

## **Stewards Investigation/ Hearing Report**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Date of Hearing: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
Venue of Hearing: Sandown Greyhound Racing Club  
Name: Mr Robert Cunningham  
Track: Healesville GRC  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Greyhound: Karthikeyan  
GAR: 86(o)  
Offence: Left the track without Steward's permission.  
Officiating Stewards: R. Matthews and S. Todman.

### **REPORT**

Stewards on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015, conducted an inquiry into the circumstances why Mr Robert Cunningham left the Healesville Greyhound Club's race meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015, when stewards required his greyhound "Karthikeyan" to be re-vetted following its run in race 6.

Stewards heard evidence from GRV steward Ms C. Gent who also provided information from a statement taken from Healesville GRV staff member Mr B. Smith, which was taken on the day. After hearing the evidence, Stewards charged Mr Cunningham in breach of GAR 86(o) in that he left the Healesville Greyhound Racing Club meeting without gaining stewards permission, which in the opinion of Stewards was negligent.

Mr Cunningham pleaded guilty to the charge.

Stewards found Mr Cunningham guilty as charged and fined him \$200, which was wholly suspended for 12 months pending no further breach of a similar offence.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration the personal circumstances in which Mr Cunningham chose not return to the course after speaking to the officiating Stewards on the day via phone. Mr Cunningham's long participation in the industry with no breach of any offences.

The greyhound Karthikeyan was presented by Mr Cunningham at the Cranbourne GRV meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and was found to be injured and was stood down from racing for 5 days.

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**Glenn Fish – Chief Steward**

*NB: Steward Investigation/Hearing decisions are subject to Appeal under the Rules of Greyhound Racing.*

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