



**THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED**

**STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT**

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**STRATHALBYN, 4 FEBRUARY 2018**

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding incidents which occurred prior to and following the running of Race 5 at the Strathalbyn Racing Club on Sunday, 4 February 2018, involving barrier attendant, Mr. Craig Curtis and assistant starter Mr. Mick Patton.

Evidence was taken from Mr. Curtis, Mr. Patton, two other barrier attendants and the Veterinary Surgeon on duty.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. Curtis under AR175(q), the particulars being that at the Strathalbyn Racing Club on Sunday, 4 February 2018 whilst working as a barrier attendant, in an official capacity, he misconducted himself;

- (a) by directing foul language at the assistant starter, Mr. Patton, at the barriers, prior to the start of Race 5, after being asked to perform a duty, and;
- (b) by directing foul language at the assistant starter, Mr. Patton, when approached by him after the running of Race 5, to address him on his conduct at the barriers.

Mr. Curtis reserved his plea, however was found guilty of the charge. In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the serious nature of breaches relating to conduct by officials, Mr. Curtis' clean record and his personal circumstances. Mr. Curtis was fined \$500.

Mr Curtis was informed of his right of appeal.

**J PETZER**  
**CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS**  
**5 February 2018**