

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 27/10/2018) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BIG SHOTS	Zealots gathered around quiet people with lots of power (3,5)	BIGOTS outside SH
5 ICECAP	One chose initially to walk around frozen area (6)	I + (C)HOSE + (PACE reversed)
9 SEDULOUS	Diligent soul used in an unconventional way (8)	Anagram of SOUL USED
10 HERBAL	Selection taken from another Balinese book of plants (6)	another BALinese
12 DIAMOND NECKLACE	Kidman concealed flawed piece of jewellery (7,8)	Anagram of KIDMAN CONCEALED
13 SHOVER	Schoolgirl's beginning to hang around pusher (6)	(S)CHOOLGIRL + HOVER
15 TRIBUTE	Honour guy entering class at university (7)	RIB inside TUTE
18 AIRFLOW	Fir wavered in a gentle wind (7)	Anagram of FIR inside (A + LOW)
20 RETAIN	Keep home after change to rate (6)	IN after anagram of RATE
22 DETENTION CENTRE	Prison's temporary shelter, one previously built in hollow, unfenced area? (9,6)	(TENT + I + ONCE) inside DENT + a(RE)a
25 HOAXES	Head office gets rid of frauds (6)	HO + AXES
26 HOT STUFF	Host organised audition for strong, desirable performer (3,5)	Anagram of HOST + sounds like TOUGH
27 PANTRY	Criticise sample in food store (6)	PAN + TRY
28 PREDATOR	Exploitative person embarrassed government department in public relations (8)	(RED + ATO) inside PR

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 BESIDE	A time free of diabetes, excitedly, is near (6)	Anagram of DIABETES minus (A + T)
2 GODFATHER	Loud dog snapped back at her Mafia boss (9)	(F + DOG) reversed + AT + HER
3 HELLO	He will duck a casual welcome (5)	HELL + O
4 THUNDER	Loud noise disturbed hunter occupied with trail of hind (7)	Anagram of HUNTER outside HIN(D)
6 CHECKLIST	Gutted crook left one sealed in crate with inventory? (9)	[C(roo)K + L + I] inside CHEST
7 COBRA	Snake, horse and tailless rat? (5)	COB + (RA)t
8 PALTERED	Was evasive head of parliament converted? (8)	(P)ARLIAMENT + ALTERED
11 BEET	Stake securing top of emerging vegetable (4)	BET outside (E)MERGING
14 VOLUNTEER	Lout never bashed up unpaid worker (9)	Anagram of LOU T NEVER
16 UNIT TRUST	Campus that cleared out evidence of deterioration in investment company? (4,5)	UNI + T(ha)T + RUST
17 HARDSHIP	Experienced vessel moved across river with difficulty (8)	(HAD + SHIP) outside R
19 WAIF	State provided for a homeless wanderer (4)	WA + IF
20 RANCOUR	Service provided by royal household, largely with ill feeling (7)	RAN + (COUR)T
21 HEIFER	He restacked fire a little lower (6)	HE + anagram of FIRE
23 TRAIN	Gallery display set up in sequence (5)	ART reversed + IN
24 EASED	Smile as editor, to some extent, relaxed (5)	smILE AS EDitor