

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 6 February 2026

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4)

Rail: Out 8m

J D Walshe (Chairman), G E V Hargraves, M F Vilo (Stewards), D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), K Tanner (Swab), Ms C Louttit (Scales), Dr J Saltet (Veterinarian).

RACE 1: Maree Van Arkell Real Estate Handicap 1000m

Ditterich – Raced three-wide throughout.

Rubi Air – Bumped on jumping with Vainstream.

Vainstream – Bumped on jumping with Rubi Air. Hung out for some distance after the 800m.

Violet And Blue – Passing the 600m improved close to the heels of Unravel and had to be restrained.

Giza – Passing the 700m was eased from the heels of Vainstream which hung out.

RACE 2: Ray Irwin Memorial Handicap 1000m

Nikita Zou – Trainer Mr L Pepper was fined the sum of \$50 under AR65 for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the filly. Shifted out at the start and bumped Sloopy Girl. Passing the 300m was tightened by Basilica which laid in and was corrected by its rider.

La Stiava – Raced three-wide throughout.

Trapeazy – Slow to begin.

Basilica – Slow to begin. Passing the 300m laid in and had to be corrected by its rider. Near the 500m was eased when tightened by Sloopy Girl which was taken in slightly by La Stiava.

Sloopy Girl – Was contacted on jumping by Nikita Zou which shifted out. Passing the 600m raced in restricted room between La Staiava and Union which laid out.

Union – Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with Flywire.

Flywire – On jumping was contacted by Union which shifted in.

RACE 3: Happy Birthday Macca Handicap 1600m

Tjaka – Was contacted on jumping by Snap Decision which shifted out.

Snap Decision – Was a little slow to begin and shifted out and made contact with Tjaka. Was held up for some distance passing the 250m. After the 100m had some difficulty improving into a narrow run between Ever Was which shifted in slightly and Ferrari Man. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted, rider N Heywood confirmed that last start at Wagga he had been instructed to take up a forward position and the gelding ultimately led. He said that today he was instructed to have his mount third or fourth given the speed in the race but if his mount did not begin positively he was given the option to settle further back. He said that when his mount began only fairly and from his wide draw he elected to settle his mount back in the field. Trainer Mr M Dale confirmed the instructions.

Ferrari Man – Raced keen in the middle stages.

Sir Tua – Was held up rounding the home turn and until the 100m.

Chebici – Was slow to begin. Passing the 50m was restrained when tightened for room to the inside of Sir Tua which was taken in by Ferrari Man which laid in away from Snap Decision after initially being taken in by that runner which improved into a narrow run. Was consequently not tested for the remainder of the race.

Flashy Icon – Raced three-wide throughout.

Ever Was – Was held up until the 200m.

RACE 4: Mane Lodge Spelling & Transport Handicap 1400m

The Bus – Trainer Mr L Pepper was fined the sum of \$100 under AR106 for presenting the gelding to race without its blinkers which were part of its approved racing gear. Over-raced in the middle stages. Trainer Mr L Pepper advised that the gelding, in light of today's performance, would be spelled.

RACE 5: Potter Personal Training Plate 2000m

Harlem Tickle – Raced three-wide throughout.

Stormzino – Was held up until the 400m.

Share Our Secret – Was contacted on jumping by Libertarian which shifted in.

Libertarian – Shifted in at the start and made contact with Share our Secret.

Sweet Twilight – Was held up approaching and rounding the home turn.

Vogelle – Was unsettled in the barriers prior to the start and bounded on jumping and lost ground. After the winning post upon pulling up, stepped sideways resulting in its rider Ms C Frater being dislodged and contacting her head on the ground. Ms Frater suffered a

concussion in the fall and was attended to by the Club's ambulance officers. Ms Frater was told that before being permitted to ride again, she would be required to provide a medical clearance and to undergo a satisfactory NSW cognitive test.

Doc March – Was held up until passing the 400m.

Torpedo Ted – A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Hard Grunt – App Ms J Brookes was spoken to and advised that in the middle stages of the race she should have made more effort to restrain her mount bearing in mind the very solid tempo that her mount was setting in the lead. App Ms J Brookes, represented by trainer Mr G Vella pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(5) in that she used her whip in an excessive manner on 20 occasions in totality including 14 occasions prior to the 100m. App Ms J Brooke's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 9 February 2026 and to expire on Monday 16 February 2026 on which day she may ride. In assessing penalty Steward's considered that this was her first breach of the whip Rules. Bearing in mind that app Ms J Brookes had also used the whip on 14 occasions prior to the 100m and on consecutive occasions, reprimands were also recorded under AR132(7)(a)(i) and AR132(7)(a)(ii) for those respective infringements.

