

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 28/10/2023) Solution

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<sup>26</sup> L	A	R	D	E	R		<sup>27</sup> S	T	A	C	K	E	R	S

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 LOG CABIN	Register when taxi returns home (3,5)	LOG CAB IN
5 UTTERS	Speaks total sense at the start (6)	UTTER + (S)ense
10 TRAPEZE	Swing part pulled back with ease by the sound of it (7)	PART reversed + sounds like EASE
11 PENSION	Writer's working after one government handout (7)	PENS + (ON after I)
12 LOLLY	Sweet drop, whisky with no mixer (5)	LOLL + (WHISKY minus WHISK)
13 RECEIVERS	Some tennis players, on service, moved around (9)	RE + anagram of SERVICE
14 BETA PARTICLE	Be linked to report about bung nuclear emission (4,8)	(BE + ARTICLE) outside TAP
18 PROFESSIONAL	Expert, according to Spooner, fails miserably (12)	Anagram of SPOONER FAILS
21 NURSLINGS	Small children run around baby carriers (9)	RUN reverse + SLINGS
23 MANGE	Fellow gets 50% off problem with hair-loss (5)	MAN + GE(ts)
24 ROTUNDA	Large cask consumed by staff in front of a building like The Pantheon (7)	(TUN inside ROD) + A
25 OUTFACE	Brave one in a suit started with cooked tofu (7)	Anagram of TOFU after ACE
26 LARDER	Fat user giving up American food store (6)	LARD + (USER minus US)
27 STACKERS	Small sailing boats, say - they make heaps (8)	S + TACKERS

<b>Down</b>	<b>Clue</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
1 LITTLE	Small pieces of broken satellite not contaminated by sea (6)	Anagram of SATELLITE minus SEA
2 GLADLY	Learner taken in by grand lady with good grace (6)	L inside (G + LADY)
3 ACETYLENE	Welding gas is clean, yet terribly volatile in the end (9)	Anagram of CLEAN YET + volatil(E)
4 ICE-CREAM SUNDAE	A cinema secured whisked type of frozen dessert (3-5,6)	Anagram of A CINEMA SECURED
6 TANGI	Taste shown by one Maori funeral ceremony (5)	TANG + I
7 EVIDENCE	Study, in English, failing witness (8)	DEN inside (E + VICE)
8 SONGSTER	Family member gets upset with original piece from rock vocalist (8)	SON + anagram of GETS + (R)ock
9 SPECTATOR SPORT	Top actress drunkenly left much-watched activity (9,5)	Anagram of TOP ACTRESS + PORT
15 TRAUMATIC	Atrium at damaged entrance to church is shocking (9)	Anagram of ATRIUM AT + (C)hurch
16 SPANDREL	Arch across drive should be joined to the Spanish architectural feature (8)	SPAN + DR + EL
17 FOUR-STAR	High-class rating of ours, tarnished to some degree (4-4)	oF OURS TARNished
19 ENCASE	Wrap up a scene with characters taking on new roles (6)	Anagram of A SCENE
20 REBELS	Leader of band, taking part in lively dances, defies tradition (6)	(B)and inside REELS
22 LANCE	Spear fabulous knight giving up fortune (5)	LANCELOT minus LOT