

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

## THOROUGHBRED PARK

Sunday 8 March 2026

Weather: Overcast  
Track: Soft (6); downgraded to Soft (7) at 12.52 p.m. retrospectively to include Race 1  
Rail: +3m entire

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

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### **RACE 1: TAB Federal Riharna Thomson Handicap 1000m:**

Following the running of this race, the track was downgraded to Soft (7) at 12.52 p.m. retrospectively to include this race.

**Pure Octane** – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance of **Pure Octane**, rider T. Berry advised that, after travelling 100 metres, his mount commenced to make respiratory noises, continued to do so and failed to respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be making respiratory noises with pharyngeal sensitivity. Trainer Mr L. Pepper was advised that prior to **Pure Octane** racing again, he would be required to provide the results of a full veterinary examination, including the satisfactory results of an endoscopic examination, prior to the gelding also having to perform satisfactorily in an official barrier trial before it would be permitted to race again.

**Trooper** – Began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with *Stormy Woo*.

**On The Fly** – A post-race veterinary examination of the filly, which was obliged to race three-wide throughout, did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Passing Through** – For some distance passing the 500m raced in restricted room to the inside of *Stormy Reign*, which had been taken in by *Show Rhythm*.

**Stormy Reign** – Passing the 500m had to be restrained from the heels of *Show Rhythm* (J. Taylor), which shifted in when not quite clear. J. Taylor was reprimanded under AR131(a).

**Travelon Dory** – Rider J. Martin was permitted to ride his mount 1 kilogram overweight, in accordance with the policy.

**RACE 2: Polytrack Handicap 1600m:**

**Toes In The Water** – Began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with *Miss Stalwart*. Overraced in the middle stages.

**Oneforian** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider T. Berry stated that his mount, which was stepping up in distance to 1600m today, had raced keenly in the middle stages and, as a consequence, weakened inside the final 200 metres. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Deepwater Artist** – On jumping was contacted by *Taytay Bay*, which shifted out, and soon after was contacted on a second occasion by that runner and, as a consequence, blundered. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted today and in respect to the gelding racing further forward, rider J. Penza advised that, whilst his mount received some interference at the start, when his mount was racing keenly in the early stages and was trapped wide, rather than fight it to take up a position back in the field, he allowed his mount to stride forward to assume the lead outside *Toes In The Water* passing the 1100m.

**Miss Stalwart** – Bumped on jumping by *Toes In The Water*, which shifted out. Overraced in the early and middle stages.

**Remadosi** – Slow to begin. Near the 200m was shifted in to continue into clear running.

**RACE 3: PFD Food Services Camarena Handicap 1000m:**

**Fangela** – Raced very wide throughout the event.

**One Destiny** – Passing the 700m had to be eased from the heels of *Metallic Ruler* (B. McDougall), which shifted in when not quite clear. B. McDougall was advised to exercise more care.

**Take The Rap** – Trainer Mr N. Gardner was advised that a warning would be recorded against the gelding, which proved fractious in the barriers and delayed the start.

**Kattegat** – Obligated to race four-wide throughout.

**Keikoku** – Briefly held up for some distance near the 200m.

**Major Time** – Obligated to race three-wide throughout.

**Cani Cancan** – Slow to begin.

**RACE 4: Inglis Xtra Bonus Maiden Plate 1300m:**

**Superata** – Held up rounding the home turn and until after the 200m.

**Billy Bowlegg** – The gelding, which became unsettled when being loaded onto its float, sustained an abrasion to its near fore fetlock and was a late scratching at 9.18 a.m.

**Makhachev** – On jumping was contacted by *Celestial Grace*.

**Your Chilli** – Passing the 1000m was momentarily crowded by *Celestial Grace*, which shifted in.

**Capital Babe** – Slow to begin. Held up for clear running between the 250m and the 200m.

**Rach** – Trainer Mr C. Waller, represented by Mr Z. Jones, was fined the sum of \$100 under LR35 for the late declaration of T. Clark as the rider of the mare. On return to scale, rider T. Clark advised that, from his wide draw, he was obliged to make significant use of his mount to find the lead and, as a consequence, his mount was left without a finishing effort. He added that, in his view, his mount also may not have been entirely comfortable on today's soft track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Celestial Grace** – On jumping shifted in and made contact with *Makhachev*.

