

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 10th October 2025

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (5) (Upgraded to Good 4 at 2:40pm following the running of Race 3)

Rail: +9m

G E V Hargraves (Chairman), M F Vilo & B D Beasley, D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), K Tanner (Swab), J Dombroski (Scales), Dr J Laing (Veterinarian).

Supplementary Report:

Stewards today inquired into the reason why the un-named 2yo filly (Xtravagant – Mixed Blossom) was euthanised on 13 September 2025. Evidence was obtained from Trainer Mr. G. Vella who provided a veterinary report from Dr. H. Reeves, Bungendore Veterinary Surgery. Stable return records revealed the filly to have been in Mr Vella's stable for four days.

The evidence revealed that on the morning of 13 September 2025 after being saddled for morning work in the filly's stable at approx. 8.30am, that shortly after Mr Vella heard noises coming from the filly's stable which indicated that it may have been cast. Upon entering the stable Mr Vella noticed that the filly was attempting to get to its feet after it had apparently got down on its haunches. After getting to its feet the filly was unable to raise its head. On examination from Dr. Reeves a laceration was discovered on the poll of the filly's head. Further probing revealed the filly to have fractured the caudal portion of her skull which had then avulsed the approximately 10cm fragment further down the neck. The upper musculature of the neck and the nuchal ligament had been transected, and this was stopping the filly from raising its head.

Due to the head being down, the head was filling with fluid and breathing was becoming compromised. The decision was made to euthanise on welfare grounds.

As there was no evidence of any pre-existing condition which may have contributed to the injury, that matter was closed.

RACE 1: Millpost Farm Spelling Handicap 1000m

Oakeys Choice – When questioned regarding leading, rider J Ford stated after beginning extremely well from a wide barrier, rather than restraining his mount to find cover and risk being caught wide, he allowed the gelding to stride forward and assume the lead.

She's High Society – Slow to begin. Was held up rounding the home turn.

Picksix – Began awkwardly. Raced wide and without cover throughout the event.

Shelly's Ace – Raced three-wide and without cover in the early stages.

RACE 2: Cooma Monaro Legal Services Plate 1600m

Poker Flash – Began awkwardly, shifted in, contacted Tsarina Diamonds and lost ground.

The Stars Align – Stewards acceded to a late gear request from trainer R Litt to remove the cross-over noseband and apply blinkers. Trainer R. Litt was fined \$100 (AR206(2)).

Hustie – Slow to begin.

Tsarina Diamonds – Began awkwardly and contacted Poker Flash.

RACE 3: Glen Mia ACT Saddlery Handicap 2000m

Storm Park – When questioned, rider S Guyer stated that his intention was to obtain a more prominent position, however, on jumping his mount reared, lost ground and, as a consequence, settled further back than anticipated. He added that the gelding travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, however, near the 800m came under pressure and failed to respond to his riding. He added that he felt the gelding was disappointing in its finishing efforts. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities other than a minor abrasion to the near-side nostril.

Anulfa – Was held up rounding the home turn behind the tiring Vieste and unable to obtain clear running until approaching the 200m.

Pontiac – Began awkwardly.

RACE 4: Rosemary Lewis Birthday Celebrations Plate 1300m

Common Goal – Began awkwardly, shifted in and crowded Roonami. Stewards inquired into the reason why rider P Boudvillain was dislodged from the gelding passing the 800m. It was established that when racing keenly three-wide to the outside of Wolf Island which was also racing keenly due to the moderate pace, that passing the 800m Common Goal did lay in slightly away from Run Raymond Run which, when also racing keenly, had improved quickly to the outside. As a result, Common Goal clipped the heels of Wolf Island, blundered and as a consequence P Boudvillain became unbalanced and was dislodged. As Stewards were of the opinion that no rider fault could be attributed the inquiry was closed. P Boudvillain was cleared of any apparent injuries by the on-course paramedics however was stood down by Stewards, as a precaution, from his remaining engagement.

Run Raymond Run – Raced wide and without cover throughout the event. Over-raced throughout the early and middle stages.

Zoucat – Shifted out on jumping and crowded Roonami. When questioned regarding the race tempo slackening after crossing Wolf Island passing the 1000m, App C Keatings stated that she did not intentionally slow the tempo however after crossing Wolf Island her mount relaxed quickly underneath her which ultimately slowed the pace of the race. She added that in hindsight she should have made an effort to keep her mount rolling along therefore avoiding runners racing behind being disadvantaged.

Wolf Island – Passing the 1000m after being crossed by Zoucat began to race fiercely when the pace slackened and was shifted out after becoming awkward on heels of Zoucat. As a result, Common Goal was obliged to race three-wide. Lost its nearside front plate during running.

Roonami – On jumping was hampered when crowded between Zoucat which shifted out and Common Goal which began awkwardly and shifted in. Passing the 800m was hampered when attempting to avoid Common Goal after it blundered and dislodged its rider.

