

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 16/9/2023) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 HIPPODROME	Fashionable school located next to Rome's music hall (10)	HIP + POD + ROME
6 LEWD	Substance retrieved from contaminated well is blue (4)	contaminated WELl reversed
10 THEFT	Stealing from the vacated flat? (5)	THE + F(at)T
11 MESMERISE	Viral phenomenon crossing small hill to entrance (9)	MEME outside S + RISE
12 CHILEANS	Greeting accepted by righteous leader of some South American people (8)	HI inside CLEAN + (S)ome
13 MENACE	Threaten people linked with big club, say (6)	MEN + ACE
15 SHORTS	Clothing orders filled by haberdasher primarily (6)	SORTS outside (H)aberdasher
16 MEAT PIE	Masterchef's original cooked pate that is one of Australia's favourite foods (4,3)	(M)asterchef + anagram of PATE + IE
18 CAP	Cover a quantity of drugs (3)	Double Definition
19 PORTAGE	Cost of shipping or time taken by attendant (7)	(OR + T) inside PAGE
21 RAPPER	One who knocks a modern musician (6)	Double Definition
24 TICKLE	Please mark off clues alternately (6)	TICK + c(L)u(E)s
25 OVERCOAT	Coax mostly sealed in plain protective layer (8)	(COA)x inside OVERT
27 ENTANGLES	Fish caught in assorted nets and traps (9)	ANGLE inside anagram of NETS
28 ORIEL	Back half of door that is connected to large bay window (5)	do(OR) + IE + L
29 SEAM	Marine heading to military joint (4)	SEA + (M)ilitary
30 COURGETTES	Get inside plaza with load of best vegetables? (10)	GET inside COURT + b(ES)t

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 HI-TECH	Sophisticated drug nabbed in hold-up (2-4)	E inside HITCH
2 PEEVISH	Irritable writer not completely over treatment of hives (7)	PE(n) + anagram of HIVES
3 ON THE BREADLINE	Banned hotelier, going through adjustment, is just surviving (2,3,9)	Anagram of BANNED HOTELIER
4 REMINISCED	Last lot of nuclear medicines, manufactured wrongly, may be recalled (10)	nuclea(R) + anagram of MEDICINES
5 MASS	Large-scale celebration at church (4)	Double Definition
7 EPICARP	Piece of fruit pie cooked and served with fish (7)	Anagram of PIE + CARP
8 DEEPENED	Part of pool fencing close to house should be strengthened (8)	DEEP END outside hous(E)
9 GENERAL-PURPOSE	New design of regular pen put forward is very useful (7-7)	Anagram of REGULAR PEN + POSE
14 IMPROVISER	Inventive person is embraced by one getting better (10)	IS inside IMPROVER
17 SPOTTERS	Whale watchers, possibly, do very little on board vessel (8)	POTTER inside SS
20 RICOTTA	Slices of apricot tart and cheese (7)	apRICOT TArt
22 EGOTIST	Contracted one engaged by established show-off (7)	(GOT + I) inside EST
23 STILLS	Suppliers of alcohol not moving back to basics (6)	STILL + basic(S)
26 ALTO	High elements of dial tone (4)	diAL TOne