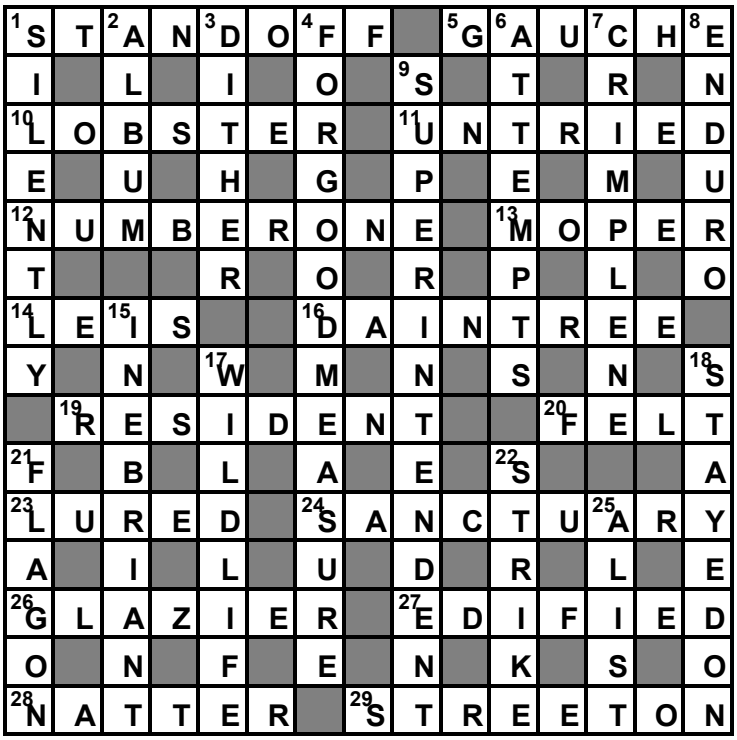
AFR Cryptic (Saturday 7/11/2026) Solution



Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STANDOFF	Workers outside union finally resolve a deadlock (8)	STAFF outside [unio(N) + DO]
5 GAUCHE	Unpolished copper and silver put back with helium (6)	(CU + AG) reversed + HE
10 LOBSTER	Large sorbet excited berry producer (7)	L + anagram of SORBET
11 UNTRIED	Novel released about king (7)	UNTIED about R
12 NUMBER ONE	Anaesthetic on schedule, ultimately, is the best? (6,3)	NUMBER + ON + schedul(E)
13 MOPER	Dispirited person is not part of broken promise (5)	Anagram of PROMISE minus IS
14 LEIS	Floral arrangements that are kept round? (4)	Cryptic Definition
16 DAINTREE	Outcry about a large growth region of rainforest (8)	DIN outside A + TREE
19 RESIDENT	Local power given up by Trump for one (8)	PRESIDENT minus P
20 FELT	Soft material should be manipulated by hand (4)	Double Definition
23 LURED	Centrepiece of blue and red had an attractive effect (5)	b(LU)e + RED
24 SANCTUARY	Wrecked car nut dumped in, say, nature reserve (9)	Anagram of CAR NUT inside SAY
26 GLAZIER	One may replace Windows starting to get more sluggish (7)	(G)et + LAZIER
27 EDIFIED	Enlightened editors accommodating condition set by one (7)	(IF + I) inside (ED + ED)
28 NATTER	Head to nurse and treat broken jaw (6)	(N)urse + anagram of TREAT
29 STREETON	Course connected with an Australian landscape painter (8)	STREET + ON

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SILENTLY	ENT pinched by fool without a word (8)	ENT inside SILLY
2 ALBUM	A large, worthless collection of music (5)	A + L + BUM
3 DITHER	Doctor nursing one with the trembling condition (6)	DR outside (I + THE)
4 FOR GOOD MEASURE	A room used irregularly in blacksmith's workshop as a bonus (3,4,7)	Anagram of A ROOM USED inside FORGE
6 ATTEMPTS	Time taken by state MP ruined endeavours (8)	T inside anagram of STATE MP
7 CRIMPLENE	Writer occupied by language originally used in crime material (9)	[PEN outside (L)anguage] inside CRIME
8 ENDURO	Target group, with restrictions lifted, prepared for a long-distance race? (6)	END + anagram of g)ROU(p
9 SUPERINTENDENT	Administrator sent around various parts of Peru with plan (14)	SENT outside (anagram of PERU + INTEND)
15 INEBRIANT	One prepared brain in clear alcohol (9)	I + (anagram of BRAIN inside NET)
17 WILDLIFE	Cultivated dill eaten by wife's animals (8)	Anagram of DILL inside WIFE
18 STAYED ON	Bulge returned after guy continued to play (6,2)	NODE reversed after STAY
21 FLAGON	Amount of wine and spirit put into baked dish (6)	GO inside FLAN
22 STRIKE	Hit small kid's treadly (6)	S +TRIKE
25 A-LIST	Lives consumed by key people favoured in the social arena (1-4)	IS inside ALT