RACE 5: Peter Lewis Accountancy Services Handicap 1000m

Tyrone's Power – Began only fairly and soon after was bumped by Shaft Attack which shifted out.

Step Quick – When questioned regarding his mount settling back, rider B Owen stated that his intention was to ride the mare further forward. He added, however, that his mount was fractious in the barriers and, as a consequence, began awkwardly, lost ground, and settled further back than anticipated.

Imminent Grace – Began awkwardly. Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Shaft Attack – Began awkwardly, shifted out and bumped Tyrone's Power. Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

RACE 6: South East Rural Supplies Handicap 1000m

King Charles – Slow to begin.

Ditterich – Raced three-wide throughout.

Teylu – Raced wide and without cover throughout..

Destructive Diva – Held up rounding the home turn and had difficulty obtaining clear running until passing the 200m.

Ischyros – COT: Intention to be ridden more conservatively from a wide barrier. Slow to begin and settled back. Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early stages of the home straight.

Externus – Trainer J Hull was fined the sum of \$100 (LR35) for failing to declare J Penza as the rider of the gelding by the prescribed time. Shortly after the start when shifting in had to be steadied away from the heels of Teylu.

Russian Zarina – When questioned regarding leading, rider S Guymer stated that the instructions issued to him today were consistent with those provided when he had previously ridden the mare earlier in its preparation. He added that the mare has a tendency to begin only fairly, however, the good barrier draw today was advantageous and allowed him to obtain the lead.

Sparkingly – Was held up rounding the home turn. Had difficulty obtaining clear running until passing the 200m.

RACE 7: TAB Federal 1400m

Hot Bandit – Began awkwardly and contacted the off-side starting gate. Near the 1000m when the tempo slackened, commenced to over-race and when Bravissima, which was being restrained when also over-racing shifted out slightly, Hot Bandit improved into a tight position to the inside of Bravissima and had to be checked when that runner shifted back in. Continued to race keenly for a short distance thereafter. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider J Ford stated that after over-racing and suffering some interference in the early stages, his mount travelled comfortably enough thereafter given the moderate tempo of the race. He added the heavy impost may have been a contributing factor to its performance. He further added that Hot Bandit nevertheless closed off the event well given the circumstances.

Champions League – Passing the 900m when racing keenly had to be checked off the heels of Cyborg. When questioned rider App G Cahill stated that his mount was not suited by the moderate race tempo which resulted in a sprint to the finish. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Genetic Freak – App J Baker was warned against overly slowing the tempo once he had obtained the lead which led to several runners racing keenly and being restrained in the early stages.

Bravissima – Near the 1000m when over-racing, had to be checked from heels of Sass ‘N’ Cheek when the tempo slackened. Had difficulty obtaining clear running until inside the 100m. Close to the finish had to be restrained off the heels of Future Fund after being taken in by Rubi Air.

Rubi Air – After rider P Boudvillain was dislodged in Race 4 and subsequently stood down from his remaining engagements, Stewards permitted C Keatings to be substituted as the rider of the mare. Near the 1000m had to be restrained away from the heels of Bravissima which shifted out when being checked off the heels of Sass ‘N’ Cheek when the tempo slackened.

Cyborg – Raced keenly in the early stages when the race tempo slackened.

Missile Leader – After being fractious in the barriers, got its hind legs cast and after undergoing a veterinary examination was found to have abrasions to the off-hind leg and near-side hip. Acting on veterinary advice Missile Leader was subsequently declared a late scratching at 5:04pm. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Missile Leader be refunded in full and that the following deductions apply to bets placed prior to 5:04pm:

1st – Genetic Freak –	3¢ win, 3¢ place
2nd – Mathrin –	6¢ place
3rd – Future Fund –	5¢ place

Co-trainer Mr. K. Dryden was told that Missile Leader must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to being permitted to race again.

Race 8: Petstock Country Brindabella Handicap 1300m

Dooralong – When questioned, rider L Day stated that the gelding travelled well in the early and middle stages, however, on straightening when under pressure did not respond to her riding and was disappointing in its finishing efforts. She added that her mount gave her the impression it may have got its tongue over the bit. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

Zamauri – Approaching the 600m when racing wide and without cover, commenced to hang out and proved difficult to ride. Over the final stages, when racing greenly, shifted in abruptly and had to be steadied away from the heels of Dooralong.

Memphis Tennessee – Began awkwardly and lost ground. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Swabs:

Swab samples were obtained from all winners:

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 2: Trainer R Litt (The Stars Align) – (AR206(2)) - \$100 – Late gear change. Race 6: Trainer J Hull (Externus) – (LR35) - \$100 – Late rider.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 7: Missile Leader (trainer K Dryden) – Barrier manners.
Vet Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 4: Common Goal – P Boudvillain became unbalanced and dislodged when mount blundered. No apparent injuries.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.