

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 29/8/2020) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 CUT LOOSE	Free toilets situated in nice setting (3,5)	LOOS inside CUTE
5 SPARED	Container of hot water, red, is saved (6)	SPA + RED
9 MASTERLY	It's needed to sail early without a professional (8)	MAST + (EARLY minus A)
10 CANVAS	Preserve most of great's artwork (6)	CAN + (VAS)t
12 DRAMA	Theatre doctor, a man not fully extended (5)	DR + A + MA(n)
13 IN RESERVE	One with courage checking resolution set aside (2,7)	(I + NERVE) outside RES
14 SHORT AND SWEET	Reconstruction of the NSW road in place is unexpectedly brief (5,3,5)	Anagram of THE NSW ROAD inside SET
17 WEATHER REPORT	Friction regarding cruise terminal location probed by the news item (7,6)	(WEAR + RE + PORT) outside THE
21 DISMISSAL	Notice school's head girl wearing ring (9)	[(S)chool + MISS] inside DIAL
23 ERUPT	Components of computer up the spout (5)	computER UP The
24 LOOKED	Saw guided around shape of ring without a problem (6)	LED outside (O + OK)
25 RESTRAIN	Ready for a new job securing small jail (8)	RETRAIN outside S
26 DANISH	Food supplemented by an item from the bakery (6)	DISH outside AN
27 STOP DEAD	Despot ordered publicity freeze (4,4)	Anagram of DESPOT + AD

