

**STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT**  
**Canberra Racing Club Incorporated**  
**THOROUGHBRED PARK**

**Friday 9 May 2025**

Weather: Fine  
Track: Soft (5)  
Rail: Out 8m

J D Walshe (Chairman), G E V Hargraves, L J Martin, (Stewards), P Selmes (Starter), D Adams (Assistant Starter), S McMaster (Swab), P Toomey (Scales), Dr J Saltet (Veterinarian).

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**General:**

Licensed stablehand rider Mr G Roberts was fined the sum of \$200 under AR113 in that, on the morning of 5 May 2025, he was found to have used his mobile phone at Thoroughbred Park whilst mounted.

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**RACE 1: Tooheys Handicap 1200m**

**Agent Moon** – Due to a misunderstanding concerning the declaration of C Lever as the rider of the gelding, which was second emergency, and when he was unable to ride it at the weight, Stewards permitted Q Krogh to be substituted as the rider.

**Kenyan Charm** – Was crowded on jumping by Merchant Reign which shifted out and had to be steadied when taken out onto the heels of Agent Moon. Was held up rounding the home turn. Was held up for clear running until passing the 250m.

**Merchant Reign** – Raced four-wide throughout. When questioned, rider R Bensley explained that his mount hung in inside the final 100m and close to the line he was unable to fully test it due to its racing manners. Whilst Stewards noted the comments of R Bensley he was nevertheless reminded of his obligation to fully test his mounts where possible.

**Field Agent** – Shifted in at the start and bumped Into The Fire. Raced three-wide throughout. On return to scale rider app Ms T Martin advised that she was obliged to make some use of her mount to go forward early and also as a consequence of her mount being obliged to cover ground, it was left without a finishing effort.

**Roc The Wolf** – Kicked out at the rear gates just prior to the start being effected and began awkwardly and made contact with the hindquarter of Santorini Sun which simultaneously shifted out.

**Into The Fire** – On jumping was bumped by Field Agent which shifted in and in turn was taken in onto Diamond Ridge.

**Diamond Ridge** – On jumping had to be restrained when badly crowded between Heavenly Legend and Into The Fire which was taken in by Field Agent. Rounding the home turn was held up when unable to improve through restricted running between Love Of Air and Field Agent.

**Heavenly Legend** – On jumping shifted out and made contact with Diamond Ridge and was then taken in soon after by Diamond Ridge which was taken in when crowded.

**Santorini Sun** – Began awkwardly and shifted out and was simultaneously contacted on the hindquarter by Roc The Wolf which shifted in.

**Love Of Air** – App J Barrett (*Heavenly Legend*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that passing the 250m he permitted his mount to shift out whilst riding it along when insufficiently clear of Love Of Air which was badly crowded between Diamond Ridge and Heavenly Legend and ultimately lost its rightful running and had to be checked. App J Barrett's permit to ride in races was suspended for the day only of 16 May 2025 after taking into consideration all matters of mitigation including that he had not incurred a suspension for over twelve months. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have a poor recovery rate. Stable representative Ms S Murphy was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the mare being permitted to race again.

#### **RACE 2: Polytrack Plate 1600m**

**Dark Stratum** - Rider B McDougall was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Began awkwardly and was crowded soon after by Wild Sensation which shifted in. Raced three-wide throughout.

**Spritzzy Lass** – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider J Van Overmeire advised that his mount in his view did not appreciate the shifty track conditions and weakened in the run to the line and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality.

**Doc March** – Slow to begin.

**Wild Sensation** – Over-raced when being restrained for cover behind Spritzzy Lass and continued to over-race throughout the middle stages.

**Bound To Fire** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying a case of the thumps.

#### **RACE 3: Thoroughbred Park Function Centre Handicap 1300m**

**Catonahotinroof** – Correct weight was delayed to enabling Stewards to hear an application made by stable foreperson Mr M McCudden to have the filly declared a non-runner on the grounds of being denied a fair start. The application was denied and correct weight declared on the Judge's placings when the evidence showed that the filly became fractious just prior to the start being effected and its behaviour was the singular cause of it missing the start by

7 lengths. Mr McCudden was subsequently told that the filly would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again. Passing the 100m made contact with Faceoff due to both runners shifting ground.

**Faceoff** – Passing the 100m made contact with Catonahotinroof due to both runners shifting ground.

**Capital Babe** – Was contacted on jumping by Princessa which shifted out. Was held up rounding the home turn and until passing the 200m and passing the 250m had to be eased from the heels of Catonahotinroof (A Adkins) which shifted out when not quite clear. A Adkins was advised to exercise more care. Inside the final 100m was unable to be fully tested when unable to establish a run between Taxonomy and Catonahotinroof which shifted out under pressure.

**Princessa** – Shifted out at the start and made contact with Capital Babe.

**Celestial Breeze** – When questioned, rider J Van Overmeire advised that he was not instructed to lead but from his wide gate and after beginning well and to avoid being trapped wide, he allowed his mount to take up the more prominent position.

**Malbork Castle** – Was contacted on jumping by Taxonomy which shifted in. Was held up rounding the home turn.

**Taxonomy** – Shifted in at the start and made contact with Malbork Castle.

#### **RACE 4: John McGrath Auto Group Handicap 2000m**

**Poker Dice** – Was slow to begin (2L).

**Final Comment** – Bounded on jumping.

**Tillman** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**Sir Lunchalots** – Pulled hard in the early and middle stages.

**Western Front** – A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which was obliged to race three-wide throughout, did not reveal any abnormality. Stable representative Ms S Murphy advised that the gelding would now be retired from racing and on this assurance no further action was warranted.

