

## Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Date of Hearing: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2024  
Venue of Hearing: Greyhound Racing Victoria Head Office – Remote  
Name: Mr John Macri  
Date of offence: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2024

Rule: **Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 24 (1)**

Officiating Chairman: Mr Dylan Bartolo

### **REPORT**

On Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2024, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Mr John Macri relating to the rehoming of greyhound ACCOUNTANT (NJFTN), who was at the time a greyhound owned by Mr John Macri. The greyhound left the care of the owner, and was subsequently adopted to a third-party, without being sterilised by a veterinarian. The civilian third-party adopting ACCOUNTANT (NJFTN) engaged in alleged deceptive conduct that the chairman accepted to be true and proved to be a mitigating factor in this investigation.

On Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2024, Chairman Mr Dylan Bartolo held a Stewards Hearing with Mr John Macri relating to the abovementioned charge. Mr John Macri entered a plea of not guilty to the charge. Mr Macri made the Chairman aware of additional evidence that he indicated he would rely on that wasn't readily available for consideration. As a result, the Stewards Hearing was adjourned.

On Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2024, Chairman Mr Dylan Bartolo recalled the Stewards Hearing. The additional evidence was presented, and corroborated Mr Macri's position.

The charges are as follows:

### **CHARGE 1**

#### ***Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 24 (1)***

Unless a greyhound is being accepted by an adoption agency approved by a Controlling Body that undertakes sterilisation, the owner or person responsible for the greyhound at the time of such retirement as a pet must ensure that the greyhound has been surgically sterilised by a veterinarian before allowing the greyhound to leave their care and custody, except where a veterinarian certifies after examining that greyhound, to the satisfaction of a Controlling Body, that being surgically sterilised would be detrimental to its welfare.

Mr Macri pleaded not guilty to the charge. The charge was found proven.

### **PENALTY**

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

**Charge 1**

- \$200 fine (\$200 wholly suspended for 12 months).

In determining penalty, the Chairman considered several factors namely:

- Mr John Macri's not guilty plea and cooperation during the investigation.
- Mr Macri's prior history of compliance.
- Prompt series of events and actions Mr Macri took after realising an offence had occurred.
- Additional evidence presented corroborating Mr Macri's position.
- Specific and general deterrence.



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