

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 18/11/2023) Solution

¹ S	T	² A	P	³ L	E		⁴ R	⁵ E	V	⁶ E	R	⁷ S	A	⁸ L	
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¹⁰ B	U	I	L	D	I	N	G	S	O	C	I	E	T	Y	
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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STAPLE	Principal is to join paper (6)	Double definition
4 REVERSAL	Odd bits of rust appearing in display switch (8)	(R)u(S)t inside REVEAL
10 BUILDING SOCIETY	Barrister's first guilty decision ruined prominent lender (8,7)	(B)arrister + anagram of GUILTY DECISION
11 ESTEEMED	Honoured guests at the centre came down heavily (8)	gu(ES)ts + TEEMED
12 POSSET	Model nearly finished congealed milk-based drink (6)	(POS)e + SET
13 TEEN	Youngster's tin pinched from tuckshop (4)	CANTEEN minus CAN
14 STABLEMATE	Companion's bishop played in no-win situation (10)	B inside STALEMATE
18 METACARPAL	Touched a fish, a large bony thing (10)	MET + A + CARP + A + L
19 SPAR	Part of rigging a boxing match (4)	Double definition
22 SPLICE	Some of cricket bat's power demonstrated in cut (6)	P inside SLICE
24 STEERING	Mechanism used to control energy, twice reset in line (8)	(E + E) inside STRING
26 ENTREPRENEURIAL	Distracted, inept learner rues not finishing business (15)	Anagram of (INEPT LEARNER RUE)s
27 DYNAMITE	New-fangled diet keeping many up is explosive (8)	Anagram of DIET outside (MANY reversed)
28 MENDER	Troops recalled embarrassed person in recovery (6)	MEN + (RED reversed)