RACE 6: Potter Racing Plate 1200m

Not So Wrong – Hampered on jumping by Pappa Blue which was taken out.

Pappa Blue – Was hampered on jumping by Eclater which shifted out after knuckling over.

Eclater – Knuckled badly on jumping and shifted out.

Wave Dancer – Raced three-wide throughout.

Deeply – Passing the 1000m after initially getting slightly inside the line joining the course proper, was checked when crowded by Redolent which was taken in by Zoufection which laid in after initially being taken in by Divine Secrets which was taken in by Red Light Rachel (Ms A McLucas) which shifted in initially before being corrected by its rider. In all circumstances Ms A McLucas was advised to exercise more care. Over-raced for some distance following this incident during the middle stages. Passing the 150m was only momentarily eased principally because of the speed in which Pappa Blue (T Sherry) was shifted out to continue into clear running when not clear of Deeply. In those circumstances T Sherry was only reprimanded under AR131(a) but told that he must ride with much greater care.

Redolent – Passing the 1000m was crowded and taken in by Zoufection which laid in after initially being taken in.

Zoufection - Passing the 1000m laid in after initially being taken in by Divine Secrets.

Divine Secrets - Passing the 1000m was taken in and placed in restricted room to the inside of Red Light Rachel which shifted in before being corrected.

Wild Romeo – Passing the 50m when weakening, shifted out making contact with Redolent which was unbalanced and as a consequence shifted in resulting in Wild Romeo having to be restrained when crowded by Redolent.

RACE 7: TAB Federal 1300m

Excessive Force – Rider P Boudvillain was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the policy. Near the 150m when attempting a narrow run to the inside of Mosgold was restrained when tightened by Mosgold which shifted in slightly. Passing the 100m was disappointed for a run to the inside of Mosgold and had to be shifted out to obtain clear running.

Tavolo – Rider D Budler was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Keikoku – Rider J Martin was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

County Kilkenny – As Ms C Frater was stood down after being injured in a fall following race 5, Stewards permitted B McDougall to be substituted as the rider of the gelding.

Love Shuck – On return to scale rider B Owen advised that he was instructed to take up a position further back in the field however after his mount began well and was initially trapped wide he elected to press forward to eventually take up a position outside the leader Mosgold.

Toes In The Water – Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout.

RACE 8: Mike Cramsie Memorial Handicap 1300m

Showtime Maggie – Rider P Boudvillain did not require the 1/2kg overweight sought in accordance with the policy. Public announcements were subsequently made. Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Shoreman – Rider B McDougall was permitted to ride his mount 1kg overweight in accordance with the policy.

Bulla Vinaka – Slow to begin. Raced three-wide throughout.

Mctominay – Over-raced in the middle stages when its rider eased for cover. When questioned, rider N Heywood advised that passing the 200m he felt that his mount may have been galloped on and after his mount had reacted and due to his concerns given his mount's action, he did not test it for the remainder of the event. A replay of the race appeared to support N Heywood's view when it appeared that Madame Fiocca improved onto the heels of Mctominay when it was disappointed for a run between the gelding and Bon Elton which was positioned to its inside. Rider H van Der Hoven was told that in similar circumstances he would be expected to restrain his mount sooner than he had when the run had been closing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have only, some hair missing from its off hock.

Showtime Maggie – Got its head down just prior to the start being effected and was slow to begin. Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Madame Fiocca – Began awkwardly, shifted out and lost ground. Was held up for clear running rounding the home turn. Passing the 200m was disappointed for a run between Bon Elton and Mctominay and had to be checked.

Swabs:

Swab samples were obtained from all winners.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 2: Trainer Mr L Pepper (Nikita Zou) – (AR65) - \$50 – No TIC. Race 4: Trainer Mr L Pepper (The Bus) – (AR106) - \$100 – Present incorrect gear.
Reprimands:	Race 5: App Ms J Brookes (Hard Grunt) (AR132(7)(a)(i)) – Consecutive whip use. Race 5: App Ms J Brookes (Hard Grunt) (AR132(7)(a)(ii)) – Excessive whip use (prior to the 100m). Race 6: T Sherry (Pappa Blue) (AR131(a)) – Careless riding.
Suspensions:	Race 5: App Ms J Brookes (Hard Grunt) (AR132(5)) – Excessive whip use (totality) – Permit to ride in races suspended 9/2/26 until 16/2/26, on which day she may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Vet Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 5: Rider Ms C Frater (Vogelle) – Dislodged and suffered a concussion. Medical clearance and RNSW cognitive test req.
Change of Colours:	Race 5: Sweet Twilight – White cap. Race 6: Red Light Rachel – Black cap.
Follow up:	Nil.