## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 9/8/2025) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CHAMBER	Light colour painted at far end of church room (7)	AMBER after CH
5 POTATO	Vegetable matter kept in depot at orchard (6)	dePOT AT Orchard
9 OWING	Outstanding work done by crew down river (5)	ROWING minus R
10 WHOLESOME	Innocent breaches admitted by women mostly (9)	HOLES inside (WOME)n
11 DIAL TONE	Caller might hear this voice in the middle of feast (4,4)	ALTO inside DINE
12 TOO BAD	Outside broadcast handled by contemptible person is regrettable (3,3)	OB inside TOAD
14 CHEF	Main supplier's heartless boss? (4)	CH(i)EF
15 BLOCKHEAD	Criminal fencing security device? He is a stupid person (9)	BAD outside (LOCK + HE)
17 ANCHORAGE	An enclosure containing last lot of scotch or port (9)	(AN + CAGE) outside [scotc(H) + OR]
18 CHIP	Clubs in a golf shot (4)	C + HIP
20 STREAM	State of water restricting river's flow (6)	STEAM outside R
21 GET ABOUT	Move around broken gate before fight (3,5)	Anagram of GATE + BOUT
24 FOOD	Fine clubs located in redeveloped outdoor area that	F + (C inside anagram
COURT	caters for consumers (4,5)	of OUTDOOR)
25 SEINE	Find out about popular European flower (5)	SEE outside IN
26 ENTRAP	Mate just about pulled back catch (6)	(PARTNE)r reversed
27 REFUGEE	Displaced person on drug paying no attention to doctor in charge (7)	RE +(DRUG minus DR) inside FEE

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 CROWD	Assembly line packed in music collection (5)	ROW inside CD
2 ANIMATED CARTOON	NIDA actor upset about mate on children's TV (8,7)	Anagram of NIDA ACTOR outside MATE + ON
3 BIGOTS	Prejudiced people operate in small sections (6)	GO inside BITS
4 ROWING BOAT	Just shoot snake in degenerate's small vessel (6,4)	(WING + BOA) inside ROT
5 PLOT	Great deal behind power scheme (4)	LOT after P
6 THE WORKS	How treks prepared with everything possible (3,5)	Anagram of HOW TREKS
7 TROUBLESHOOTING	Neighbour's tool busted after short time fixing problems (15)	Anagram of NEIGHBOURS TOOL after T
8 HEADED UP	Strange dude, in beat-up car, managed (6,2)	Anagram of DUDE inside HEAP
13 HONEY-EATER	Survey taken by another confused Australian flyer (5-5)	EYE inside anagram of ANOTHER
14 CLASSIFY	Categorise vessel if buried in mud (8)	(SS + IF) inside CLAY
16 ROMANCER	Writer of "Love Story", or "Carmen Reimagined" (8)	Anagram of OR CARMEN
19 MASSIF	Service provided for central mountain assembly (6)	MASS + IF
22 THEBE	The "live" satellite of Jupiter (5)	THE + BE
23 GULP	Knock back promotion in recession (4)	PLUG reversed