

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 5/5/2018) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 PRAISEWORTHY	Recreation of prehistory was mostly excellent (12)	Anagram of (PREHISTORY WA)S
9 LANTANA	Social worker hacked into computer system connected to a foreign plant (7)	ANT inside LAN + A
10 GALLANT	Heroic giant sacrificing one for all (7)	GIANT with I replaced by ALL
11 SPREAD	Circulate central elements of Newspoll study (6)	new(SP)oll + READ
12 ANCESTRY	Line secretary put back in an essay (8)	SEC reversed inside (AN + TRY)
14 ALOE	Divisive ban removed from abalone plant (4)	ABALONE minus (BA + N)
15 GEORGETOWN	Ogre organised to acquire own place in Guyana (10)	Anagram of OGRE + GET + OWN
18 BASS STRAIT	Fish is lacking one feature in Australian channel (4,6)	BASS + (IS minus I) + TRAIT
19 KEPT	Observed mistreated pet behind back of truck (4)	Anagram of PET after TRUC(K)
22 LONG FACE	Sad expression by shaky golf expert gripping end of iron (4,4)	(Anagram of GOLF + ACE) outside IRO(N)
24 LAUNCH	Begin meal eating starter of asparagus (6)	LUNCH outside (A)SPARAGUS
26 LIBERIA	Small part of Russian region exchanged for large part of Africa (7)	SIBERIA with S replaced by L
27 INTEGER	Rational figure, for example, handled by doctor mostly (7)	EG inside (INTER)N
28 ILL-TREATMENT	Rough handling by staff seen in damaged tissue of little rat (3-9)	MEN inside anagram of LITTLE RAT

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 PENURIOUS	Write on half of your IOUs "strapped for cash" (9)	PEN + YO(UR) + IOUS
2 AVATAR	Iconic representation, a tank, seen by a river (6)	A + VAT + A + R
3 SCAR	Small vehicle's evidence of damage (4)	S + CAR
4 WAGON TRAIN	Large state not involved in grain's transportation (5,5)	WA + (anagram of NOT inside GRAIN)
5 RELIEVED	Happy story, told inside, always backed by detective (8)	LIE reversed inside EVER + D
6 HEART	A radius shown in the redrawn central part (5)	(A + R) inside anagram of THE
7 GLOSSA	Cosmetic preparation put on a tongue (6)	GLOSS + A
8 STAY ON	Support number tipped to continue (4,2)	STAY + (NO reversed)
13 DEPRECIATE	Undervalue extended play record, one presented in meeting (10)	(EP + REC + I) inside DATE
16 OVERNIGHT	Lover decapitated by grotesque thing suddenly (9)	(L)OVER + anagram of THING
17 ASK FOR IT	Invite trouble as "King and I" played in building with tight security (3,3,2)	AS + K + (I inside FORT)
18 BOLDLY	Elderly learner pulled into close with confidence (6)	(OLD + L) inside BY
20 T-SHIRT	Top shire briefly mentioned in middle of letter (1-5)	(SHIR)E inside LE(TT)ER
21 TATTLE	Gossip's story about time repeated once (6)	TALE outside (T+T)
23 NOBEL	Award creator with an OBE, literally, to some extent (5)	aN OBE Literally
25 HINT	Trace thing not completely wrecked (4)	Anagram of (THIN)G