

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 individual (10,5)	FOUND + anagram of STATION + ONE
11 EXEGESIS	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

