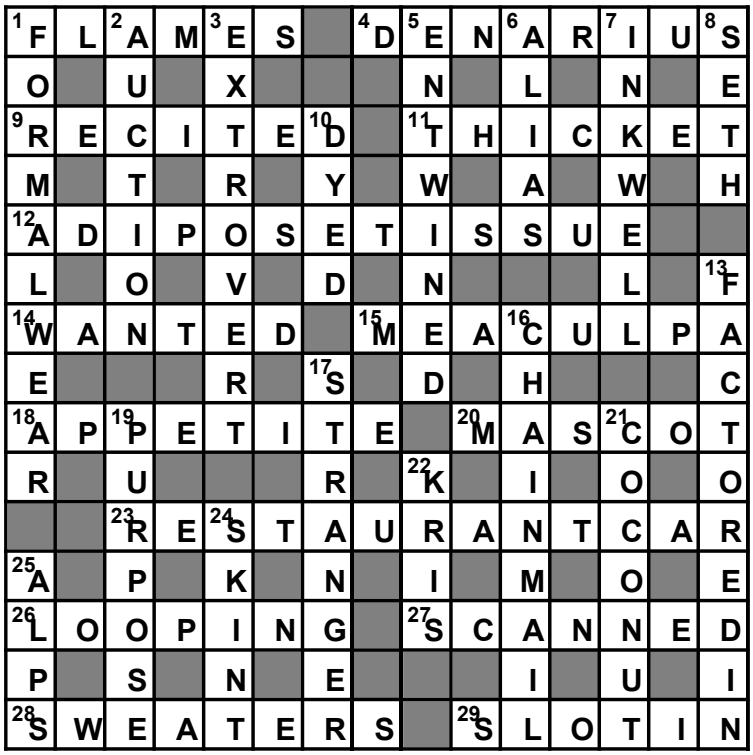
AFR Cryptic (Saturday 21/11/2026) Solution



Across	Clue	Explanation
1 FLAMES	Product of burning flesh mostly found on the skeleton of a male (6)	(FLES)h outside (A + M)
4 DENARIUS	Crook insured a silver coin used by the Romans (8)	Anagram of INSURED A
9 RECITED	Detailed entry initially included in new statement of credit (7)	(E)ntry inside anagram of CREDIT
11 THICKET	One creek running through the heart of beautiful woodland (7)	(I + CK) inside THE + beauTiful
12 ADIPOSE TISSUE	A deposit roughly associated with supply? (7,6)	Anagram of A DEPOSIT + ISSUE
14 WANTED	We had passed around a religious book collection as desired (6)	WED outside (A + NT)
15 MEA CULPA	Clam up wrongly about each admission of guilt (3,5)	Anagram of CLAM UP outside EA
18 APPETITE	A soft and delicate taste (8)	A + P + PETITE
20 MASCOT	Company invested in royal support team's symbolic figure (6)	CO inside MAST
23 RESTAURANT-CAR	A truant's carer distributed Meals on Wheels (10-3)	Anagram of A TRUANTS CARER
26 LOOPING	Head of old nail, hammered into a piece of wood, is turning around (7)	[(O)ld + PIN] inside LOG
27 SCANNED	First slice of silverside in a tin should be examined closely (7)	(S)ilverside + CANNED
28 SWEATERS	Clothing from NSW discounted by modern consumers? (8)	"NSW" minus New + EATERS
29 SLOT IN	Find a place for group gripped by sermon subject (4,2)	LOT inside SIN

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 FORMALWEAR	Special clothes for male carrying weight are shortened (10)	FOR + (MALE outside W) + AR(e)
2 AUCTION	Litigation blocking uranium's public sale (7)	ACTION outside U
3 EXTROVERT	AFL player quoted in text upset one who is not retiring (9)	ROVER inside anagram of TEXT
5 ENTWINED	Twisted medical specialist complained loudly (8)	ENT + sounds like WHINED
6 ALIAS	Nickname a skipper picked up (5)	A + (SAIL reversed)
7 INKWELL	Calligrapher may use one in back of book skilfully (7)	IN + boo(K) + WELL
8 SETH	Eve's last delivery is scheduled by hospital (4)	SET + H
10 DYED	Coloured letters penned by lady editor (4)	laDY EDitor
13 FACTORED IN	Considered cast member kidnapped by disguised fiend (8,2)	ACTOR inside anagram of FIEND
16 CHAIN MAIL	Feature letters about a heavy form of protection (5,4)	(CHIN + MAIL) outside A
17 STRANGER	Guest star missing a rage (8)	(STAR minus A) + ANGER
19 PURPOSE	Cut-down post used in construction of upright for goal (7)	POS(t) inside PURE
21 COCONUT	Source of white meat, cos and fruitcake? (7)	CO + CO + NUT
22 KRIS	King and knight set up weapon (4)	K + (SIR reversed)
24 SKINT	Poor family living in street (5)	KIN inside ST
25 ALPS	Unsettled plains lacking in high areas (4)	Anagram of PLAINS minus IN