## AFR Cryptic (Christmas 2023) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BUSTLE	Hurried activity fixed underwear worn by old lady (6)	Double Definition
4 PROPOSED	Recommended footballer does broadcast (8)	PROP + anagram of DOES
9 FOUNDATION STONE	Building block discovered by station implicated	FOUND + anagram of STATION + ONE
11 EXEGESIS	individual (10,5) Interpretation of the Bible is behind old friends hugging, for example (8)	IS after (EXES outside EG)
12 SETTEE	Lounge suite - it's used by clubber? (6)	SET + TEE
13 SAIL	Announcement of marketing cruise (4)	Sounds like SALE
14 SPOTLIGHTS	Skin problem on the fringes of delicate features (10)	SPOTS outside LIGHT
18 RADIOGRAPH	A horrid gap spoiled x-ray image (10)	Anagram of A HORRID GAP
19 PRIG	Head off from shoot with moralistic person (4)	(s)PRIG
22 BROLGA	Crane shifted gold bar, dropping down initially (6)	Anagram of GOLD BAR minus (D)own
24 OPEN DOOR	Ring in a sorry state about finale's free admission (4,4)	(O + POOR) outside END
26 INSTRUMENTALIST	Musician's mate turns in broken record (15)	Anagram of MATE TURNS IN + LIST
27 DISCLOSE	Is chlorine included in ingredients of medicine for show? (8)	(IS + CL) inside DOSE
28 VEGANS	Vehicles carrying, say, particular consumers (6)	VANS outside EG

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 BUFFERS	They polish shock absorbers (7)	Double Definition
2 STUPEFIED	Confounded feed is put all over the place (9)	Anagram of FEED IS PUT
3 LADDER	Young man, flushed, turned around to run (6)	LAD + (RED reversed)
5 ROOM	Secure elevated part of a building (4)	MOOR reversed
6 PASSED IN	Old-fashioned racket is not sold at auction (6,2)	PASSE + DIN
7 SHOUT	Round in bar? (5)	O inside SHUT
8 DIESELS	Engines worked less south of pass (7)	Anagram of LESS after DIE
10 TRIPPER	Judge holding in custody very quiet drug user (7)	TRIER outside PP
15 TOPSPIN	Zampa might use this backward position in front of leg (7)	SPOT reversed + PIN
16 HARMONICA	Lay a finger on a coin forged with instrument (9)	HARM + anagram of A COIN
17 DOGGEREL	Complete set containing German verse (8)	DO + (GEL outside GER)
18 REBUILD	Restore custom-made bridle including nut in the middle (7)	Anagram of BRIDLE outside n(U)t
20 GYRATES	Heartless guy judges pirouettes? (7)	G(u)Y + RATES
21 ENGAGE	Take on disorderly gang in middle of speech (6)	Anagram of GANG inside sp(EE)ch
23 OASIS	Love a relative's flower arranging stuff (5)	O + A + SIS
25 XMAS	Crazy Mexicans giving up nice holiday (4)	Anagram of MEXICANS minus NICE