## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 6/1/2024) Solution

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| Across | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 CRASH <br> COURSE | Utter abuse about adventurous company's intensive <br> programme of instruction (5,6) | CURSE outside (RASH <br> + CO) |
| 7 ROT | Tripe and bread not finished (3) | ROT(i) |
| 9 SOLID | Upstanding one bound by auctioneer's call (5) | I inside SOLD |
| 10 TUMBLE- <br> DRY | Diseased myrtle bud is free of moisture (6-3) | Anagram of MYRTLE <br> BUD |
| 11 MARE'S <br> TAIL | A break formed in protective covering and cloud (5,4) | (A + REST) inside <br> MAIL |
| 12 SHOWN | The way something is done in tin is demonstrated (5) | HOW inside SN |
| 13 RAN AMOK | Class running around a short time, went wild (3,4) | RANK outside (A + <br> MO) |
| 15 DRIP | Drain's primary rupture is a plumber's problem (4) | (D)rain + RIP |
| 18 EROS | God of love is tender in a different way (4) | SORE reversed |
| 20 PIGMENT | Paint grand people during depression (7) | (G + MEN) inside PIT |
| 23 AROMA | A tomato's smell (5) | A + ROMA |
| 24 AIRSTREAM | Current racer's first in new Maserati (9) | (R)acer inside anagram <br> of MASERATI |
| 26 BAR <br> USEFUL | Hotel worker's fun ended early volatile Belarus (3,6) | FU(n) inside anagram of <br> BELARUS |
| 27 TRACE | Mark left with time to fly (5) | T + RACE |
| 28 EYE | Part of a needle, yes? (3) | needlE YEs |
| 29 NERVE <br> CENTRE | HQ's section of "bible" held in extraordinary reverence <br> (5,6) | NT inside anagram of <br> REVERENCE |


| Down | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 CASHMERE | Crocheter primarily has knitted with pure and simple wool (8) | (C)rocheter + anagram of HAS + MERE |
| 2 ALLURING | Desirable university checked by everyone with phone (8) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { U inside (ALL + } \\ & \text { RING) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 3 HADES | He has written about commercial hell (5) | HES outside AD |
| 4 OUTBACK | Taxi trade union set up in very good part of Australia that's remote (7) | (CAB + TU) reversed inside OK |
| 5 RAMBLED | Sheep ran and wandered (7) | RAM + BLED |
| 6 ENLISTING | Line loosely wound for securing support (9) | Anagram of LINE + STING |
| 7 RED-HOT | Very excited horde scrambled back to fort (3-3) | Anagram of HORDE $+\operatorname{for}(\mathrm{T})$ |
| 8 TRYING | Difficult dignitary worked without aid (6) | Anagram of DIGNITARY minus AID |
| 14 MORTAL SIN | A very bad offence - it's normal in a perverted way (6,3) | Anagram of ITS NORMAL |
| 16 RELEVANT | Proper division seizing contaminated veal (8) | RENT outside anagram of VEAL |
| 17 STAMPEDE | Charge impressed England's opener (8) | STAMPED + <br> (E)ngland |
| 19 STAFFER | Unlimited offer accepted by leading employee? (7) | o)FFE(r inside STAR |
| 20 PAROLEE | Prisoner conditionally released from a job in gym (7) | (A + ROLE) inside PE |
| 21 GARBLE | Type of roof accommodating right slant (6) | GABLE outside R |
| 22 COWRIE | Marine creature that is following female whale, right? (6) | $(\mathrm{IE} \mathrm{after} \mathrm{COW})+\mathrm{R}$ |
| 25 TITHE | One tenth initially included in the biblical offering (5) | [I + (T)enth] inside THE |
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