## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 23/3/2024) Solution

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| Across | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 SUSPENDERS | Shoppers, say, pinching American braces (10) | SPENDERS outside US |
| 6 MAUL | Severely criticise new compilation of album lacking <br> band's original piece (4) | Anagram of ALBUM <br> minus (B)and |
| 10 OVERALL | Lover switched around a large blanket (7) | Anagram of LOVER + A + <br> L |
| 11 LENDING | Provision of funds is close to normal - close (7) | norma(L) + ENDING |
| 12 <br> ASTRONOMY | Science recreated moon in a small test (9) | Anagram of MOON inside <br> (A + S + TRY) |
| 13 PEACE | Work of art expressed tranquillity (5) | Sounds like PIECE |
| 14 APPEAR | Develop software linked to listening device (6) | APP + EAR |
| 16 ANDROID | Robot and staff moved around iodine (7) | (AND + ROD) outside I |
| 17 DIG | Like it removed from finger, for example (3) | DIGIT minus IT |
| 19 FREEZER | Appliance that keeps things cold for nothing? <br> Almost nothing (7) | FREE + (ZER)o |
| 20 EARNER | One who brings in new driver not keeping left (6) | LEARNER minus L |
| 23 REALM | Field of study on charity mostly (5) | RE + (ALM)s |
| 24 OVERHEADS | Hero saved mismanaged money needed to run a <br> business (9) | Anagram of HERO <br> SAVED |
| 26 MAILLOT | Send parcel and tights (7) | MAIL + LOT |
| 27 TABLOID | Betting agency with nothing appearing in top <br> newspaper (7) | TAB + (O inside LID) |
| 28 SAGE | Wise person to settle dispute just at the end (4) | SAG + disput(E) |
| 29 GEORGE <br> BASS | Explorer of Australia's east, spotted in ravine <br> through which a river may run deep (6,4) | E inside GORGE + BASS |


| Down | Clue | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 STOWAWAY | One seeking free trip to state in control (8) | (TO + WA) inside SWAY |
| 2 SPELT | Wheat is smashed primarily by rain hard (5) | (S)mashed + PELT |
| 3 EVAPORATED MILK | Joke ultimately improved a talk about processed dairy product $(10,4)$ | jok(E) + anagram of IMPROVED A TALK |
| 4 DOLLOP | Helping to complete returned survey (6) | DO + (POLL <br> reversed) |
| 5 RALLYING | Call about friend on the mend (8) | RING outside ALLY |
| 7 ANIMATION | I'm in a country film with unreal characters (9) | IM inside (A + NATION) |
| 8 LEGGED | Sporting members led around baby carrier (6) | LED outside (EGG) |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 9 \\ \text { UNAPPROACHABLE } \end{array}$ | Remote, rough sections of a popular beach, populated by nudists originally (14) | Anagram of A POPULAR BEACH outside (N)udists |
| 15 PARTAKING | Sharing role played by a master (9) | PART + A + KING |
| 16 AIR | Trade show lacking fine exhibit (3) | FAIR minus F |
| 17 DEPORTEE | One sent overseas tied up golf location (8) | ROPED reversed + TEE |
| 18 CRUSADES | Drives used cars all over the place (8) | Anagram of USED CARS |
| 21 DRAMAS | A little bit of alcohol, for instance, works for actor (6) | DRAM + AS |
| 22 FETTER | Hamper's cheese of sound quality (6) | Sounds like FETA |
| 25 ALOHA | A star of Irish Wish cut short island greeting (5) | A + (LOHA)n |
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