

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 31/8/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STEP INTO	Unexpectedly enter remodelled set with horse (4,4)	Anagram of SET + PINTO
5 CLOSER	Cold person who doesn't succeed should be more intimate (6)	C + LOSER
9 ON THE DANGER LIST	One in Netherlands got treated not very well (2,3,6,4)	I inside anagram of NETHERLANDS GOT
11 TERMINATOR	Call in a degenerate about killer (10)	TERM + IN + A + (ROT reversed)
12 FLUE	Smoker rushed through speech (4)	Sounds like FLEW
13 PUSHED	Backed up in front of storage unit in a hurry (6)	UP reversed + SHED
15 DECLINED	Deed covering vacated council home is rejected? (8)	DEED outside [C(ounci)L + IN]
18 SWAN SONG	AFL team dealing with grand final appearance (4,4)	SWANS + ON + G
19 LAPSES	Page discovered in forged sales slips (6)	P inside anagram of SALES
22 LEER	Bless rebel returning stare? (4)	(REBEL minus B) reversed
23 FAIR-SPOKEN	Smooth-tongued writer accepting endorsement after shows (4-6)	(PEN outside OK) after FAIRS
26 COMPUTER SCIENCE	IT company put in representation of crime scene? (8,7)	CO + (PUT inside anagram of CRIME SCENE)
27 TANGLE	Time to fish for catch (6)	T + ANGLE
28 INITIALS	Endorses new design of sail after taking part (8)	Anagram of SAIL after IN IT

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SHOOT UP	Sheep, after frightening cry, jump (5,2)	TUP after SHOO
2 ENTER	Tenant stripped of initial right to take possession (5)	(r)ENTER
3 ITEMISERS	They list it alongside drug people that are mean (9)	IT + E + MISERS
4 TO A MAN	Development of anatomy almost without exception (2,1,3)	Anagram of (ANATOM)y
6 LURE	Participants in Aussie Rules returned inducement (4)	aussiE RULes reversed
7 SKI-PLANES	Snow vehicles avoid transport routes (3-6)	SKIP + LANES
8 RETREAD	Go through book about pruned tree's recycled material (7)	READ outside (TRE)e
10 GLOWER	Shiner's black look? (6)	Double Definition
14 STATESMAN	Respected political leader recollected names after the fact (9)	Anagram of NAMES after STAT
16 LEAD PAINT	Manage glass containing a former colouring agent (4,5)	LEAD + (PINT outside A)
17 ON SALE	Son ordered alcohol going cheap (2,4)	Anagram of SON + ALE
18 SOLICIT	Son shortened lawful proposition (7)	SO(n) + LICIT
20 SUNLESS	Head to seaside except when cloudy (7)	(S)easide + UNLESS
21 ARISEN	Transmission of car is entirely developed? (6)	cAR IS ENTirely
24 KENYA	Pole entering important capital of Asian country (5)	N inside KEY + (A)sian
25 BURL	Try bank's primary internet location (4)	(B)ank + URL