## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 21/9/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 STRUCK	Small vehicle involved in a collision (6)	S + TRUCK
4 SPELLING	Relieving English teacher's subject, perhaps (8)	Double Definition
10 AMPOL	Refined palm oil decreased by the Italian fuel supplier (5)	Anagram of PALM OIL minus IL
11 ORIENTATE	Get the lie of the land that isn't presented in talk? (9)	(IE + NT) inside ORATE
12 BULLET TRAIN	News about returned art - it travels quickly (6,5)	BULLETIN outside (ART reversed)
13 PIT	Withdrawn bonus is mine (3)	TIP reversed
14 DIOCESAN	Newly-appointed deacon is a bishop (8)	Anagram of DEACON IS
15 STOP	Prevent plants growing back (4)	POTS reversed
18 AREA	A study, mostly a field of study (4)	A + (REA)d
20 CUT LOOSE	Free toilets situated in nice setting (3,5)	LOOS inside CUTE
24 SAP	Members of congress approach easy mark? (3)	congresS APproach
25 OBSERVATION	Serb involved in cheering should be watching (11)	Anagram of SERB inside OVATION
26 GESTATION	Development, for example, set back transport hub (9)	EG reversed + STATION
27 IRATE	Cross that is worn by traitor (5)	IE outside RAT
28 SCRUTINY	Hybrid of any citrus passing a close examination (8)	Anagram of ANY CITRUS minus a
29 SACHET	Sealed envelope located outside a church (6)	SET outside (A + CH)

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 SCABBY	Despicable taxi-driver parked behind pole (6)	CABBY after S(outh)
2 RIPPLED	Strong current, conducted under pressure, caused waves (7)	RIP + (LED after P)
3 CALLED ON	Everyone linked to journalist in fraud must be summoned (6,2)	(ALL + ED) inside CON
5 PRIMA BALLERINA	Formal liberal treated roughly in article by a star performer (5,9)	PRIM + (anagram of LIBERAL inside AN) +A
6 LINING	Some poplin in garment, perhaps? (6)	popLIN IN Garment
7 IN A SPOT	One not trapping snake is experiencing difficulty (2,1,4)	(I + NOT) outside ASP
8 GREAT APE	Gear modified to record a wild animal (5,3)	Anagram of GEAR + TAPE
9 POP THE QUESTION	Father, quite honest, arranged to make a proposal (3,3,8)	POP anagram of QUITE HONEST
16 MARSH GAS	Methane from planet Mercury, for instance (5,3)	MARS + HG + AS
17 MONA LISA	Painting from Tassie art centre is in LA (4,4)	MONA + (IS inside LA)
19 EXPOSER	Former model and whistle-blower (7)	EX-POSER
21 EPITAPH	Last word: record it using a phone (7)	EP + IT + A + PH
22 COBALT	Metal bar shortened inside gun (6)	BA(r) inside COLT
23 INSERT	Conclusion of press reported in dull supplement (6)	pres(S) inside INERT