

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 16/7/2022) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DESCRIPTOR	Keyword part in record is regenerated (10)	PT inside anagram of RECORD IS
6 MAID	Helper is composed during conversation (4)	Sounds like MADE
10 ELOCUTE	Felon, not restricted by appealing, is to speak out publicly? (7)	f)ELO(n + CUTE)
11 DRIVELS	Learner, involved in lessons, say, talks childishly? (7)	L inside DRIVES
12 MATED	Lodgers in bedroom ate dinner and had sex (5)	bedroom ATE Dinner
13 ELASTOMER	Rubbery stuff left in seam tore roughly (9)	L inside anagram of SEAM TORE
14 DEAD HEAT	Loved one mostly hated tailored tie (4,4)	(DEA)r + anagram of HATED
15 TRIAGE	One involved in changing great hospital's prioritising of treatment (6)	I inside anagram of GREAT
18 POLICE	Patrol is cautious primarily in an attractive place (6)	[(I)s + (C)autious] inside POLE
19 TIMOR SEA	One type of code used in middle of unstable area north of Australia (5,3)	(I + MORSE) inside uns(TA)ble
22 CAMERAMEN	Film crew arrived right before the last word (9)	CAME + R + AMEN
24 SAUCE	It's taken from suitcase, undone, and used for dressing (5)	Anagram of SUITCASE minus ITS
25 SO THERE	Cross bearing the expression of defiance (2,5)	SORE outside THE
26 SHIFTED	Repositioned one foot covered in cast (7)	(I + FT) inside SHED
27 PAST	Associates of Trump, as tweeted, should be finished? (4)	trump AS Tweeted
28 BANDLEADER	Ban power cable coated in poor red conductor (10)	BAN + (LEAD inside anagram of RED)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 DREAMED	Imagined the writer filled with dread? Just the opposite! (7)	ME inside DREAD
2 SHORTFALL	Deficiency spoilt model of fort on display in small hall (9)	Anagram of FORT inside (S + HALL)
3 ROUND THE CORNER	Revised record on hunter is close at hand (5,3,6)	Anagram of RECORD ON HUNTER
4 PLEBEIAN	Be embraced by dishevelled Nepali man in the street (8)	BE inside anagram of NEPALI
5 OLD HAT	Antiquated, broken hand tool not holding on (3,3)	Anagram of HAND TOOL minus ON
7 A-TEAM	Top performers took a course in the morning (1-4)	ATE + AM
8 DESERVE	Stevedore not keeping to re-issued warrant (7)	Anagram of STEVEDORE minus TO
9 WINTER SOLSTICE	Victory! Colt is manoeuvred in short event that's seasonal (6,8)	WIN + (anagram of COLT IS inside TERSE)
16 ASSAULTED	A squadron's leader saluted excitedly and attacked (9)	A + (S)quadron + anagram of SALUTED
17 LIONISED	Honoured one is strangely sporting hat (8)	Anagram of ONE IS inside LID
18 PACKS UP	Sack badly bitten by dog gives out (5,2)	Anagram of SACK inside PUP
20 AMENDER	Editor, say, read about retaining people (7)	Anagram of READ outside MEN
21 AMOEBA	Ecstasy found in possession of a gang and a low-life? (6)	E inside (A MOB) + A
23 METIS	Person of mixed ancestry touched lives (5)	MET + IS