

Stewards Hearing Report

Date of Hearing: 1 January 2023
Venue of Hearing: Sandown Greyhound Racing Club
Name: Mr. Trevor Whitford
Rule: **GAR 165 (a)**

Offence: Engaged in conduct that was detrimental and/or prejudicial to the image and control of greyhound racing by speaking in an aggressive, loud, and hostile manner toward Stewards whilst in the wash bay/kennel block area and in the Stewards Room.

Officiating Stewards: Mr. Max Hayden-Evans & Mr. Scott Sutton

REPORT

On Sunday 1 January 2023, GRV Stewards finalised an inquiry into the conduct of licensed person Mr. Trevor Whitford after he was requested to have the greyhound 'Mt. View Jett' examined by the On-Track Veterinarian following the running of Race 3 at Traralgon on 24 October 2022.

Stewards heard evidence from Trainer Mr. Trevor Whitford and Steward Mr. Joshua Goldenberg. After considering all the evidence, Mr. Whitford was issued with a charge under GAR 165 (a);

GAR 165 - Conduct detrimental to the interests of greyhound racing. An offence is committed if a person (including an official): (a) commits or omits to do any act or engages in conduct which is in any way detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing;

The particulars being that at the Traralgon Greyhound Racing Club on 24 October 2022, Mr Whitford conducted himself in a manner that was detrimental and/or prejudicial to the image and/or control of greyhound racing by speaking in a loud and hostile manner in the wash bay towards Stewards when being directed to have his greyhound examined, and then made further remarks in the kennel area and Stewards Room whilst in the presence of Stewards and other registered participants.

Mr. Whitford pleaded guilty to the charge. After considering submissions on penalty, the Stewards issued Mr. Whitford with a fine of \$500 for the offence, with half suspended for 24 months, pending no further behaviour related offences during this time.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into consideration:

- Mr. Whitford's antecedence and record with GRV.
- The remorse Mr. Whitford had shown following the incident.
- General and specific deterrence.
- The circumstances surrounding the commission of the offence

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