

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 24/4/2021) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 RASHIE	Impulsive one beginning to experiment with surf gear (6)	RASH + I + (E)xperiment
4 PROTRACT	Extend authority connected to piece of land (8)	PRO + TRACT
9 POLITE	Refined Information Technology installed in an extreme location (6)	IT inside POLE
10 COMMERCE	Millions and millions put in to drive business (8)	(M + M) inside COERCE
12 STICKERS	Head of security, watches, say, diligent people (8)	(S)ecurity + TICKERS
13 ALTERS	Telstra, not using lead, reconfigured changes (6)	Anagram of t(ELSTRA)
14 DIRE	Colourist sounded horrible (4)	Sounds like DYER
15 RECAPTURED	Backed racehorse turned short of pole and recovered (10)	PACER reversed + TUR(n)ED
19 CONSORTIUM	Fraud ruined tourism association (10)	CON + anagram of TOURISM
20 PIES	Pepsi, lacking in capital, replaced AFL players (4)	Anagram of p(EPSI)
23 DARKEN	Large floating vessel in cave is obscure (6)	ARK inside DEN
25 BECHAMEL	Cold meat, glazed with honey, supplier left with sauce (8)	(C + HAM) inside BEE + L
27 IMPROVER	Rogue wanderer, a do-gooder (8)	IMP + ROVER
28 COOKIE	Baked food that is started off by chef (6)	IE after COOK
29 MILITARY	One fired up in army transformed the armed services (8)	(I + LIT) inside anagram of ARMY
30 ENERGY	Zip turned green then silvery in the end (6)	Anagram of GREEN + silver(Y)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 REPOSED	Agent given wrong dose took it easy (7)	REP + anagram of DOSE
2 SOLDIER ON	Made money from ecstasy in club to survive (7,2)	SOLD + (E inside IRON)
3 INTAKE	Section to paint a key mine's ventilation shaft (6)	paINT A KEy
5 ROOK	Cheat is caught - given up by criminal (4)	CROOK minus C
6 TEMPLATE	Model employee who sometimes arrives late (8)	TEMP + LATE
7 AGREE	Match may be on in time (5)	RE inside AGE
8 TRESSED	Last course served up with strands of hair (7)	DESSERT reversed
11 URGENT	Heart of honourable man requiring immediate attention (6)	honoURable + GENT
16 ABUSER	One who takes advantage of muscle man on drugs, perhaps (6)	AB + USER
17 RAINMAKER	Kick broken main sealed by gardener (9)	Anagram of MAIN inside RAKER
18 FOREMOST	Initial way of working in a large wooded area (8)	MO inside FOREST
19 CADMIUM	Rogue tight-lipped about one component of nuclear reactor control rods (7)	(CAD + MUM) outside I
21 SILVERY	Large quantity of silt particularly light in tone (7)	(SIL)t + VERY
22 THROWN	Human resources in urban centre may be put out (6)	HR inside TOWN
24 REPEL	Drive off one who's not wanted back (5)	LEPER reversed
26 VEER	Change factors contributing to refractive error (4)	refractiVE ERror