

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 23/3/2024) Solution

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

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SUSPENDERS	Shoppers, say, pinching American braces (10)	SPENDERS outside US
6 MAUL	Severely criticise new compilation of album lacking band's original piece (4)	Anagram of ALBUM minus (B)and
10 OVERALL	Lover switched around a large blanket (7)	Anagram of LOVER + A + L
11 LENDING	Provision of funds is close to normal - close (7)	norma(L) + ENDING
12 ASTRONOMY	Science recreated moon in a small test (9)	Anagram of MOON inside (A + S + TRY)
13 PEACE	Work of art expressed tranquillity (5)	Sounds like PIECE
14 APPEAR	Develop software linked to listening device (6)	APP + EAR
16 ANDROID	Robot and staff moved around iodine (7)	(AND + ROD) outside I
17 DIG	Like it removed from finger, for example (3)	DIGIT minus IT
19 FREEZER	Appliance that keeps things cold for nothing? Almost nothing (7)	FREE + (ZER)o
20 EARNER	One who brings in new driver not keeping left (6)	LEARNER minus L
23 REALM	Field of study on charity mostly (5)	RE + (ALM)s
24 OVERHEADS	Hero saved mismanaged money needed to run a business (9)	Anagram of HERO SAVED
26 MAILLOT	Send parcel and tights (7)	MAIL + LOT
27 TABLOID	Betting agency with nothing appearing in top newspaper (7)	TAB + (O inside LID)
28 SAGE	Wise person to settle dispute just at the end (4)	SAG + disput(E)
29 GEORGE BASS	Explorer of Australia's east, spotted in ravine through which a river may run deep (6,4)	E inside GORGE + BASS

