

STEWARDS' REPORT
Goulburn and District Racing Club
GOULBURN RACECOURSE

Thursday 14 March 2019

Prior to the running of Race 1, lightning and thunder was observed and heard within the 10km radius of the racecourse which resulted in an initial indefinite delay to the racing programme.

Heavy rain, lightning, thunder and hail were also experienced which resulted in surface water on the course proper, most particularly on an area after the winning post which was largely due to run off. Following the first inspection of the surface by Stewards and a delegation of riders, a re-inspection of the track took place at 3:00pm to ascertain the rate of run-off and absorption of surface water with a view to determining whether the surface would be safe for racing. However, due to the persistence of surface water on the course proper, along with some hail and a lightning strike at the time of that inspection within the 10km radius of the track, and the necessity for additional delay in any case, conditions were deemed to be unsafe for racing to continue and the racemeeting was postponed at 3:00pm (no racing that day) and subsequently formally abandoned.

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