

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 23/11/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 COMPLICATION	Canberra's primary politician in Coalition corrected problem (12)	(C)anberra + MP inside anagram of COALITION
9 LINEN	Threads of material in English fabric? (5)	material IN ENGLISH
10 SORTILEGE	Character that is crossing stage is magic (9)	SORT + (IE outside LEG)
11 PLEASE	Want parking linked to rental agreement (6)	P + LEASE
12 VEGEMITE	Spread vegetables and throw out last of manure (8)	VEG + EMIT + manur(E)
13 OH DEAR	Ring judge about defendant's initial statement of regret (2,4)	(O + HEAR) outside (D)efendant
15 DEAD LIFT	Lad worked with one in skilful strongman's exercise (4,4)	(Anagram of LAD + I) inside DEFT
18 BRACELET	Handcuff celeb nearly punching naughty child (8)	CELE(b) inside BRAT
19 DANGER	Drive round the bend past back of sand hazard (6)	ANGER after san(D)
21 SECURITY	Leading selection of residents in city use modified safety measures (8)	(R)esidents inside anagram of CITY USE
23 UNUSED	Re-write of Dune distributed across America is still available (6)	Anagram of DUNE outside US
26 IN RESERVE	One with courage checking resolution set aside (2,7)	(I + NERVE) outside RES
27 SALSA	Dance mix that's spicy (5)	Double Definition
28 INCANDESCENT	In container, dip is brilliant (12)	IN + CAN + DESCENT

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 CALYPSO	Song transformed plays, in view of company (7)	Anagram of PLAYS inside CO
2 MANGE	Fellow gets 50% off problem with hair-loss (5)	MAN + GE(ts)
3 LANDSCAPE	Large and small promontory - the work of an artist, maybe (9)	L + AND + S + CAPE
4 CASE	A doctor looks after one's chest (4)	Double Definition
5 TARGETED	Contract used in development of trade is given special attention (8)	GET inside anagram of TRADE
6 ON ICE	Waiting rooms at the centre swell (2,3)	ro(O)ms + NICE
7 DECIDING	Principal with cold brought up minor accident (8)	ICED reversed + DING
8 DETECT	Brief put off court to undertake discovery (6)	DETE(r) + CT
14 DRAWCARD	Green car in middle of puddle is a crowd puller (8)	(RAW + CAR) inside pu(DD)le
16 DIAGNOSIS	Spoke about one song raised with determination (9)	[SAID outside (I + SONG)] reversed
17 REST AREA	Street in behind each motorist's stopping place (4,4)	ST inside REAR + EA
18 BUSKIN	Perform on the street in old footwear (6)	BUSK + IN
20 RADIANT	Bright helper stood up in talk, in a self-important way (7)	AID reversed inside RANT
22 RISEN	Contribution of donor is enormously increased? (5)	donoR IS ENormously
24 SOLVE	Work out one divided by five (5)	SOLE outside V
25 READ	Understand what's written on public notice (4)	RE + AD