

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 31/10/2020) Solution

¹ R	E	² P	U	³ B	L	⁴ I	C	⁵ A	N		⁶ F	⁷ I	N	⁸ D
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 REPUBLICAN	Trump ultimately consumed by treatment of incurable political persuasion (10)	trum(P) inside anagram of INCURABLE
6 FIND	Come across addict dropping ecstasy (4)	FIEND minus E
10 SNAIL	One slow to move yacht around pole (5)	SAIL outside N(orth)
11 GREY AREAS	Uncertain subjects are mostly dressed in weird gear, yes? (4,5)	(AR)e inside anagram of GEAR YES
12 HAUNTS	Local spots family member entering high school (6)	AUNT inside HAS
13 ONE PAIR	Open damaged vent with weak hand (3,4)	Anagram of OPEN + AIR
15 RATTED	Caught rodents at entrance to tunnel covered in blood, say (6)	[AT + (T)unnel] inside RED
16 WEBSITES	We sit in live studio's primary locations on the internet (8)	WE + (SIT inside BE) + (S)tudio
17 SALT FLAT	Temperature in falls varied at Lake Eyre when dry (4,4)	T inside anagram of FALLS + AT
20 ON EDGE	Keyed-up one died, for example, making a comeback (2,4)	ONE + D + (EG reversed)
23 ANTARES	Associates of accountant are studying bright star (7)	accountANT ARE Studying
24 TACKLE	Deal with creek detailed in report (6)	CK inside TALE
26 SCHEDULER	Organiser, caught in storage unit, violated rule (9)	C inside SHED + anagram of RULE
27 RHINE	Extract of myrrh in exotic European flower (5)	myrRH IN Exotic
28 TIDY	The woman slipped away from dithery, confused orderly (4)	Anagram of DITHERY minus HER
29 NEWSREADER	Presenter in media broadcast answered alderman at the centre (10)	Anagram of ANSWERED + ald(ER)man

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 RASH	Flood has reformed at river's end (4)	Anagram of HAS after R
2 PLAY-ACT	Amateur put in deal to perform on stage (4-3)	LAY inside PACT
3 BALANCE OF TRADE	Benefactor, a lad, misread a national buying and selling figure (7,2,5)	Anagram of BENEFACTOR A LAD
4 INGEST	Absorb part of rising estimate (6)	risING ESTimate
5 ACETONE	Superb quality petrochemical (7)	ACE + TONE
7 INEXACT	One after catching a cold is off (7)	I + NEXT outside (A + C)
8 DISTRESSED	Dish, mostly sweet, turned over and cut up (10)	(DIS)h + (DESSERT reversed)
9 PATERSONS CURSE	Purse containing 10-across unsettled farmer's enemy? (9,5)	PURSE outside anagram of TEN ACROSS
14 CRYSTAL SET	Wireless appeal licensed initially in different states (7,3)	CRY + [(L)icensed inside anagram of STATES]
16 WET	Soft wallet not plugged by everyone (3)	WALLET minus ALL
18 LATCHED	Chalet rebuilt close to snowfield should be secured (7)	Anagram of CHALET + snowfiel(D)
19 ABSOLVE	Discharge sailor against punching individual (7)	AB + (V inside SOLE)
21 DALLIED	Back from Queensland, in league, fooled around (7)	queenslan(D) + ALLIED
22 UTERUS	Unwavering trade union picked up young developer (6)	(SURE + TU) reversed
25 BEAR	Sustain energy in a piece of music (4)	E inside BAR