

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 13/1/2024) Solution

<sup>1</sup> P	R	<sup>2</sup> E	P	<sup>3</sup> A	R	<sup>4</sup> E	D		<sup>5</sup> S	<sup>6</sup> L	A	<sup>7</sup> L	O	<sup>8</sup> M
R		L		F		M		<sup>9</sup> B		I		I		I
<sup>10</sup> O	N	S	E	T		<sup>11</sup> A	B	R	A	S	I	O	N	S
M		E		E		I		U		T		N		L
<sup>12</sup> P	O	W	E	R	P	L	A	N	T		<sup>13</sup> A	S	I	A
T		H		H		E		C		<sup>14</sup> P				Y
	<sup>15</sup> B	E	H	O	L	D		<sup>16</sup> H	O	L	Y	<sup>17</sup> S	E	E
<sup>18</sup> E		R		U						E		E		R
<sup>19</sup> S	H	E	A	R	E	<sup>20</sup> D		<sup>21</sup> C	H	A	N	C	E	
S				S		E		H		S		T		<sup>22</sup> S
<sup>23</sup> E	A	<sup>24</sup> S	T		<sup>25</sup> C	A	P	I	T	A	L	I	S	E
N		E		<sup>26</sup> C		D		C		N		O		L
<sup>27</sup> C	A	R	T	A	G	E	N	A		<sup>28</sup> T	U	N	E	D
E		V		R		N		G		L		A		O
<sup>29</sup> S	E	E	R	E	D		<sup>30</sup> B	O	D	Y	S	L	A	M

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 PREPARED	Piano salesman, with a bottle of wine, is all set (8)	P + REP + A + RED
5 SLALOM	All tumbled in some shortened ski race (6)	Anagram of ALL inside SOM(e)
10 ONSET	Start working as an actor (5)	Double Definition
11 ABRASIONS	One playing in a section of an orchestra scrapes (9)	(I + ON) inside (A + BRASS)
12 POWER PLANT	One who has to pay money to design, in platinum, a generator (5,5)	(OWER + PLAN) inside PT
13 ASIA	Heavily populated area - one located in a state of Australia (4)	I inside (A + SA)
15 BEHOLD	Observe the man reversing in Valiant (6)	HE reversed inside BOLD
16 HOLY SEE	Married one leaving homily to visit papal court (4,3)	HOMILY minus (M + I) + SEE
19 SHEARED	Fleeced sheep are inside farm building (7)	ARE inside SHED
21 CHANCE	Part of a church without large opening (6)	CHANCEL minus L
23 EAST	Banquet not beginning with main course (4)	(f)EAST
25 CAPITALISE	Fund's maximum amount is placed in one account (10)	CAP + [IS inside (I + TALE)]
27 CARTAGENA	Transport agent contracted by a place in Spain (9)	CART + AGEN(t) + A
28 TUNED	Turned down river running well (5)	TURNED minus R
29 SEE RED	Drove, not having time to blow a gasket (3,3)	STEERED minus T
30 BODY SLAM	Sadly, mob mishandled manoeuvre in ring (4,4)	Anagram of SADLY MOB

