
52 APT	Proper computer with peripheral cut off (3)	LAPTOP minus LOP
53 CURTIN	Government boss at home finishing brief (6)	IN after CURT
54 CATENA	A perfect score given in middle of "American Idol" series (6)	(A + TEN) inside ameriCA idol
56 TAP	Knock a flow restricting device (3)	Double Definition
60 ATTACHING	Fixing air-conditioning breaking at event (9)	AC inside (AT + THING)
62 ANAL	Heartless animal is excessively orderly and fussy? (4)	AN(im)AL
63 LETS GO	Releases sign about retrieval of government income (4,2)	LEO outside (GST reversed)
67 FORDE	He was PM for days - eight - originally (5)	FOR + (D)ays + (E)ight
68 LEOTARD	Tear old, tattered skin-tight garment (7)	Anagram of TEAR OLD
69 INNISFAIL	Queensland coastal town's tavern is to close down (9)	INN + IS + FAIL
70 SNAKE EYES	A knee's broken by quite a low roll (5,4)	Anagram of A KNEES + YES
71 RANGE	Called leader of expedition with compass (5)	RANG + (E)xpedition
72 WHITLAM	He led the country with misguided Mal taking retirement (7)	Anagram of WITH + (MAL reversed)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 GRABBER	Avaricious person is right into gossip (7)	R inside GABBER
2 LYONS	Party chief is ungainly on stage to some extent (5)	ungainLY ON Stage
3 AVIONICS	A grouping of six icons represented electronic equipment on an aircraft? (8)	A + VI + anagram of ICONS
4 DRIP	Evidence of leaking washer at last discovered in sink (4)	washe(R) inside DIP
5 MENZIES	The writer that is located outside country with head of state, a country leader (7)	(ME + IE) outside NZ + (S)tate
6 DEAKIN	Deal not completed by family man at the top (6)	DEA(l) + KIN
7 COOK	Company dealt with fair cabinetmaker? (4)	CO + OK
8 ATTRACTS	A time listed in religious literature has an enticing effect (8)	A + T inside TRACTS
9 FORTRAN	Army base managed old programming language (7)	FORT + RAN
10 OUTRE	Extraordinary tourer docked in different places (5)	Anagram of (TOURE)r
11 TORPEDOES	Explosive devices tore apart housing - power works! (9)	TORE outside P + DOES
12 DEBATE	Parliamentary discussion first PM initially included in meeting (6)	(E)dmund (B)arton inside DATE
19 HALE	Strong beer served at back of hotel (4)	ALE after H
21 MCMAHON	Sculptured macho-man, not a country runner (7)	Anagram of MACHO-MAN minus A
23 RUDD	One in head office is glowing mostly (4)	RUDD(y)
25 MORTUARY	Tour conducted improperly in matriarch's funeral home (8)	Anagram of TOUR inside MARY
26 FISHER	Gathering of staff is heralding highest ranked Australian (6)	staff IS HERalding
27 ENSNARED	Sins oddly are, within sight of death, caught (8)	[(S)i(N)s + ARE] inside END
28 TURNBULL	PM's nonsense revealed after trade union rang regularly (8)	BULL after [TU + (R)a(N)g]
30 ABBOTT	Political leader redirected boats, but without US support (6)	Anagram of BOATS BUT minus US
32 OR SO	Front piece ripped from trunk roughly (2,2)	(t)ORSO
33 RAP SHEET	Dispute about ecstasy listed in the updated criminal record (3,5)	SPAR reversed + E inside anagram of THE
34 BASSET	Hound group behind a form of tax (6)	SET after BAS
37 MCEWEN	Host went shortly after embassy's first powerful government representative (6)	MC + [WEN(t) after (E)mbassy]
39 LASH OUT	Splurge on a round of drinks is large (4,3)	L + A + SHOUT

40 PAGE	Pressure to get old lodger (4)	P + AGE
44 FACE	Federation's first expert to go on strike (4)	(F)ederation + ACE
46 TRATTORIA	Restaurant dish served up, one smothered in cooked taro (9)	TART reversed + (I inside anagram of TARO)
48 REID	Top politician rose, for example, clutching one (4)	RED outside I
50 DRAGOONS	Boring person soon aggravated bullies (8)	DRAG + anagram of SOON
51 WATERSKI	State strike disrupted overseas traveller, maybe (8)	WA + anagram of STRIKE
53 CHIFLEY	Country constituency's closing, restricting female Australian leader (7)	[CHILE + constituenc(Y)] outside F
55 AVARICE	A weakness limiting a king's great desire for wealth (7)	(A + VICE) outside (A + R)
57 PROBLEM	Uncontrollable exploratory spacecraft carrying large mass (7)	(PROBE outside L) + M
58 GAFFES	Set workers not admitting right clangers (6)	GAFFERS minus R
59 FADDEN	Notice study backing fine and prominent house-sitter (6)	(AD + DEN) after F
61 CRETE	Swindler moved away from substantial Greek Island (5)	CONCRETE minus CON
64 SMALL	Opening of suburban shopping centre is of little importance (5)	(S)uburban + MALL
65 FAIR	Trade show is open (4)	Double Definition
66 SNOW	Fall in Whistler maybe, immediately after beginning to ski (4)	NOW after (S)ki