

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 2/3/2019) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 LUCID	Bright copper returned wearing hat (5)	CU reversed inside LID
4 COMPRISED	Increase in competition directors initially contained (9)	RISE inside [COMP + (D)IRECTORS]
9 CURTAIN	Wartime Australian leader supporting a hanging (7)	CURTIN outside A
10 GLADDEN	Cheer tot up camped in valley (7)	ADD inside GLEN
11 EMINENT DOMAIN	Right to acquire property mentioned informally by chief (7,6)	Anagram of MENTIONED + MAIN
14 ROTI	Bread one served after tripe (4)	I after ROT
15 STRETCHER	Street person who hurls a portable bed (9)	ST + RETCHER
18 SOLDIERED	Traded wine, stored outside, that is served in the army (9)	(SOLD + RED) outside IE
19 KERO	Fuel injection supported by car-maker once (4)	car-maKER Once
21 COST-EFFECTIVE	Vet's office, etc, after major rework, should be economical (4-9)	Anagram of VETS OFFICE ETC
24 TAPROOT	A professional taken in by youngster - it's essential for growth (7)	(A + PRO) inside TOT
26 ICEBERG	Cold, brewed beer consumed by one grand swimmer active in winter (7)	(C + anagram of BEER) inside (I + G)
27 ROAD TRAIN	Long-haul vehicle busted radiator close to destination (4,5)	Anagram of RADIATOR + DESTINATIO(N)
28 SITES	Firm is backing internet locations (5)	(SET + IS) reversed

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 LOCK	Hair grip (4)	Double Definition
2 CARPET TILES	Flooring special featured in different articles (6,5)	PET inside anagram of ARTICLES
3 DEAKIN	University deal not completed by family (6)	(DEA)I + KIN
4 CONFESSOR	Clerical worker who handles admissions? (9)	Cryptic Definition
5 MIGHT	Russian fighter jet gaining height and power (5)	MIG + HT
6 READ-OUTS	Digital displays are wrongly displayed black, leaving doubts (4-4)	Anagram of ARE + (DOUBTS minus B)
7 SAD	Deplorable state leader of democrats (3)	SA + (D)EMOCRATS
8 DINING ROOM	Commotion in tidy eating area (6,4)	DIN + IN + GROOM
12 ACHIEVEMENT	Exploit a damaged hive in gum (11)	A + (anagram of HIVE inside CEMENT)
13 PROSECUTOR	Trial participant's language confused court (10)	PROSE + anagram of COURT
16 REDUCTION	Fall on broken conduit (9)	RE + anagram of CONDUIT
17 GIVEN OUT	New form of EU voting should be distributed (5,3)	Anagram of EU voting
20 DIVERS	Different people who take the plunge (6)	Double Definition
22 FATWA	Extra large state's religious decree (5)	FAT + WA
23 AGES	Anglers viewed in an odd way for a long time (4)	(A)N(G)L(E)R(S)
25 PEA	Vegetable and fruit to a great extent (3)	(PEA)R