

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 19/12/2020) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SECOND THOUGHTS	Doubts about world's end still accepted in sects (6,8)	[ON + worl(D) + though] inside SECTS
10 ABOUT	A period of illness is concerning (5)	A + BOUT
11 CALIBRATE	Fine-tune case framing a politician (9)	CRATE outside (A + LIB)
12 SPONSOR	Small bridge of connecting tissue or support (7)	S + PONS + OR
13 PARENT	Executive's offsider ripped apart author (6)	PA + RENT
15 VEIL	Screen dump of festive illuminations (4)	festiVE ILLuminations
16 TRAVELLER	Bank worker, holding party, briefly sighted mobile salesman (9)	TELLER outside (RAV)e
19 SEEDLINGS	See the results of accidents around large and small plants (9)	(SEE + DINGS) outside L
20 CARD	Jack, say, located finally at the rear of vehicle (4)	locate(D) after CAR
23 CASEIN	Lawsuit concerned with protein obtained from milk (6)	CASE + IN
25 AMENITY	Pleasing feature people noticed in a city supporting carbon emission? (7)	MEN inside (A + CITY minus C)
27 ROAST PORK	Ask for port in a mess, ignoring fine food (5,4)	Anagram of ASK FOR PORK minus F
28 LOG ON	Enter a computer's brand, beginning with name (3,2)	LOGO + (N)ame
29 SUPERINTENDENT	Administrator sent around various parts of Peru with plan (14)	SENT outside (anagram of PERU + INTEND)

Down	Clue	Explanation
2 ECONOMISE	Green one is upset about minister's initial budget (9)	ECO + [anagram of ONE IS outside (M)inister]
3 OBTUSE	Slow orbit oddly linked to wear and tear (6)	(O)r(B)i(T) + USE
4 DECORATING	Honouring code developed by class (10)	Anagram of CODE + RATING
5 HOLY	Participants of 29th Olympics should be dedicated (4)	29tH OLYmpics
6 UNBIASED	A bin replaced in second-hand fair (8)	Anagram of A BIN inside USED
7 HEAVE	A beautiful place not finalised for cast (5)	(HEAVE)n
8 SHELTER	Female left territory's asylum (7)	SHE + L + TER
9 CAB SAV	Local red taxis have operated without restrictions? (3,3)	CABS + h)AV(e
14 RAMSHACKLE	Shaky clerk has broken down embracing a male (10)	Anagram of CLERK HAS outside (A + M)
17 LEADING ON	Wild dog entering tip is deceiving (7,2)	DINGO inside LEAN
18 CLOISTER	Guise not maintained by weird religious sect in retreat (8)	Anagram of RELIGIOUS SECT minus GUISE
19 SECURES	Ties up dog trapped by witnesses (7)	CUR inside SEES
21 DRYING	Tail-ender with opener in final is wilting (6)	opene(R) inside DYING
22 HEELED	Played the part of a hooker as listed (6)	Double Definition
24 STAMP	Street light without large impression (5)	ST + (LAMP minus L)
26 DOWN	Drink and finish wine regularly (4)	DO + (W)i(N)e