

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 19/9/2020) Solution

¹ D	I	² C	E	³ S		⁴ C	A	⁵ T	H	⁶ E	D	⁷ R	A	⁸ L
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 DICES	Throws away two of diamonds and spades? (5)	D + ICE + S
4 CATHEDRAL	Modified car lad kept outside the church (9)	Anagram of CAR LAD outside THE
9 CONSOLIDATE	Secure control panel accepting a time logged on back of ID (11)	CONSOLE outside [(A + T) after ID]
10 PUN	Bet, losing shirt ultimately - it's a joke (3)	PUNT minus shir(T)
11 OBELISKS	Silk resewn into robes not using right needles (8)	Anagram of SILK inside (ROBES minus R)
12 STRAFE	Bow of ship damaged after attack by aircraft with machine-gun fire (6)	(S)hip + anagram of AFTER
14 EVER	Cut down leader at any time (4)	(s)EVER
15 NARRATED	Returning group of sailors, highly valued, told stories (8)	RAN reversed + RATED
18 STAR TURN	Holder of Ashes opening with institution's leading player (4,4)	URN after START
20 CAPO	Limit placed on opening of old movable bridge (4)	CAP + (O)ld
24 LANDAU	Get hold of gold horse-drawn carriage (6)	LAND + AU
25 THEORIES	The one investing in mining finds proposals (8)	THE + (I inside ORES)
27 WAR	Fight state border's closing (3)	WA + borde(R)
28 EXAMINATION	Discharge retiring attendant hanging about at review (11)	AXE reversed + (MINION outside AT)
29 DEMITASSE	Passing around Tasmania's coffee (9)	DEMISE outside TAS
30 EAGER	Impatient auditor holding back, for example (5)	EAR outside (EG reversed)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 DOCTORED	Swimmer coming back to wine laced with drugs (8)	COD reversed + TO + RED
2 CONCEDE	Allies of bloc, once defeated, give up? (7)	bloC ONCE DEfeated
3 SHOO-IN	Large part of hook, one tin-plated, is a certain winner? (4-2)	[(HOO)k + I] inside SN
4 CHICKEN OUT	Rustic one turned in injured dingo (7,3)	[HICK + (ONE reversed)] inside CUT
5 TRAY	It's used to transport a load of extra yearlings (4)	exTRA Yearlings
6 EVENTUAL	Final junction part way along avenue confused learner driver (8)	(T inside anagram of AVENUE) + L
7 REPLACE	Fill in for a person who peddles fine open fabric (7)	REP + LACE
8 LUNGED	Rushed forward with breathing apparatus (6)	Double Definition
13 BRANCH LINE	Be occupied with stock farm left enclosed by minor transport route (6,4)	BE outside (RANCH + L + IN)
16 ORNAMENT	Leading light or star not contracted? (8)	OR + NAME + NT
17 LOOSENER	Laxative seen tossed in toilet, right? (8)	Anagram of SEEN inside (LOO + R)
19 TANTRUM	Outburst by truant disrupted mass (7)	Anagram of TRUANT + M
21 ARISING	A moral offence, committed in outfit, is emerging (7)	A + (SIN inside RIG)
22 FLAWED	Canberra policeman admitting law is imperfect (6)	FED outside LAW
23 POMADE	Italian flower produced hair ointment (6)	PO + MADE
26 BARS	Swimmers not holding on to the railings (4)	BATHERS minus THE