AFR Cryptic (Saturday 22/6/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 PASSAGE	Silver lining used in dated part of book (7)	AG inside PASSE
5 GRIPPE	Crook pop singer not affected by son's influenza (6)	Anagram of POP SINGER minus SON
9 CARDS	Vehicle died close to this bridge, for example (5)	CAR + D + thi(S)
10 TANTALISE	Lead on bronze is featured in report (9)	TAN + (IS inside TALE)
11 LUMINOUS	Obvious swelling reduced a little bit by one with nous (8)	LUM(P) + I + NOUS
12 GIFTED	Brilliant condition documented in great edition (6)	IF inside GT + ED
14 ELECTIONEERING	Notice greenie not happy about Labor leader's political campaign (14)	Anagram of NOTICE GREENIE outside (L)abor
16 CARPET- SWEEPERS	Cleaners and carers eating Favourites, shed tears (6-8)	CARERS outside (PETS + WEEP)
20 SECURE	Find out about dog in the bag (6)	SEE outside CUR
22 TEENAGER	Sort of agreement not catering for male adolescent (8)	Anagram of AGREEMENT minus M
24 EXPLAINED	Former head of personnel backed rejection and provided clarification (9)	EX + (P)ersonnel + DENIAL reversed
25 IGLOO	Man leaving Mongolia strangely bound for White House? (5)	Anagram of MONGOLIA minus MAN
26 GASKET	It helps seal request listed in contract (6)	ASK inside GET
27 DESTROY	Get rid of contaminated oyster after outbreak of disease (7)	Anagram of OYSTER after (D)isease

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 PICKLE	Fix tool left inches short (6)	PICK + LEFT minus FT
2 SCRAMBLER	Off-road motorcycle, as such, oddly used by drifter (9)	(S)u(C) + RAMBLER
3 ARSENIC	Crane is sprayed with a toxic element (7)	Anagram of CRANE IS
4 ENTHUSIASM	The man is mistaken about American relish (10)	Anagram of THE MAN IS outside US
5 GANG	Part of song angered close-knit group (4)	sonG ANGered
6 IMAGINE	Picture that is on cover of publication currently popular (7)	IE outside (MAG + IN)
7 PAINT	Describe one wearing short trousers (5)	I inside PANT(s)
8 SEA DOG	Pirate goes wildly around carrying a dissenter's head (3,3)	Anagram of GOES outside [A + (D)issenter]
13 UNDEFENDED	Euros invested in dodgy fund finished exposed (10)	E inside anagram of FUND + ENDED
15 IRREGULAR	Unusual German gun turned up in possession of IRA, right? (9)	LUGER reversed inside (IRA + R)
16 CASTER	Time put into lawsuit by river fisherman, for example (6)	T inside CASE + R
17 EARMARK	Tag mare knocked around by animal transporter (7)	Anagram of MARE + ARK
18 PANTIES	Underwear and neckwear shipped in containers (7)	TIE inside PANS
19 BROODY	Heartless boy holding crucifix is introspective? (6)	B(o)Y outside ROOD
21 CUPPA	Drink finished by executive's offsider after start of course (5)	(UP + PA) after (C)ourse
23 KNOT	Boss's number replacing one in kit (4)	(NO for I) inside KIT