

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 25/11/2017) Solution

¹ S	T	² E	P	³ D	O	⁴ W	N		⁵ A	⁶ S	I	⁷ D	E	⁸ S	
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¹⁰ C	R	O	W	N		¹¹ L	Y	O	N	N	A	I	S	E	
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¹² A	C	C	O	M	M	O	D	A	T	I	N	G			
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¹⁴ W	A	S	H					¹⁵ B	E	L	G	R	¹⁶ A	D	E
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¹⁹ R	E	D	O	N	I	O	N					²⁰ A	L	T	O
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²⁴ S		T		N		I		S		I		G		H	
²⁵ H	O	O	L	I	G	A	N	S		²⁶ C	H	I	N	A	
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²⁷ D	R	E	A	M	Y			²⁸ M	A	N	D	A	T	E	D

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STEP DOWN	Leave office in newly-renovated NSW depot (4,4)	Anagram of NSW depot
5 ASIDES	Actors are well known for these popular songs (6)	Double Definition
10 CROWN	Rook close to fallen king (5)	CROW + FALLE(N)
11 LYONNAISE	Served with onions, side of lamb is eaten by anyone in a mess (9)	(L)AMB + (IS inside anagram of ANYONE)
12 ACCOMMODATING	Co-operative, dogmatic man represented outside company? (13)	Anagram of DOGMATIC MAN outside CO
14 WASH	Laundry is no longer hot (4)	WAS + H
15 BELGRADE	Be left to assess European capital (8)	BE + L + GRADE
18 PAD	Pressure applied to commercial paper group (3)	P + AD
19 RED ONION	Duck served in unusual diner on vegetable (3,5)	O inside anagram of DINER + ON
20 ALTO	Government department occupied with large part of singing group (4)	ATO outside L
23 SHORT-TEMPERED	Fiery step-mother ordered wine (5-8)	Anagram of STEP MOTHER + RED
25 HOOLIGANS	Yobbos and hoon cut off broadcast signal (9)	(HOO)N + anagram of SIGNAL
26 CHINA	Our mate's leaving troubled South American country (5)	Anagram of SOUTH AMERICAN minus OUR MATES
27 DREAMY	Each metre drilled into cutting is fantastic (6)	(EA + M) inside DRY
28 MANDATED	Person behind the Times invested with authority (8)	MAN + DATED

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SOCIAL WORK	One limited by crook laws applied for welfare job (6,4)	I inside anagram of CROOK LAWS
2 EXORCISED	Old friend is taken in by false credo and cast out (9)	EX + (IS inside anagram of CREDO)
3 DYNAMO	Forceful person many held back in the middle of party (6)	MANY reversed inside DO
4 WALLOP	State survey, uploaded, is a big hit (6)	WA + (POLL reversed)
6 SAN DIEGO	Californian port's sand that is half gone (3,5)	SAND + IE + (GO)NE
7 DOING	Man's best friend accepting popular action (5)	DOG outside IN
8 SLEW	A large number killed (4)	Double Definition
9 FORAGED	Looked round for senior (7)	FOR + AGED
13 SECOND-HAND	First type of Civic (Honda) strangely listed in dispatch as nearly-new (6-4)	[(C)IVIC + anagram of HONDA] inside SEND
15 BAN	Restrict financial institution almost totally (3)	(BAN)K
16 ALLERGIST	Girl's tale confused medical specialist (9)	Anagram of GIRLS TALE
17 UNIONISM	Educational facility on island added to male membership (8)	UNI + ON + IS + M
18 PONTIAC	Blended pinot served with a cold vegetable (7)	Anagram of PINOT + A + C
21 CESSNA	Type of small plane needed primarily in unusual cases (6)	(N)EEDED inside anagram of CASES
22 SPICED	Seasoned special kept in cold storage (6)	SP + ICED
23 STOLE	Item worn by a woman may be ripped off (5)	Double Definition
24 SHED	The girl had space for storage (4)	(SHE HAD) contracted