

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 20/1/2024) Solution

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

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BUSINESS	Trade vehicles transporting in scaffolding primarily (8)	BUSES outside [IN + (S)caffolding]
5 SPUR	Impulse items included in cosmetics purchases (4)	cosmeticS PURchases
10 TRAIT	Narrow channel with no original feature (5)	(s)TRAIT
11 FLAVOURED	Seasoned side of lamb consumed by pet (9)	(L)amb inside FAVOURED
12 ANCHORING	Fixing one seal broken by chain (9)	(AN + ORING) outside CH
13 LOADS	Youths sucking in oxygen a great deal (5)	LADS outside O
14 FINALE	Members of staff in a legal conclusion (6)	staff IN A LEgal
15 DOCKING	Medical man, a leader, is fixing a painter (7)	DOC + KING
18 CONTACT	Approach court about concerning law (7)	CT outside ON + ACT
20 SMOOTH	Hypothetical case held in silence is uneventful (6)	MOOT inside SH
22 TEMPT	Entice irregular worker back to employment (5)	TEMP + employmen(T)
24 ROAD-SENSE	Driving skill increased in control of new sedan (4-5)	ROSE outside anagram of SEDAN
25 LASHED OUT	Yobbo hanging outside a storage unit attacked strongly (6,3)	LOUT outside (A SHED)
26 TWILL	Material that's finishing a legal document (5)	tha(T) + WILL
27 DINE	Eat serving of food in eatery (4)	fooD IN Eatery
28 DRUMBEAT	Characters from Bermuda experimented with time and rhythmic sound (8)	Anagram of BERMUDA + T

