

STEWARDS REPORT

Gulgong Turf Club GULGONG RACECOURSE

Sunday 10th June 2018

Weather: Overcast.
Track: Soft (5).
Rail: True.

STEWARDS: S.P. Fitzgerald (Chairman) & I.H. Grimes.

Race 1: Maiden Handicap 1400m:

Consultant – steadied when hampered near the 1300m by *Magic Moa*.

Little Red Mondo – crowded on jumping; raced wide throughout.

Magic Moa – when questioned, rider J. Rogers stated his instructions were to have his mount in a prominent position and after beginning well he rode *Magic Moa* in an endeavour to comply with these instructions. He added near the 1300m, his mount commenced to race very ungenerously and hung both in and out and he was obliged to check *Magic Moa* to correct the gelding, where it lost ground and ultimately settled when ridden towards the second half of the field with cover. He added his mount travelled well thereon however never truly handled the rain affected going. Trainer Mr. D. Consadine advised he had previously experimented with the approved racing gear of *Magic Moa* and would likely do so again in light of today's performance. He added he would now likely start *Magic Moa* at Walgett on Saturday 16th June 2018 and then look to step the gelding up to 1600m. He added today, he attributed the gelding's pre-race behaviour, where it was very fractious, to the fact it was racing at its home track; a warning was recorded against *Magic Moa*; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Platina – crowded on jumping; steadied when hampered near the 1300m by *Magic Moa*; a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

She's a Joka – raced wide throughout.

Swooping Magpie – laid in under pressure in the straight; Ms. T. Jeffries, rider of *Platina*, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(a) (careless riding) in that over the final stages, she did permit her mount to shift in when not clear of *Swooping Magpie*, which was checked and lost its rightful running. Ms. T. Jeffries license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 17th June 2018 and to expire on Saturday 23rd June 2018, on which day she may ride. This penalty was mitigated by Ms. T. Jeffries guilty plea and good record in relation to careless riding breaches, as well as the racing manners of both *Swooping Magpie*, which laid out and contributed to the incident.

Race 2: Maiden Plate 1000m:

Same Here – slow to begin; hung in approaching the home turn and under pressure in the straight.

Sergeant Reckless – slow to begin (2L).

Miss Arabica – hung in under pressure in the straight and near the 100m was checked after hanging in across the heels of Haven't We All; Trainer Ms. J. Clement was advised a warning would be recorded against *Miss Arabica*, which hung in and proved difficult to ride.

Race 3: Benchmark 50 Handicap 1000m:

Hidden Chief – began awkwardly.

Maximoo – raced wide throughout.

Vixen Lass – laid out under pressure in the straight.

My Valore – slow to begin.

Unshinkable – steadied on straightening when *Naoko* was taken out by *Vixen Lass* (M. Hackett), which shifted out. M. Hackett was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

Race 4: Class 2 Handicap 1200m:

Beale Street – steadied near the 900m when *Sasogenes* (D. Pitomac) shifted in when not clear; D. Pitomac was reprimanded (AR137(a)); steadied near the 700m when *Sasogenes* (D. Pitomac) shifted in when not clear. D. Pitomac was reprimanded (AR137(a)); steadied and shifted out near the 400m after improving on to the heels of the weakening *Poet's Spirit*.

Bon Honour - slow to begin.

Race 5: Gulgong Cup 1200m:

Desert Marshall – overraced in the early and middle stages.

Final Trick – rider App. Ms. A Skerritt reported her mount travelled fairly throughout the event however failed to handle the rain affected going from the 500m onwards; a post-race veterinary examination revealed a slow recovery rate. Trainer Mr. M. Kearney advised *Final Trick* would now be retired.

Rehanaat – raced wide throughout.

Long Lasting – a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any significant abnormalities.

Hour of Peril – late withdrawal at 3.30pm acting on veterinary advice after the gelding got its leg caught in the rear barrier gates. Stewards subsequently ordered all monies wagered on *Hour of Peril* be refunded in full and all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 3.30pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

First: *More Than Art* – less 1 cent win and 5 cents place;

Second: *Attalea* – less 4 cents place.

Trainer Mr. L. Desreux was advised a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to *Hour of Peril* racing again.

Race 6: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1800m:

Dream in Colour – raced wide throughout.

Laugharne – B. Cray was fined \$200 (AR137(b)) for failing to ride his mount out fully to the finishing line.

Olive Beauty – shortly after the start was steadied when *Killer Miller* (J. Rogers) shifted in when not clear. J. Rogers was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

General:

App A. Skerritt was fined \$50 (LR68) for failing to produce a letter of authority in the absence of her master. App. A. Skerritt was reprimanded (AR92(10)) for failing to produce her apprentice winning rides book prior to weighing out for race one.

Samples were obtained from **all** winners.

SUMMARY

Fines:	General: App. A. Skerritt - \$50 LR68 – failed to produce letter of authority. Race 6: B. Cray - \$200 AR137(b) – failed to ride mount to line.
Reprimands:	General: App. A. Skerritt – AR92(10) – failed to produce Apprentice Book. Race 3: M. Hackett – AR137(a) – careless riding. Race 4: D. Pitomac – AR137(a) – careless riding. Race 4: D. Pitomac – AR137(a) – careless riding. Race 6: J. Rogers – AR137(a) – careless riding.
Suspensions:	Race 1: T. Jeffries – AR137(a) – suspended 17/6/18-23/6/18, on which day she may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 5: <i>Hour of Peril</i> (Trainer L. Desreux) – late withdrawal.
Warnings:	Race 1: <i>Magic Moa</i> (Trainer D. Consadine) – raced ungenerously. Race 2: <i>Miss Arabica</i> (Trainer J. Clement) – hung in.
Trials:	Nil.
Change of tactics:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.