

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 7/3/2020) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STRATEGIST	Street value is checked by great planner (10)	ST + RATE + (IS inside GT)
6 STEM	Water level not needing a check (4)	STEAM minus A
10 BELIEVE	Busy person, possessed by evil, butchered judge (7)	BEE outside anagram of EVIL
11 LIE-DOWN	Acted deceptively to have rest (3-4)	LIED + OWN
12 INDONESIA	Popular right is backed by a large republic (9)	IN + DONE + (IS reversed) + A
13 STALE	Ending of this story is lacking originality (5)	thi(S) + TALE
14 TOTTER	Head to the fish catcher's rock (6)	(T)he + OTTER
16 SLANDER	Polisher worked on the edges of large smear (7)	SANDER outside L
17 PIE	Dish that is served after starter of prawns (3)	IE after (P)rawns
19 DUNGEON	Waste a long time in prison (7)	DUNG + EON
20 LOOKER	Observer is very good in new role (6)	OK inside anagram of ROLE
23 CACAO	A chap oddly tucked into firm chocolate ingredient (5)	[A + (C)h(A)p] inside CO
24 HOUSE-MATE	Sharing person at home upset about wear and tear (5-4)	Anagram of AT HOME outside USE
26 RETINUE	Tenants of home unit errantly sent back suite (7)	home UNIT ERrantly reversed
27 INSPECT	Closely look at cricket, perhaps, including Pakistan's opener (7)	INSECT outside (P)akistan
28 SIDE	Party expressed disappointment audibly (4)	Sounds like SIGHED
29 ORIGINATED	Misguided editor consuming alcohol before article is launched (10)	Anagram of EDITOR outside (GIN + A)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SOBRIETY	Dry state farm section stocking round cheese (8)	STY outside (O + BRIE)
2 RILED	Exasperated owner finally turned round food shop (5)	owne(R) + DELI reversed
3 THE UNDERGROUND	Energy generated in stormy disturbance crushed rapid transport system (3,11)	E inside THUNDER + GROUND
4 GREASY	Like oil when present in hair colour (6)	AS inside GREY
5 SALEABLE	Beer packaged in black is in demand (8)	ALE inside SABLE
7 TOOK A LEAK	Visited gents, say, to drink ultimately, alcohol stored in oak (4,1,4)	TO + [drin(K) + ALE] inside OAK
8 MANNER	Approach timeless remnant needing restoration? (6)	Anagram of REMNAN(t)
9 PERSON-TO-PERSON	Family member chasing open reports distributed between individuals (6-2-6)	SON after anagram of OPEN REPORTS
15 TRUNCATED	Time to work with new cadet is cut short (9)	T + RUN + anagram of CADET
16 SIN	Offence is written up by head of narcotics (3)	IS reversed + (N)arcotics
17 POOH BEAR	Ring around gaining support for fabulous honey-eater (4,4)	HOOP reversed + BEAR
18 PRIESTED	Made a minister see trip a different way before the closing of synod (8)	Anagram of SEE TRIP + syno(D)
21 ACORNS	They may be found under a tree or in cans, strangely (6)	OR inside anagram of CANS
22 CURING	Copper band providing remedial treatment (6)	CU + RING
25 AGENT	Pawn and a knight taken in win (5)	A + (N inside GET)