## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 24/8/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 SUBSTITUTE	Its vehicle returned with class deputy (10)	(ITS + BUS) reversed + TUTE
6 BLAB	Brisbane's first research centre let the cat out of the bag (4)	(B)risbane + LAB
9 TRAIN	Time to shower and prepare for a particular event (5)	T + RAIN
10 RETRACTOR	Retired stage performer after right theatre item (9)	RET + (ACTOR after R)
12 IN THE RED	Some skinflint here died owing money (2,3,3)	skinflINT HERE Died
13 WRITHE	He signed at the end of a legal document with a twist (6)	HE after WRIT
15 CUTS	Iodine not applied to skin lacerations (4)	CUTIS minus I
16 TERRIBLE	Bad blunder by one replacing a part of table (8)	TABLE with (ERR +I) replacing A
19 HEARINGS	He is holding a syndicate's judicial investigations (8)	HES outside (A + RING)
20 SHUN	Deliberately avoid bright light outside hospital (4)	SUN outside H
23 ROTATE	Degenerate bolted down switch (6)	ROT + ATE
24 VIOLENCE	Caught in the throes of one evil, depraved act of cruelty (8)	C inside anagram of ONE EVIL
26 BREACHING	Every individual conveyed by transport is opening up (9)	EACH inside BRING
27 COOKS	Company says yes to kitchen workers (5)	CO + OKS
28 DOTS	Stood back, ignoring orator's initial points (4)	STOOD reversed minus (O)rator
29 LAUNCESTON	Institute mostly concerned with finishing established	(LAUNC)h + (ON after
LAUNCESTON	Tasmanian location (10)	EST)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SET PIECE	Move damaged step that is noticeably in the middle (3,5)	Anagram of STEP + IE + notiCEably
2 BEAUTY TREATMENT	Dizzy brunette may eat first piece of this parlour's offering (6,9)	Anagram of BRUNETTE MAY EAT + (T)his
3 TENTER	Time to join framework for stretching cloth (6)	T + ENTER
4 TORMENTING	To many primarily involved in leasing, it's annoying (10)	TO + [(M)any inside RENTING]
5 TA-TA	Length of event at auditorium is so long (2-2)	evenT AT Auditorium
7 LET IT ALL HANG OUT	Relax and laugh a little, not needing treatment (3,2,3,4,3)	Anagram of LAUGH A LITTLE NOT
8 BARBER	Live in public house, right, with hairdresser? (6)	BE inside (BAR + R)
11 ADROIT	Clever piece of marketing one tossed in rubbish (6)	AD + (I inside ROT)
14 PRESSING ON	Turn maintained by spinners out of form is continuing (8,2)	GO inside anagram of SPINNERS
17 EROTIC	Lustful one tore back and front of clothing (6)	(I + TORE) reversed + (C)lothing
18 IN SEASON	Freely available accommodation occupied by marine very much (2,6)	INN outside (SEA + SO)
21 BRIBED	Paid off guy employed in foundation (6)	RIB inside BED
22 CLICHE	Commonplace types of prolific lichen (6)	prolifiC LICHEn
25 VISA	Outlook not getting Microsoft's final endorsement (4)	VISTA minus microsof(T)