

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 17/8/2024) Solution

¹ B	U	² S	H	³ P	I	⁴ G		⁵ P	A	⁶ D	D	⁷ I	N	⁸ G
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¹¹ R	E	D	G	I	A	N	T		¹² T	U	M	B	L	E
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BUSH PIG	Disease spreading around ship affected wild animal (4,3)	BUG outside anagram of SHIP
5 PADDING	Power generated by adding hot air (7)	P + ADDING
9 SLATE	Blast rock used in building (5)	Double Definition
10 ORGANISER	One who orders ring with specially-designed earrings (9)	O + anagram of EARRINGS
11 RED GIANT	One starring in Dragnet upset a big star (3,5)	I inside anagram of DRAGNET
12 TUMBLE	Fall and slip down side of abyss (6)	STUMBLE minus abys(S)
14 TINY	Small ring in toy replaced with one bearing (4)	T(O)Y replaced by (I + N)
15 SKINCARE	Scar injected with blood culture - ultimately a dermatologist's job (8)	SCAR outside KIN + cultur(E)
18 FOOTPATH	Fellow developed photo at pedestrian course (8)	F + anagram of PHOTO AT
19 FIFA	Affair, not contained, troubled sports administration group? (4)	Anagram of a)FFAI(r)
22 PLAYER	Actor and producer's first film (6)	(P)roducer + LAYER
23 DELICATE	Lice sprayed in Escort requiring careful handling (8)	Anagram of LICE inside DATE
25 NOISELESS	Silent lionesses stirred (9)	Anagram of LIONESSES
26 DRIVE	Clubber's shot right inside disreputable place? (5)	R inside DIVE
27 TINKLED	Ink was placed first in order after stockist finally rang (7)	(INK + LED) after stockis(T)
28 NOMINAL	Small tailored loan extended by short time (7)	Anagram of LOAN outside MIN(ute)

