AFR Cryptic (Saturday 30/11/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 ASPECT	Space altered astronaut's final outlook (6)	Anagram of SPACE + astronau(T)
4 UP STICKS	International carrier checks move to a new location (2,6)	UPS + TICKS
10 PUT	Backing up, co-stars prepared to communicate	UP reversed + anagram
ACROSS	successfully (3,6)	of COSTARS
11 TOP-UP	A boost to new plant (3-2)	TO + PUP
12 INNARDS	A road, cutting through public houses, works (7)	(A + RD) inside INNS
13 EARLIER	Invention, right, put behind ear in the first place (7)	(LIE + R) after EAR
14 TIARA	Crown's pieces returned from Carrara, Italy (5)	carrARA ITaly
		reversed
15 ARGUMENT	A letter's due about adhesive's claim (8)	(A + RENT) outside
		GUM
18 CATHETER	Provide stuff containing the medical tube (8)	CATER outside THE
20 SPOON	Consumer's assistant quietly slipped in without delay (5)	P inside SOON
23 CHAPLIN	Famous comedian's place enclosed by a mountain range (7)	PL inside CHAIN
25 ROUTINE	Conventional defeat in lacrosse right at the end (7)	ROUT + IN +
		lacross(E)
26 LARGE	Serving of regular gelato is substantial (5)	reguLAR GElato
27 PRIMITIVE	Prudish one against wearing tie lacking in refinement	PRIM + I + (V inside
	(9)	TIE)
28 DUMPSTER	Cleaner taking care of politician's bin (8)	DUSTER outside MP
29 REGENT	Governor, for example, restricted by cost of living (6)	EG inside RENT

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 APPOINTS	Chooses software overseas gaining interest (8)	APP + (OS outside INT)
2 PETUNIA	Favourite place in which to study a funnel-shaped flower (7)	PET + UNI + A
3 COCKROACH	Ocker dropping E in bus is a pest (9)	(OCKER minus E) inside COACH
5 PASSENGER TRAIN	People mover's gears parents modified at home (9,5)	Anagram of GEARS PARENTS + IN
6 TATER	Partakers of banquet ate red vegetable (5)	banqueT ATE Red
7 CAPTION	One contributing to top cricket score is a legend (7)	I inside (CAP + TON)
8 SUPERB	Retired salesperson travelling in bus is fine (6)	(REP inside BUS) reversed
9 CONSTANTINOPLE	Firm relocated Pole in old European capital (14)	CONSTANT + anagram of POLE IN
16 MASCULINE	Strong mast greatly supported by copper wire (9)	(MAS)t + CU + LINE
17 INDECENT	Popular mix of teen CD is gross (8)	IN + anagram of TEEN CD
19 ANAGRAM	My device possibly, a worrying person linked to computer component (7)	A + NAG + RAM
21 ORIFICE	Mouth and ear infection treated without an ENT (7)	Anagram of EAR INFECTION minus AN ENT
22 SCALED	Like a fish mounted? (6)	Double Definition
24 LEEDS	English football team's star players should be announced (5)	Sounds like LEADS