

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 25/9/2021) Solution

¹ S	O	² R	T	³ E	R		⁴ N	⁵ A	U	⁶ S	E	⁷ O	U	⁸ S
A		E		M				F		P		M		I
⁹ L	A	S	H	O	U	¹⁰ T		¹¹ F	O	R	E	I	G	N
A		C		L		R		L		A		C		K
¹² D	O	U	B	L	E	A	D	A	P	T	O	R		
C		E		I		M		T				O		¹³ H
¹⁴ R	E	D	D	E	N		¹⁵ B	U	M	¹⁶ P	I	N	T	O
E				N		¹⁷ B		S		L				U
¹⁸ A	P	¹⁹ E	R	T	U	R	E		²⁰ B	A	K	²¹ E	R	S
M		N				O		²² P		I		C		E
		²³ C	O	²⁴ M	P	A	N	I	O	N	S	H	I	P
²⁵ B		A		A		D		C		T		I		A
²⁶ U	P	S	U	R	G	E		²⁷ K	N	E	A	D	E	R
L		E		C		N				X		N		T
²⁸ B	U	D	D	H	I	S	M		²⁹ S	T	E	A	D	Y

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SORTER	One who organises length of semesters or terms (6)	semesterS OR TERms
4 NAUSEOUS	One application in common sense is repulsive (8)	(A + USE) inside NOUS
9 LASH OUT	Fiercely criticise yobbo bagging the result of smoking (4,3)	LOUT outside ASH
11 FOREIGN	Strange fog cut off power (7)	FO(g) + REIGN
12 DOUBLE ADAPTOR	Doubt about wire - a power or electrical connector? (6,7)	DOUBT outside (LEAD + A + P) + OR
14 REDDEN	Crimson flower finally died in garden (6)	flowe(R) + (D inside EDEN)
15 BUMP INTO	Come across worthless horse covered in spots (4,4)	BUM + PINTO
18 APERTURE	A cocky user wriggled free from small opening (8)	A + PERT + (anagram of USER minus S)
20 BAKERS	Fat-free breakfast cooked for food suppliers? (6)	Anagram of BREAKFAST minus FAT
23 COMPANIONSHIP	Coalition's head politician, dividing opinion, has disrupted society (13)	(C)oalition + (MP inside anagram of OPINION HAS)
26 UPSURGE	Representatives of international shipping company advocate rise (7)	UPS + URGE
27 KNEADER	Masseur massaged naked emperor's front and back (7)	Anagram of NAKED + (E)mpero(R)
28 BUDDHISM	Friend almost married, ending his religious belief (8)	(BUDD)y + (M after HIS)
29 STEADY	Date organised inside, say, without a partner (6)	Anagram of DATE inside (SAY minus A)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SALAD CREAM	Dressing a boy in character (5,5)	(A + LAD) inside SCREAM
2 RESCUED	Delivered small reminder written in red (7)	(S + CUE) inside RED
3 EMOLLIENT	Pesticide ultimately sprayed on millet is a softening agent (9)	pesticid(E) + anagram of ON MILLET
5 AFFLATUS	A fine place to live, created by American with inspiration (8)	A + F + FLAT + US
6 SPRAT	Fish species spotted by snake in the grass (5)	SP + RAT
7 OMICRON	Number written up containing extremely small Greek character (7)	NO reversed outside MICRO
8 SINK	Go under rapids in kayak for some distance (4)	rapidS IN Kayak
10 TRAM	Shopping centre set up public transport (4)	MART reversed
13 HOUSE PARTY	Benefit held in spring concluded with arty residential function (5,5)	(USE inside HOP) + ARTY
16 PLAIN TEXT	Notepad's contents, say, one found in plant extension (5,4)	(I inside PLANT) + EXT
17 BROADENS	Road running through area of Scottish mountains branches out (8)	ROAD inside BENS
19 ENCASED	Wrapped up court proceedings in conclusion (7)	CASE inside END
21 ECHIDNA	Spiky creature sought refuge in field of cultivated cane (7)	HID inside anagram of CANE
22 PICK	Best player of strings? (4)	Double Definition
24 MARCH	Period specified each year to make headway (5)	Double Definition
25 BULB	Flower child capturing heart of cheerleader (4)	BUB outside cheer(L)eader