**Unowho** – When questioned, rider S Guymer advised that his mount made the 1400m crossing awkwardly but nevertheless travelled well until passing the 1000m. He added at this point he commenced to urge his mount along however it did not respond to his riding and he suspected at this point that there may be something amiss with his mount. He added however that rounding the home turn his mount became uncomfortable in its action and as it appeared to have a lameness issue, he eased his mount down in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in its off-foreleg (grade 4/5). Trainer Mrs N Jarvis was asked to provide an update following a diagnostic examination of the gelding's injury but

was told that in the least, a veterinary clearance would be required before the gelding would be permitted to race again.

**RACE 5: Hops & Hooves Festival 27 September Handicap 1000m**

**Dubai Oak** - Rider B McDougall was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

**Magic Forest** – Trainer Mr W Hudd was fined the sum of \$100 under AR106 for presenting the filly to race without its tongue-tie.

**Bounty By Knight** – Bumped on jumping with Oh What A Knight.

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**Serial Offender** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**Callenem Thru** – Began awkwardly, shifted in and contacted Here Comes Hogan.

**Here Come Hogan** – Shifted in and bumped Dubai Oak and soon after was contacted by Callenem Thru which shifted in.

**RACE 6: TAB Federal 1000m**

**King Gutho** – As J Kissick was indisposed, Stewards permitted Ms A Collett to be substituted as the rider of the gelding.

**Wegotabettahoffa** – Slow to begin. Rider app J Barrett was reprimanded under AR132(6)(c) regarding the use of his whip on his mount when it was out of contention.

**Fangela** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**Tap 'N' Run** – Was unable to obtain completely clear running for some distance on straightening.

**Premosphere** – Rider Q Kroghy was questioned regarding his riding after the 200m and why after obtaining the available run between Major Time and Fangela his mount shifted behind Fangela where it was then held up on the heels of that runner when King Gutho then made ground to the outside of Fangela. Q Krogh advised that after establishing the run after the 200m between Major Time and Fangela his mount then laid out under pressure and shifted out behind Fangela. Q Krogh agreed with Stewards in that he had erred in that, when it was apparent that his mount was laying out, he should have desisted with his use of the whip in the right hand and corrected his mount to maintain its line between runners where his mount was assured clear running.

### **RACE 7: TAB Same Race Multi Plate 1000m**

**Capital Letters** – The explanation tendered by trainer Mr P Murray for the late scratching of the second emergency at 8:18am, was accepted by Stewards.

**Starzzaborn** – Sustained numerous superficial wounds and a deeper laceration to its off-hind heel bulb and was a late scratching on veterinary advice at 12:50pm. Trainer Ms M Teale was told that she would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the filly's next race start.

**Octa De Lago** - On arrival at the start rider B McDougall expressed concern regarding his mount's action. The gelding was subsequently examined by the Club's veterinary officer and found to be lame (grade 3/5) in its off-foreleg and was a late withdrawal at 4:43pm. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Octa De Lago be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 4:43pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

*1<sup>st</sup>: **Vinniro**: 24c win and 12c place*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: **Mal Coupe**: 21c place*

*3<sup>r</sup>: **Lockhart**: 20c place*

Trainer Mr R Litt was told that whilst the veterinary officer had subsequently observed the gelding to be milder in its lameness upon return to the tie-up stall area after the race, that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

**Playful Puzzle** – Slow to begin. Trainer Mr J Ible was fined the sum of \$50 under AR65 for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the filly.

**Consorting One** – Slow to begin. Was held up until passing the 250m and passing the 150m was disappointed for a run between Suncone and Bardette which shifted in.

**Istoria Girl** – Raced three-wide throughout.

**Suncone** – Raced four-wide throughout.

### **Summary of whip use:**

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR132(7)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Ms W Costin (Call Me Artie)</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m
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### **Swabs:**

Swab samples were obtained from all winners:

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<p><b>General:</b> Stablehand rider Mr G Roberts (AR113) - \$200 – Use of mobile phone whilst mounted.</p> <p><b>Race 5:</b> Trainer Mr W Hudd (<b>Magic Forest</b>) – (AR106) - \$100 – Incorrect gear.</p> <p><b>Race 7:</b> Trainer Mr J Ible (<b>Playful Puzzle</b>) – (AR65) - \$50 – No TIC.</p>
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<p><b>Race 5:</b> App J Barrett (<b>Bounty By Knight</b>) - AR131(a) – Careless riding.</p> <p><b>Race 6:</b> App J Barrett (<b>Wegotabettahoffa</b>) – (AR132(6)(c)) – Use of whip on mount out of contention.</p>
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 1:</b> App J Barrett ( <b>Heavenly Legend</b> ) - AR131(a) – Careless riding. Permit to ride in races suspended 16/5/25 only.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil.
<b>Trials:</b>	<p><b>Race 3:</b> Catonahotinroof – Fractious and missed start (7L).</p> <p><b>Race 4:</b> Unowho – Lameness off-foreleg (grade 4/5).</p>
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	<p><b>Race 1:</b> Love Of Air – Poor recovery rate.</p> <p><b>Race 7:</b> Octa De Lago – Lameness off-foreleg (grade 3/5).</p> <p><b>Race 7:</b> Starzzaborn – Laceration to its off-hind heel bulb sustained en route to course and late scr.</p>
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<p><b>Race 1:</b> Kenyan Charm – White, black stars and sleeves, red cap.</p> <p><b>Race 5:</b> Magic Forest – Dark Blue, white horseshoe and sleeves.</p>
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.