

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 26/6/2021) Solution

<sup>1</sup> B	U	<sup>2</sup> D	G	<sup>3</sup> E	T	<sup>4</sup> C	U	<sup>5</sup> T		<sup>6</sup> S	C	<sup>7</sup> O	R	<sup>8</sup> E
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<sup>9</sup> B	U	S	H	R	A	T		<sup>10</sup> P	R	A	T	T	L	E
O		C		N		A				N		D		R
<sup>11</sup> P	I	E	C	E		<sup>12</sup> N	A	<sup>13</sup> I	L	S	D	O	W	N
		R		S		D		N				N		A
<sup>14</sup> G	O	N	E	T	O	P	O	T		<sup>15</sup> S	H	E	L	L
O				L		A		E		N				L
<sup>16</sup> S	O	<sup>17</sup> P	P	Y		<sup>18</sup> S	E	R	I	O	<sup>19</sup> S	L	Y	
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<sup>20</sup> E	V	I	L	<sup>21</sup> D	O	E	R	S		<sup>22</sup> D	R	O	L	<sup>23</sup> L
L		M		R				T		R		O		A
<sup>24</sup> L	E	A	D	I	N	<sup>25</sup> G		<sup>26</sup> I	D	I	O	T	I	C
E		T		P		E		N		F		E		E
<sup>27</sup> R	E	E	L	S		<sup>28</sup> L	I	G	A	T	U	R	E	S

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BUDGET CUT	Move by treasurer originally reduced attractive drop in spending (6,3)	BUDGE + (T)reasurer + (CUT)e
6 SCORE	Obtain illegal drugs from entrance to shopping centre? (5)	(S)hopping + CORE
9 BUSH RAT	A shrub poisoned retreat's last nocturnal animal (4,3)	Anagram of A SHRUB + retrea(T)
10 PRATTLE	Soft toy's childish talk (7)	P + RATTLE
11 PIECE	Listened to harmony in composition (5)	Sounds like PEACE
12 NAILS DOWN	Specifies different parts of island to enjoy (5,4)	Anagram of ISLAND + OWN
14 GONE TO POT	One item of clothing, taken in, got declined (4,2,3)	(ONE + TOP) inside GOT
15 SHELL	Deal in handling hydrogen bomb (5)	SELL outside H
16 SOPPY	Sentimental operation accepted by agent (5)	OP inside SPY
18 SERIOUSLY	Manipulation of euro is cunning in a crucial way (9)	Anagram of EURO IS + SLY
20 EVILDOERS	Evidence primarily given against soldier mixed up with criminals (9)	(E)vidence + V + anagram of SOLDIER
22 DROLL	Eccentric master recalled learner (5)	LORD reversed + L
24 LEADING	A great deal of noise in section for chief (7)	(A + DIN) inside LEG
26 IDIOTIC	I had one connected to the ear that's loopy (7)	ID + I + OTIC
27 REELS	Equipment used by an angler to catch river fish (5)	R + EELS
28 LIGATURES	Tailored large suit and ties (9)	Anagram of LARGE SUIT

<b>Down</b>	<b>Clue</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
1 BEBOP	Be taken with hit jazz music (5)	BE + HOP
2 DISCERN	Uncoordinated dancer is missing out on a spot (7)	Anagram of DANCER IS minus A
3 EARNESTLY	Eighteen young moved around breeding-ground? (9)	EARLY outside NEST
4 CUT AND PASTE	Editor's option can't update broadcast spanning seconds (3,3,5)	Anagram of CANT UPDATE outside S
5 TIP	Upset with depression returning (3)	PIT reversed
6 SCANS	Head of surgery puts an end to medical examinations (5)	(S)urgery + CANS
7 OUTDONE	Beaten twosome upset about time together (7)	DUO reversed outside T + ONE
8 ETERNALLY	Always enter in a drunken state with friend (9)	Anagram of ENTER + ALLY
13 INTERESTING	All but the beginning and end of winter, still, is appealing (11)	(w)INTE(r) + RESTING
14 GOSPELLER	Evangelist set out book of learning (9)	GO + SPELLER
15 SNOWDRIFT	Directly drive inside separate feature of Thredbo, say (9)	(NOW + DR) inside SIFT
17 PRIMATE	Victorian had a meal with senior clergyman (7)	PRIM + ATE
19 SCOOTER	Motorcycle company invested in newly-built store (7)	CO inside anagram of STORE
21 DRIPS	Medical man is keeping pressure valves that supply patients (5)	DR + (IS outside P)
23 LACES	Hotshot after large and small ties (5)	(ACE after L) + S
25 GEL	Set member up (3)	LEG reversed