

## Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

**Monday 20 May 2024**

Date of Hearing: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2024  
Venue of Hearing: Geelong Greyhound Racing Club – Stewards Room  
Name: Ms Anita Gibbons  
Date of offence: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2024

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

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

Officiating Chairman: Mr Dylan Bartolo  
Investigative Steward: Mr Mark Solanakis

### **REPORT**

On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Ms Anita Gibbons considering two (2) charges relating to the inappropriate use of a carriage service which was detrimental to the interest, image and control of Greyhound Racing and a breach of the GRV Social Media Guidelines. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 Ms Gibbons has used a carriage service to send a text message which contained threatening language towards another GRV participant. Ms Gibbons expressed sincere remorse for her actions and expressed that her conduct was out of character.

On Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2024, Chairman Mr Dylan Bartolo held a Stewards Hearing with Ms Gibbons relating to the abovementioned charges. Ms Gibbons entered a plea of guilty to both charges.

The charges are as follows:

### **CHARGE 1**

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

Relates to a single text message Ms Gibbons sent on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 to a GRV participant which contained threatening language.

Ms Gibbons pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge was found proven.

### **CHARGE 2**

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

Relates to a text message sent on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 to a GRV participant where its content was in breach of the GRV Social Media Guidelines, namely by; *Containing abuse and/or inappropriate comments.*

Ms Gibbons pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge was found proven.

**PENALTY**

**Charge 1**


- \$500 fine (\$250 wholly suspended for 12 months).

**Charge 2**

- \$500 fine (\$250 wholly suspended for 12 months).

In determining penalty, the Chairman considered several factors namely:

- Ms Gibbons time spent in the Greyhound Racing Industry and the circumstances of the breach(es).
- Ms Gibbons guilty plea and cooperation during the investigation.
- Ms Gibbons prior history.
- Specific and general deterrence.



**Mr Dylan Bartolo**  
Investigative Steward  
**GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA**