

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 30/8/2025) Solution

<sup>1</sup> T	O	<sup>2</sup> T	U	<sup>3</sup> P			<sup>4</sup> R	<sup>5</sup> E	S	<sup>6</sup> T	R	<sup>7</sup> O	O	<sup>8</sup> M
A		I		O		<sup>9</sup> P		M		I		U		A
<sup>10</sup> S	E	L	F	O	P	I	N	I	O	N	A	T	E	D
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<sup>11</sup> E	L	A	S	T	I	C	S		<sup>12</sup> M	E	X	I	C	O
R		G		A		E		<sup>13</sup> P				D		U
	<sup>14</sup> T	E	N	S	O	R		<sup>15</sup> R	U	<sup>16</sup> S	H	E	R	S
<sup>17</sup> U				T		<sup>18</sup> A	D	O		T				E
<sup>19</sup> P	R	<sup>20</sup> E	S	E	N	T		<sup>21</sup> T	U	R	K	<sup>22</sup> E	Y	
P		N				E		R		E		M		<sup>23</sup> P
<sup>24</sup> E	L	D	E	<sup>25</sup> R	S		<sup>26</sup> C	U	R	A	T	I	V	E
R		O		O		<sup>27</sup> F		D		M		N		S
<sup>28</sup> C	O	R	P	O	R	A	T	E	C	L	I	E	N	T
U		S		T		I		D		E		N		L
<sup>29</sup> T	R	E	A	S	U	R	Y			<sup>30</sup> T	I	T	L	E

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 TOT UP	Add to sheep on a farm (3,2)	TO + TUP
4 REST ROOM	Public facility remains secure in retreat (4,4)	REST + (MOOR reversed)
10 SELF-OPINIONATED	Arrogant one said "open lift" in a resort (4-11)	Anagram of ONE SAID OPEN LIFT
11 ELASTICS	Graduate's final class - it redesigned a children's game (8)	graduat(E) + anagram of CLASS IT
12 MEXICO	Male sporting team based in green part of North America (6)	M + (XI inside ECO)
14 TENSOR	Ingredients worked in to soften sore muscle? (6)	softEN SORe
15 RUSHERS	Country's announced those likely to race (7)	Sounds like RUSSIAS
18 ADO	A complete song and dance (3)	A + DO
19 PRESENT	Hand over identification pinched from Trump, say (7)	PRESIDENT minus ID
21 TURKEY	Bird track heading west maintained by guide (6)	RUT reversed + KEY
24 ELDERS	They could be quite old trees (6)	Double Definition
26 CURATIVE	Arch with a titanium implant is healing (8)	CURVE outside (A + TI)
28 CORPORATE CLIENT	Big customer arranged poor recital in Australian capital (9,6)	Anagram of POOR RECITAL inside CENT
29 TREASURY	A user hacked in to check out Government department (8)	Anagram of A USER inside TRY
30 TITLE	Name of a book - it plays a part in tale (5)	T(A/IT)LE

<b>Down</b>	<b>Clue</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
1 TASTER	State nobbled right person in charge of testing (6)	Anagram of STATE + R
2 TILLAGE	Cultivated land left by convict in bond (7)	(L + LAG) inside TIE
3 POOR TASTE	Lack of cultivation damaged root in area of gum (4,5)	Anagram of ROOT inside PASTE
5 EMIT	News magazine raised issue (4)	TIME reversed
6 TINGE	Samples of paint in general colour? (5)	painT IN GEneral
7 OUTSIDE	Remote studio broadcast programme's last instalment (7)	Anagram of STUDIO + programm(E)
8 MADHOUSE	Extremely disorganised place had patched in computer equipment (8)	Anagram of HAD inside MOUSE
9 PIECE RATE	A receipt incorrectly stated employee's initial payment based on production (5,4)	Anagram of A RECEIPT + (E)mployee
13 PROTRUDED	First to turn vulgar, in poker, stuck out (9)	[(T)urn + RUDE] inside PROD
16 STREAMLET	A small amount of water, perhaps, in passage? (9)	(A + ML) inside STREET
17 UPPERCUT	Evening meal not starting with prune punch (8)	(s)UPPER + CUT
20 ENDORSE	Finish on horse tossing head back (7)	END + (h)ORSE
22 EMINENT	Renowned enterprise's closing mine on border of Northern Territory (7)	enterpris(E) + MINE + NT
23 PESTLE	Sort of steel adding finish to power grinder (6)	Anagram of STEEL after P
25 ROOTS	Time taken by members of mob and underground network (5)	T inside ROOS
27 FAIR	Just light (4)	Double Definition