

## Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023**

Date of Hearing: Thursday 22nd June 2023  
Venue of Hearing: Mobile phone  
Name: Mr Michael BOWERMAN  
Date of offence: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 & 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

Rule: **Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 156(w) x 2**

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mr Chris GAWNE and Mr Dylan BARTOLO

### **REPORT**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Mr Michael BOWERMAN concerning a social media post on Aussie Greyhound Forum posted on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and that he had an expired Establishment Health Management Plan (EHMP) for his registered kennel address.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023, Investigative Stewards held a Stewards Hearing with Mr BOWERMAN relating to two (2) charges as follows:

### **CHARGE 1**

#### ***Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 156(W)***

Failing to comply with a policy or code of practice adopted by the controlling body. Breach of GRV Social Media Policy.

### **CHARGE 2**

#### ***Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 156(W)***

Failing to comply with a policy or code of practice adopted by the controlling body. Expired EHMP.

Mr BOWERMAN pleaded guilty to both charges.

Investigative Stewards found both charges proven and imposed the following penalty.

### **PENALTY**

#### **Charge 1**

Fined \$500 with \$250 suspended for 12 months

#### **Charge 2**

Fined \$250 wholly suspended for 12 months

In determining penalty, Investigative Stewards considered several factors namely:

- Mr BOWERMAN'S explanation concerning the incidents
- Mr BOWERMAN'S guilty pleas

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



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- Mr BOWERMAN'S prior history
- Mr BOWERMAN'S current financial circumstances
- The impact the experience of the social media post had on Mr BOWERMAN and his wife
- Specific and general deterrence

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