

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 27/7/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 PUNISHING	Severe current harnessed by gunship at sea (9)	I inside anagram of GUNSHIP
6 TORSO	Body's core temperature approximately (5)	T + OR SO
9 ACTED	A court reporter did something (5)	A + CT + ED
10 LEADLIGHT	Look after thin, fancy glass panel (9)	LEAD + LIGHT
11 CLOUTED	Tradie's vehicle, covered in dirt, is hit with great force (7)	UTE inside CLOD
12 MEASLY	Poor meat, mostly dodgy (6)	(MEA)t + SLY
14 ANODISED	An eccentric outside is heading to exit wearing coat (8)	(AN + ODD) outside [IS + (E)xit]
15 KEEN	Intense expression of grief (4)	Double Definition
18 RUSH	Attack plant developing on shore (4)	Double Definition
19 HEAT WAVE	Wheat ruined by hail and hot weather (4,4)	Anagram of WHEAT + AVE
22 HARROW	English school and hospital struck by missile (6)	H + ARROW
23 RIP INTO	Criticise one horse that's spotted after start of race (3,4)	(I + PINTO) after (R)ace
25 BRIEFCASE	Cheese cafes served strangely with paper bag (9)	BRIE + anagram of CAFES
26 ERROR	Time given up by troublesome child could be a mistake (5)	TERROR minus T
27 TWEED	Material is pretty hard on the backside? (5)	TWEE + har(D)
28 EXTENDERS	They draw out loving in preparation for sex (9)	TENDER inside anagram of SEX

