

**STEWARDS' REPORT**  
**Wyong Race Club**

**WYONG RACECOURSE**

**Thursday 7 June 2018**

Weather: Fine  
Track: Heavy (8); upgraded to Soft (7) at 3.10pm following race 6  
Rail: +3m

**STEWARDS:** D L Carr (Chairman), D M Greer, J J E Earl and cadet M W Purse

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**RACE 1: [www.tab.com.au](http://www.tab.com.au) Maiden Handicap 1600m**

**Sugarland Express** – began awkwardly and lost ground. Raced fiercely in the middle stages and near the 1100m was checked and shifted out after becoming awkwardly positioned on the heels of *Dossier*. **Sugarland Express** was then allowed to stride forward and assume a position outside the leader near the 1000m.

**Warrawillah** – began awkwardly and lost ground. Near 1100m was hampered and carried wider by *Sugarland Express*, which shifted out.

**Mist On Monaro** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

**RACE 2: Great Northern On Tap Maiden Plate 1350m**

**Erudition** – on jumping was bumped by *Whitsunday*, which was taken in by *Dominica*. When questioned regarding his riding, J Collett stated that he was instructed to obtain cover on the filly and, after beginning well and obtaining a position outside the leader *Vaulter*, he allowed *Onemoreforluck* to cross his mount near the 1000m in order to comply with his instructions. He said his mount travelled well throughout the middle stages despite the slow tempo, however, from the 600m was held up inside the heels of *Whitsunday* and then continued to be held up when *McMahon* improved to the outside of his mount near the 500m. He added that he was not able to obtain clear running until rounding the home turn when *Whitsunday* shifted out and **Erudition** found the line strongly. J Collett further stated he felt his mount was not suited by being held up from the 600m, as it did not allow it to build momentum prior to entering the short home straight.

**McMahon** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Rounding the home turn was carried wider by *Whitsunday*, which shifted out.

**Whitsunday** – laid out rounding the home turn. Approaching the 100m was inconvenienced when *McMahon* shifted in and near the 75m was again inconvenienced and raced in restricted room for a short distance when *Erudition* shifted out.

**Dominica** – when questioned, rider J Parr stated that, after beginning awkwardly, his mount did not show sufficient speed in the early stages to be with the leaders and he ultimately took up a position trailing the leader *Vaulter*. He said that the tempo throughout the early and

middle stages was slow and rounding the home turn he was unable to obtain clear running when *Vaulter* became under pressure. He added it was not until the 150m that his mount was in completely clear running, but it failed to quicken and was one-paced to the finish. J Parr further stated that in his opinion **Dominica** would be better suited in races over further distance and which are run at a more genuine tempo. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

### **RACE 3: Wyong Race Saturday July 14 – Book Now Class 1 & Maiden Plate 2100m**

**Kitty's Own** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages. Rider T Block will be spoken to regarding his whip use on the filly.

**Zedge** – when questioned regarding the performance, J Ford stated, after assuming a position towards the tail of the field, his mount was inclined to race a little keenly and when the tempo slackened from the 1200m he shifted to the outside of *She Excites* with the intention of improving into the race. He said when he shifted to the outside of *She Excites* his mount commenced to hang in severely and lost ground. He added that for some distance after the 1000m he continued to fight his mount in order to prevent it shifting in and causing interference to *Kitty's Own*, which was positioned to his inside and after the 800m his mount shifted towards the running rail despite his efforts. J Ford further stated that his mount then continued to hang in severely and he did not test it for the remainder of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be 1/5 lame in the near-foreleg. Trainer Mr J Attard advised that he will now consult with the connections before determining the mare's racing future. Mr Attard was told that he would be required to furnish a veterinary clearance prior to **Zedge** trialling to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

### **RACE 4: Carlton Draught Wyong Gold Cup Friday August 31 Fillies – Mares Maiden Handicap 1100m**

**Star Statement** - the filly was declared a late withdrawal at 1.51pm acting on veterinary advice after the filly lunged forward in its barrier and struck its head, where it dislodged a tooth and sustained an injury to its jaw. The Stewards ruled that all monies invested on **Star Statement** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 1.51pm be subject to the following deductions in the face value of each ticket:

1<sup>st</sup> *Take To Heart* 0 cents win 10 cents place

2<sup>nd</sup> *Age Of War* 7 cents place

Trainer Mr J Attard was advised he would be required to furnish a veterinary clearance prior to **Star Statement** trialling to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

**Lohan Princess** – on jumping was severely checked when badly crowded between *Fine Behind* and *Vainity*, which began awkwardly and shifted in abruptly.

**Fine Behind** – on jumping was bumped on the hindquarter by *Lohan Princess* and became unbalanced.

**Vainity** – when questioned regarding the performance, rider B Shinn stated that, although caught wide throughout the event, his mount travelled comfortably off the slow tempo. He said, however, when he asked his mount to improve from the 400m it quickly became under pressure and was disappointing in that it was one-paced in the run to the finish. He said in his opinion **Vainity** would be better suited over further distance and may also appreciate the addition of blinkers. When questioned as to whether there was an opportunity to cross *Fine Behind* in the early stages and race outside the leader *Age Of War*, B Shinn stated that he had

considered doing so, however, as his mount was travelling comfortably and as he felt if he had improved outside *Fine Behind* and attempted to cross that runner it would have held its position to his inside and made his mount work excessively, he elected to remain racing wide and without cover. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**RACE 5: Ladies Day Sunday August 26 – Book Now Benchmark 60 Handicap 1100m Peggy’s Cove – slow to begin.**

**Courtly** – slow to begin.

**Shalama** – slow to begin. Laid in under pressure over the final 150m, obliging its rider to stop riding and straighten passing the 100m.

