



*INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF SYNEPHRINE IN THE URNE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM ST LUKE FOLLOWING THE GELDING BEING PLACED FIRST IN THE COOLMORE BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP CONDUCTED AT SCONE ON 18 MARCH 2018.*

**Tamworth Racecourse**

**Thursday 7 June 2018**

**Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman)  
J Penfold**

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The Stewards today inquired into the detection by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) and Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) of the prohibited substances synephrine, in the post-race urine sample taken from St Luke subsequent to that gelding winning the Coolmore Benchmark 56 Handicap at Scone racecourse on the 18 March 2018.

Evidence was taken from licensed trainer of St Luke Mrs M Fleming, Owner Mr G Doorstein and written evidence was tendered from Dr Craig Suann Racing NSW Senior Official Veterinarian.

### **St Luke**

Acting under the provisions of AR177, St Luke was disqualified from its first placing in the Coolmore Benchmark 56 Handicap at the Scone race club meeting on Sunday 18 March 2018 and the placing's amended to read:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Al Cubana
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Miss Redoble
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Boolaroo
4 <sup>th</sup>	Vihari

### **Mrs Fleming**

Mrs Fleming pleaded guilty to a charge under AR178, in that as the trainer of St Luke at all relevant times leading up to and including the 18 March 2018, she did bring St Luke to the Scone racecourse on 18 March 2018, for the purpose of engaging in the Coolmore Benchmark 56 Handicap 1600m and following winning that event, St Luke delivered a sample of its urine which was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance synephrine.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration the following relevant matters

1. Synephrine was detected by the ARFL in weed and plant samples taken from the property where St Luke was stabled in the lead up to 18 March 2018.

2. The current drought conditions and the established manner in which St Luke was able to access the vegetation that contained synephrine, despite the efforts of Mrs Fleming to prevent this.
3. Stewards determined that the reason for the detection of synephrine was due to the ingestion of the vegetation that contained synephrine.
4. Mrs Fleming's cooperation throughout the investigation into this finding.
5. Her guilty plea.

Having regard to these factors Mrs Fleming was reprimanded.

Mrs Fleming and Mr Doorstein were advised of their rights of appeal.

### **Relevant Rules**

**AR 177.** *Subject to AR 177C, any horse that has been brought to a racecourse and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race must be disqualified from any race in which it started on that day.*

**AR178 -** *Subject to AR 178G, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.*

**S Cullen**  
**Chairman of Stewards**  
**HNWRA**