

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 10/4/2021) Solution

	¹ M	² A	³ S	³ S	⁴ A	⁴ G	⁵ E	⁵ S		⁶ C	⁷ U	⁷ P	⁷ P	⁸ A
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¹⁴ H	¹⁵ O	¹⁵ L	D	S	W	A	T	E	R		¹⁶ H	E	N	S
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¹⁸ N	A	V	Y		¹⁹ A	D	V	E	N	T	U	R	E	R
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 MESSAGES	Wise man in religious service employs manipulative techniques (8)	SAGE inside MASS
6 CUPPA	Drink finished by executive's offsider after start of course (5)	(UP + PA) after (C)ourse
9 SALUTED	Old music-maker, dressed in blue, is formally recognised (7)	LUTE inside SAD
10 UNIFORM	Regular is represented in forum? (7)	Anagram of IN FORUM
11 NAPERY	Table linen a retired salesman purchased in New York (6)	[A + (REP reversed)] inside NY
12 IN MOTION	One idea plugged by male on the go (2,6)	(I + NOTION) outside M
14 HOLDS WATER	Veteran military-like unit, handled by the woman, proves to be reliable (5,5)	(OLD + SWAT) inside HER
16 HENS	Components fused to strengthen several layers (4)	strengtHEN Several
18 NAVY	Service vehicle reversed close to boundary (4)	VAN reversed + boundar(Y)
19 ADVENTURER	Volume penned by a newly returned soldier of fortune (10)	V inside (A + anagram of RETURNED)
20 CESSPOOL	Special ring, found in Coles, wrecked sink (8)	(SP + O) inside anagram of COLES
22 TAPPET	Valve connected to special moving part of a machine (6)	TAP + PET
25 ABORTED	Stopped rot with special treatment in a garden plot (7)	Anagram of ROT inside (A + BED)
26 ENTICER	Attractive person, one caught in possession of key (7)	(I + C) inside ENTER
27 TAKEN	A shark's tail in twisted net is caught (5)	[A + shar(K)] inside anagram of NET
28 RHAPSODY	Pods developed in river grass with an irregular composition (8)	Anagram of PODS inside (R + HAY)

