

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 27/9/2025) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 MICROSOFT	Sort of iMac not supporting a modified Windows generator (9)	Anagram of SORT OF IMAC minus A
6 LOGIC	Dope not picked up by disoriented police dog with good sense (5)	Anagram of POLICE DOG minus DOPE
9 SHELF	It offers support in some cases? (5)	Cryptic Definition
10 PERIMETER	Faulty timer carried by fellow outside (9)	Anagram of TIMER inside PEER
11 STRICKEN	Suffering from illness, kid in broadcast finished early (8)	TRICK inside SEN(d)
12 LEPERS	The French person giving up on social outcasts (6)	LE + (PERSON minus ON)
15 HARSHIP	Experienced vessel moved across river with difficulty (8)	(HAD + SHIP) outside R
16 GLUE	Stick uranium in treated gel (4)	U inside anagram of GEL
18 CHAP	Fellow with cheek (4)	Double Definition
19 POLISHER	Rubber is hard inside pole right? (8)	(IS + H) inside POLE + R
23 FORMER	Old shaping tool (6)	Double Definition
24 FUEL CELL	"Power source went down" - absorbing cryptic clue (4,4)	FELL outside anagram of CLUE
26 INSPIRING	Encouraging one sheltered by home well (9)	I inside (IN + SPRING)
28 CLERK	Office worker, a stickler, ignoring IT as ordered (5)	Anagram of A STICKLER minus (IT AS)
29 GLIDE	Move smoothly, say, around and across cover (5)	EG reversed outside LID
30 DETONATED	Went off English school in old-fashioned setting (9)	ETON inside DATED

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