

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 1/9/2018) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CENTRE-FORWARD	Money and compensation brought around for striker (6-7)	(CENT + REWARD) outside FOR
9 AIR BAGS	A leader of industry brags about safety devices (3,4)	A + (I)ndustry + anagram of BRAGS
10 POLENTA	European not passing up duck served with a thick porridge (7)	POLE + (NOT minus O) + A
11 TEARY	Sad boy's last finishing run (5)	bo(Y) after TEAR
12 UNALTERED	Staying the same, unrestricted fund related poorly? (9)	f)UN(d + anagram of RELATED)
13 DAINTREE	Hullabaloo made about a tree and Queensland flower (8)	DIN outside A + TREE
15 DEADEN	Dull idea not supported by one study (6)	IDEA minus I + DEN
18 SPEWER	One who chucks phosphorus in drain (6)	P inside SEWER
19 VESTMENT	Ceremonial garment taken from tomb, oddly used in different events (8)	(T)o(M)b inside anagram of EVENTS
22 RESTRAINT	Check school in time of inactivity (9)	TRAIN inside REST
24 PISTE	Ski trail's jump is tested to some extent (5)	jumP IS TEsted
25 AMASSES	Brings together a thousand people considered not all that smart (7)	A + M + ASSES
26 EXCLAIM	Speak boldly as illegal drug ruined climax (7)	E + anagram of CLIMAX
27 TORTOISESHELL	Hotelier's lost spoilt cat (13)	Anagram of HOTELIERS LOST

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 COASTED	Conditioned cadets, inhaling oxygen, moved along effortlessly (7)	Anagram of CADETS outside O
2 NARRATIVE	River rat featuring in simple story (9)	(R + RAT) inside NAIVE
3 READY	Organise diamonds in New Year (5)	D inside anagram of YEAR
4 FISSURES	Fine is certainly linked to first of several breaches (8)	F + IS + SURE + (S)everal
5 RIP-SAW	Cutting tool's current used to be reversed (3-3)	RIP + (WAS reversed)
6 ALLOTMENT	Dividing up a tax raised by people over time (9)	A + (TOLL reversed) + MEN + T
7 DONOR	Head of family or a generous person (5)	DON + OR
8 GARDEN	A road cut through general area used for cultivation (6)	(A + RD) inside GEN
14 THEORISER	Speculator's ring grabbed by the one not in bed? (9)	O inside (THE + RISER)
16 DEEP SPACE	Pace up and down area filled with stars (4,5)	SPEED reversed + PACE
17 HEATHENS	Barbaric people cook chickens (8)	HEAT + HENS
18 SPREAD	Bout of self-indulgence ended early, before start of commercial broadcast (6)	(SPRE)e + AD
20 THERMAL	The broken arm, pinned by hospital finally, is warm (7)	THE + anagram of ARM + hospita(L)
21 FIASCO	Gang in mafia's company is a complete failure? (6)	maFIAS COmpany
23 SLANT	Angle head of nail into a strip of wood (5)	(N)ail inside SLAT
24 PICKS	They are ground-breaking guitar players (5)	Double Definition