**Soul Revival** – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

**Stradance** – near the 600m had to be steadied away from the heels of *The Brown One*.

**Mr Tindall** – near the 400m, when inclined to lay in, was steadied away from the heels of *The Brown One*, which shifted out slightly. **Mr Tindall** continued to lay in for the remainder of the event.

**Bombarding** – laid out rounding the home turn.

**RACE 6: Membership At Wyong Only \$55 Colts – Geldings – Entires Class 2 Handicap 1350m**

**Cuba** – shifted its near-fore plate in the tie-up stalls and had to be replated. **Cuba** was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer on arrival at the barriers and deemed suitable to race. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted on the gelding, App. P Scorse stated that he was instructed to lead on the gelding today and, after beginning well, he rode it along and was able to assume the lead in the early stages. Trainer Mr J Thompson will be interviewed regarding the apparent change in riding tactics.

**Anthony’s Best** - shifted its near-hind plate in the tie-up stalls and had to be replated. **Anthony’s Best** was examined by the Club's Veterinary Officer on arrival at the barriers and deemed suitable to race. Slow to begin.

**Clifton County** – slow to begin. When the pace slackened approaching the 1100m improved onto the heels of *Impavido* and had to be steadied.

**Final Frontier** – slow to begin. When the pace slackened approaching the 1100m improved onto the heels of *Neretva* and had to be steadied. Raced wide and without cover from the 600m.

**Impavido** – slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance, App. J Van Overmeire stated, after being slow to begin, his mount settled towards the rear of the field, as is the gelding's customary racing pattern. He said that when the tempo was slow throughout the early stages he shifted his mount to the outside of *Final Frontier* near the 700m and attempted to improve into the race. He added, however, when *Final Frontier*, then shifted out shortly after and carried his mount four wide, he did not feel that it would be in the interests of

his mount to continue to improve this wide, particularly given that it was first up today and was carrying significant weight. App. Van Overmeire further stated that he then elected to obtain cover trailing *Final Frontier* from the 500m, however, his mount became immediately under pressure and was disappointing in the manner in which it weakened over the final 400m. He added that in his opinion **Impavido** would derive fitness benefit from today's run and would also appreciate races over further distance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Neretva** – overraced throughout the early and middle stages.

**RACE 7: Wyong Farmers Markets Every 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month Colts – Geldings – Entires Maiden 1100m**

**McGoo** – a veterinary examination of the gelding, which became fractious after being loaded into the barriers, deemed it suitable to race. Slow to begin and then, despite being ridden along in the early stages, failed to muster speed and lost touch with the field.

**The Sprooker** – began awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be slow to recover.

**Mr Costigan** – began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Test Of War*. Over the final strides was unable to be ridden out when held up on the heels of *Test Of War*.

**Lucky Machu** – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Uncle Sam** – approaching the winning post laid in and made contact with the running rail and as a consequence was unable to be fully ridden out over the final stride of the race.

**RACE 8: Wyong Race Club Function Centre Bookings Ph-43521083 Fillies – Mares Class 2 Handicap 1350m**

**Duchess Royale** – as App. B Ryan was indisposed due to illness, Stewards permitted App. J Duggan to be substituted as the rider of the mare.

**Savona Sunset** – slow to begin. Overraced in the middle stages. Rounding the home turn when held up had to be checked away from the heels of *Maid Marilyn*. **Savona Sunset** was then able to obtain clear running near the 200m.

**Kandy** – slow to begin. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

**Envision** – slow to begin.

**Maid Marilyn** – when questioned regarding the performance, App. Q Krogh stated that he was able to obtain the lead in the early stages as instructed, where his mount travelled well. He said that he attempted to increase the tempo after the 600m and was concerned that his mount showed limited response. He said that when headed by *Tycoon Street* from the 400m his mount became under heavy pressure and was disappointing in the manner in which it weakened from that point. App. Krogh added that in his opinion **Maid Marilyn** was not suited carrying a heavy weight on today's soft track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Zither** – when questioned regarding the performance, rider J Collett stated that he had been instructed to settle in a prominent position, however, when his mount was slow to begin and failed to muster any speed in the early stages despite being ridden along, as a consequence it settled much further back than anticipated. He said that his mount never travelled well at any stage of the event, hung in throughout and as a consequence weakened when placed under pressure from as far out as the 500m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

### GENERAL:

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Dossier, Rock Sonic (2), Packing Heat, Warrawillah.

Race 2: Erudition.

Race 3: Kitty's Own, Raw Emotion.

Race 4: Age Of War.

Race 5: The Brown One.

Race 7: Stunned.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 3: <i>Zedge</i> (trainer J Attard) – 1/5 lame near-foreleg. Race 4: <i>Star Statement</i> (trainer J Attard) – barrier manners.
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 3: <i>Zedge</i> (trainer J Attard) – 1/5 lame near-foreleg. Race 4: <i>Star Statement</i> (trainer J Attard) – dislodged a tooth and sustained an injury to the jaw.
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Tactics Notified:</b>	Race 1: <i>Warrawillah</i> – to be ridden further forward with intention to lead; settled midfield. Race 3: <i>Raw Emotion</i> – to be ridden further forward; settled on pace. <i>She Excites</i> – to be ridden further forward; settled on pace. Race 8: <i>Dual Escape</i> – to be ridden further forward; settled on pace.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	Race 3: <i>Whitsunday</i> – navy blue, white hoops, yellow sleeves. Race 6: <i>Anthony's Best</i> – Racing NSW colours.
<b>Change of Gear:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Race 3: T Block ( <i>Kitty's Own</i> ) – whip use. Race 6: Trainer J Thompson ( <i>Cuba</i> ) – change in tactics.