

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 23/7/2022) Solution

¹ G	A	² S	W	³ O	R	⁴ K	S		⁵ T	⁶ R	A	⁷ G	I	⁸ C
R		A		P		A		⁹ R		A		L		L
¹⁰ A	I	L	M	E	N	T		¹¹ O	B	V	I	A	T	E
V		A		N		H		T		E		C		A
¹² E	A	R	T	H		¹³ E	X	T	E	N	S	I	O	N
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¹⁶ U		¹⁷ C		S		N		S		A		S		S
¹⁸ P	L	A	C	E	S	E	T	T	I	N	G			
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²¹ A	S	S	I	²² D	U	O	U	S		²³ S	N	A	K	E
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²⁴ K	N	O	W	I	N	G		²⁵ A	R	O	U	S	E	D
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²⁶ T	I	E	R	E	D		²⁷ A	D	D	E	N	D	U	M

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 GASWORKS	Supplier of fuel gauges originally asks about line switched around (8)	[(G)auges + ASKS] outside (ROW reversed)
5 TRAGIC	Catastrophic temperature and smoke returned (6)	T + (CIGAR reversed)
10 AILMENT	Resistance is futile in treatment of terminal disease (7)	Anagram of TERMINAL minus R
11 OBVIATE	Counter is relocated above it (7)	Anagram of ABOVE IT
12 EARTH	Some corn is extracted from this ground (5)	EAR + (THIS minus IS)
13 EXTENSION	Phone number withdrawn beginning with 16? That's not right! (9)	Anagram of SIXTEEN + NO reversed
14 BUSINESS TRIP	Vehicles accommodating popular band's work travel (8,4)	BUSES outside IN + STRIP
18 PLACE SETTING	Networks checked by close contact - it's consuming stuff (5,7)	LACES inside PETTING
21 ASSIDUOUS	Hard-working American tailing fool and one couple (9)	US after (ASS + I + DUO)
23 SNAKE	Reptile's tail of skin preserved in alcohol (5)	ski(N) inside SAKE
24 KNOWING	Astute leader seen around at the moment (7)	KING outside NOW
25 AROUSED	Excited baron, out of bounds, took drugs? (7)	b)ARO(n + USED)
26 TIERED	Flagging laid around back of house in rows (6)	TIRED outside hous(E)
27 ADDENDUM	Commercial study to drop unfinished supplement (8)	AD + DEN + DUM(p)

