

# Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro, S. Callanan and B Jarman

Thursday, 08 September 2022

## Dylan Cowan

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances relating to a report which alleged that licensed stable employee/track work rider Dylan Cowan had conducted himself in an improper manner at the Murray Bridge Racecourse training facility on Friday 19 August 2022 by driving a vehicle in an irresponsible manner in the tie-up stalls.

Permission was granted for trainer Mr. Ron Daniel to assist Dylan Cowan at the hearing.

After considering the evidence, which included a copy of the video surveillance recording at the Murray Bridge Racing Club, Stewards charged Dylan Cowan under **AR 228(b)**, which states;

“A person must not engage in:

**(b)** misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour.”

**Charge:** The particulars of the charge being that;

“On 19 August 2022 he engaged in improper conduct at the Murray Bridge Racing Club, by driving a utility vehicle into the tie-up stalls area and while in this area used the utility vehicle in such a manner as to spin its back wheels at a relatively high speed, akin to what is commonly referred to as the act of performing a “burn out”, and in the course of doing so left visible and distinct rubber tyre markings on the matting surface in this area for some distance.

**Plea:** Dylan Cowan pleaded guilty to the Charge.

In determining penalty Stewards noted that Dylan Cowan had a clean record in relation to breaches of this type. Stewards also took into account the seriousness of the offence, individual and general deterrence and the need for strong penalties for breaches of this type. Stewards further considered his guilty plea, forthrightness and personal circumstances. Stewards also noted his contrition for his conduct.

It was further noted that no other damage, other than rubber tyre markings, was caused, and that there were no horses and/or other persons present in the tie-up stalls area at the time of the offence.

In all the circumstances Stewards imposed the following penalty;

**Penalty** - A fine of \$2000 reduced from \$2500 after applying a discount for mitigating circumstances. Stewards further ordered that \$1000 of the \$2000 fine be suspended for a period of 2 years provided he is not found guilty of a conduct related matter during that period.

Dylan Cowan was informed of his right of appeal.

**J Petzer**  
General Manager Integrity