**Pure Melody** – Obligated to race three-wide without cover throughout.

**Penalties** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying the thumps.

**RACE 5: Tooheys Canberra Guineas 1400m:**

**Watson** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have blood present at its left nostril. Stable representative Mr N. Paine was told that **Watson** would be required to perform a satisfactory 1000-metre gallop in the presence of Stewards prior to racing again.

**Rivendell** – Slow to begin.

**Transcend** – Rider T. Berry was permitted to ride his mount 1 kilogram overweight, in accordance with the policy. Slow to begin and was crowded soon after by *Rivendell*, which shifted in. Dipped passing the 500m. Held up over the concluding stages.

**Silver Touch** – A little slow to begin.

**RACE 6: Seears Workwear National Sprint 1400m:**

**Welwal** – Held up for some distance passing the 300m.

**Ducasse** – Obligated to race three-wide without cover throughout.

**Les Vampires** – Rider A. Hyeronimus required only ½ kilogram of his 1 kilogram overweight sought in accordance with the policy. Public notifications were subsequently made.

**Green Fly** – Slow to begin.

**War Eternal** – Rider J. Collett was permitted to ride his mount ½ kilogram overweight, in accordance with the policy. After the 100m was unable to be tested for a short

distance when placed in restricted room between *Magnatear* and *Ducasse*, both of which shifted slight ground.

**Hellsing** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider D. Gibbons advised that his mount began awkwardly, lost some ground and settled a little further back than had been hoped. He added that his mount subsequently ran home only fairly in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Suparazi** – Rider B. McDougall was permitted to ride his mount 1 kilogram overweight, in accordance with the policy.

**Associate** – Began awkwardly.

**RACE 7: John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes 1200m:**

**Music Time** – Laid in under pressure inside the final 100 metres. Rider P. Boudvillain was fined the sum of \$200 under AR131(c) for making a celebratory gesture prior to passing the winning post.

**Eviction Notice** – On jumping shifted out and made contact with *Pearl Of Dubai*. On return to scale, rider A. Hyeronimus could offer no excuse for his mount's disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Pearl Of Dubai** – On jumping was contacted by *Eviction Notice*, which shifted out.

**La Stiava** – Obligated to race three-wide without cover throughout.

**Give Her Strength** – After being loaded the filly became very fractious, reared up, lost balance and became cast for a significant length of time. **Give Her Strength** was declared a late scratching at 4.25 p.m. acting on veterinary advice. Stewards ruled that all moneys invested on **Give Her Strength** be refunded in full and that all successful wagers made prior to 4.25 p.m. be subject to the following cents in the dollar deductions from the face value of each ticket:

1<sup>st</sup> *Music Time* – 1 cent win, 1 cent place;

2<sup>nd</sup> *Pearl Of Dubai* – 1 cent place;

3<sup>rd</sup> *Threads* – 1 cent place.

Stable representative Ms A. Nairn was told that the filly would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards' satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

**Artaneous** – Trainer Mr B. Baker, represented by Mr L. Hilton, was fined the sum of \$50 under AR65 for failing to produce the thoroughbred identity card for the colt.

**Strollin' By** – The filly, which was observed to have a small amount of blood in its mouth upon arrival at the start, was examined by the club's veterinary officer and passed suitable to race.

