

## Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Date of Hearing: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2023  
Venue of Hearing: Via phone  
Name: Mr Stephen ELSUM  
Date of offence: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Rule: **Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 165(a)**

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

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mr Chris GAWNE and Mr Dylan BARTOLO

### **REPORT**

On 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Mr Stephen ELSUM considering matters relating to his conduct at Warrnambool Racetrack during trials on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and an expired Establishment Health Management Plan (EHMP).

On 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, Investigative Stewards held a Stewards Hearing with Mr ELSUM relating to two (2) charges as follows:

### **CHARGE 1**

#### ***Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 165(a)***

Related to his conduct at Warrnambool Racetrack on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

Mr ELSUM pleaded not guilty to the charge. The charge was proven.

### **CHARGE 2**

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

Relates to the operation of a GRV approved kennel without a valid EHMP as required by the Code of Practice for the Keeping of Racing Greyhounds.

Mr ELSUM pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge was proven.

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

### **PENALTY**

#### **Charge 1**

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

#### **Charge 2**

Official Warning issued.

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

In determining penalty, Investigative Stewards considered several factors namely:

- Evidence of independent witnesses
- Mr ELSUM'S explanation concerning the incident
- Mr ELSUM'S not guilty plea to charge 1
- Mr ELSUM'S prior history.
- Specific and general deterrence.



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