

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 14/3/2026) Solution

<sup>1</sup> H	I	<sup>2</sup> G	H	<sup>3</sup> P	O	<sup>4</sup> I	N	<sup>5</sup> T	S		<sup>6</sup> L	<sup>7</sup> I	M	<sup>8</sup> B
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<sup>9</sup> S	T	O	O	D	U	P		<sup>10</sup> R	E	<sup>11</sup> S	I	S	T	S
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<sup>12</sup> E	S	P	A	L	I	E	R		<sup>13</sup> R	A	N	O	F	F
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	<sup>15</sup> G	E	T	S	O	N		<sup>16</sup> D	R	I	N	K	E	R
<sup>17</sup> P				T		<sup>18</sup> A	I	M		N				E
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<sup>24</sup> V	O	L	U	M	E		<sup>25</sup> S	I	D	E	N	O	T	E
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<sup>27</sup> T	E	A	T	R	E	E		<sup>28</sup> H	E	A	L	E	R	S
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<sup>29</sup> S	E	E	D		<sup>30</sup> B	R	I	D	G	E	T	O	W	N

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 HIGH POINTS	Most memorable moments arranged in spot after vocal welcome (4,6)	Anagram of IN SPOT after sounds like HI
6 LIMB	Part of a bow, a projecting part (4)	Double Definition
9 STOOD UP	Failed to keep an appointment with Rose (5,2)	Double Definition
10 RESISTS	Refuses breaks from work around island (7)	RESTS outside IS
12 ESPALIER	Failure in recession that is fixed by right training method for plants (8)	LAPSE reversed + IE + R
13 RAN OFF	Associates with veteran of fighting took flight (3,3)	veteRAN OF Fighting
15 GETS ON	Edge of grinding stone ruined boards (4,2)	(G)rounding + anagram of STONE
16 DRINKER	Drive home killer, bypassing seedy boozer (7)	DR + IN + (KILLER minus ILL)
18 AIM	Try valium taken regularly (3)	vAlluM
19 RICHEST	Most productive doctor's closing one case (7)	docto(R) + I + CHEST
21 OUTLAW	Ban the LBW rule, for example (6)	Double Definition of sorts
24 VOLUME	Louis V, slipping away, is excited by the writer's book (6)	Anagram of LOUIS V minus IS + ME
25 SIDENOTE	Marginal comment done badly through internet location (8)	Anagram of DONE inside SITE
27 TEA TREE	Australian growth rate wrongly accepted by over half of teens (3,4)	Anagram of RATE inside (TEE)ns
28 HEALERS	Lose heart in surgery, surrendering to doctors (7)	Anagram of LOSE HEART minus TO
29 SEED	Watch final of good player who is ranked highly (4)	SEE + goo(D)
30 BRIDGETOWN	West Indian place I should get constructed in walnut, say (10)	(ID +GET) inside BROWN

