

RACING NSW – STEWARDS REPORT



INQUIRY INTO THE DISPOSAL OF THE RACEHORSE SNIPPET ASSURED

Tamworth Racecourse

15 January 2020

Stewards: S A Cullen (Chairman)
J Marshall
K Blanch (Trainee)

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the findings from a stable inspection and an audit conducted of stable return information relating to the racehorse Snippet Assured, conducted at the premises of licensed trainer Mr Ian Symons on 19th December 2019.

Evidence today was taken from Mr Symons, the trainer of Snippet Assured and Ms R Wotzlaw in person and evidence was taken from part leasee's of Snippet Assured, Mr David Berg and Ms Tessa Wills and registered owner of Snippet Assured Mrs Mary Hallet, by teleconference.

After considering the evidence Stewards issued the following charges;

Mr Ian Symons

LR114(5)(e) – Once a decision was made to retire the racehorse Snippet Assured, he did during the month of August 2018, directly transport Snippet Assured to a knackery to be disposed of.

Plea: Guilty

Taking into account all the circumstances and considering matters of mitigation to give regard to Mr Symons frankness and guilty plea, the original period of disqualification was reduced from 2 years to a period of 18 months, to expire 15th July 2021. Mr Symons advised that whilst that disqualification had immediate effect, he would be allowed 7 days to make satisfactory arrangements for the transport and general wellbeing of horses in his care, however he would not be allowed to race any horses in this time. Mr Symons was further advised of the provisions of AR263, relative to disqualified persons.

Ms Rachel Wotzlaw

AR228(b) – She did engage in improper conduct by deliberately and improperly providing information on 8th October 2018 to lessees of the racehorse Snippet Assured via Facebook Messenger, that Snippet Assured had been rehomed in retirement when she knew at that time that Snippet Assured had been delivered to a knackery to be disposed of. Taking into account all the circumstances and applying due mitigation to give regard to Ms Wotzlaw's frankness and guilty plea, the original period of disqualification was reduced from 6 months to a period of 4 months to commence immediately and expire 15th May 2020. Ms Wotzlaw was advised of the provisions of AR263 relative to disqualified persons.

Plea: Guilty

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Relevant Rules

LR 114.

(5) Further to AR64JA(1), where a decision has been made to retire a horse, or not to commence racing an Eligible Horse, and that horse has been domiciled in New South Wales for the majority of its life:

(e) the horse is not to be, directly or indirectly, sent to an abattoir, knackery or similarly disposed of;

AR 228 Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing

A person must not engage in:

(b) misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour;

**S A Cullen
Chairman of Stewards
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