**Boujee Gold** – Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Music Time*.

**RACE 8: TAB Centenary Canberra Cup 2000m:**

**Nellie Leylax** – Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with *Flying Bandit*.

**Flying Bandit** – On jumping was contacted by *Nellie Leylax*, which shifted in. Passing the 500m, when attempting to improve around the heels of *Pro Velocity*, had to be checked when disappointed for that run between *Pro Velocity*, which shifted out slightly, and *Knights Armour*, which was positioned to the outside of **Flying Bandit** and held that gelding tight. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider J. Ford advised that his mount was disadvantaged after receiving interference at the 500m but, nevertheless, proved disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding thereafter and, in his opinion, was not comfortable on the wearing soft track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Geemes** – Co-trainer Mr M. Beer was fined the sum of \$200 under LR35 for the late declaration of R. Bayliss as the rider of the mare. **Geemes** was slow to begin. Held up when rounding the home turn and until near the 200m where it was shifted out to obtain clear running.

**Burgundy Girl** – After passing the winning post on the first occasion the mare, which was inclined to overrace, had to be steadied from the heels of *Sam Hawkens* (D. Gibbons), which shifted in when not quite clear. D. Gibbons was advised to exercise more care. Over the concluding stages was crowded between *Nellie Leylax* and *Knights Armour*, which, after being taken in slightly by *Travolta*, shifted in and tightened the running of that mare.

**RACE 9: Sky Racing Plate 1300m:**

**Starinion** – Scrambled on jumping.

**Olufsen** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider D. Gibbons explained that his mount travelled particularly well between the 600m and the 400m, however, in the straight did not respond to his riding and, in his view, was uncomfortable on the soft track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Wolf Island** – Over-raced throughout the early and middle stages and was obliged to race very wide throughout. Hung in in the straight.

**Divine Secrets** – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Soho Sushi** – Stewards acceded to an application by Trainer Mr P. Murphy at 2.43 p.m. to scratch the mare due to the downgrading of the track.

**Bulla Vinaka** – Slow to begin and, soon after, was bumped by *Sweet Warrior*, which shifted out, and as a consequence became awkward on the heels of *Starinion*. Raced three-wide throughout.

**SWABS:**

**Swab samples were obtained from all winners and the following runners:**

Race 1: Sacred Inferno, Pure Octane

Race 2: Oneforian

Race 5: Aerodrome, Watson, Azarax, Rivendell

Race 6: Welwal, Ducasse, Magnatear, Green Fly

Race 7: Bar Jester, Music Time, Eviction Notice, Jimmy's Ready, La Stiava, Artaneous

Race 8: Travolta, Nellie Leylax, Sam Hawkens, Flying Bandit, Touristic, Knights Armour, Scarli Japali, Pro Velocity

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<p><b>Race 4:</b> Trainer Mr C. Waller fined \$100 for late declaration of rider of <b>Rach</b> (LR35).</p> <p><b>Race 7:</b> Trainer Mr B. Baker fined \$50 for failing to produce thoroughbred identity card for <b>Artaneous</b> (AR65).</p> <p><b>Race 7:</b> P. Boudvillain (<b>Music Time</b>) fined \$200 for making a celebratory gesture prior to passing the winning post (AR131(c)).</p> <p><b>Race 8:</b> Co-trainer Mr M. Beer fined \$200 for late declaration of rider of <b>Geemes</b> (LR35).</p>
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 1:</b> J. Taylor ( <b>Show Rhythm</b> ) – shifted in when not clear (AR131(a)).
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	<b>Race 5: Watson</b> (Co-trainers Mrs G. Waterhouse and Mr A. Bott) – blood present at left nostril (AR79(8)).
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 3: Take The Rap</b> (Trainer Mr N. Gardner) – fractious in barriers.
<b>Trials:</b>	<p><b>Race 1: Pure Octane</b> (Trainer Mr L. Pepper).</p> <p><b>Race 7: Give Her Strength</b> (Trainer Mr J. Thompson) – cast in barrier (late scratching).</p>
<b>Vet Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 1: Pure Octane</b> (Trainer Mr L. Pepper) – including results of endoscopic examination (respiratory noise).
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<p><b>Race 1: Stormy Woo</b> – red cap.</p> <p><b>Race 3: Major Time</b> – white cap.</p> <p><b>Race 4: Celestial Grace</b> – blue cap.</p>
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.