HEARING AND DETERMINATION OF CHARGES ISSUED AGAINST LICENSED TRAINER/BARRIER ATTENDANT MR TROY MCCARNEY

Dubbo Racecourse **13 November 2026**
Via videoconference

Stewards: **D R Hadley (Chairman)**
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On 3 November 2026, Racing NSW Officials commenced an investigation into the conduct of licensed trainer and barrier attendant Mr Troy McCarney towards multiple industry participants within the Western Racing Association between 17 October 2026 and 3 November 2026.

As part of the investigation, Racing NSW Officials conducted interviews with a number of industry participants concerning Mr McCarney's alleged conduct.

Following consideration of the evidence obtained during the investigation, Racing NSW Stewards issued five (5) charges against Mr McCarney on 5 November 2026, as detailed below.

On 6 November 2026, following submissions received by Mr McCarney, Stewards enacted the provisions as per AR23 and suspended Ms McCarney's trainers licence pending the hearing and determination of the charges.

Charges issued against Mr Troy McCarney

Charge 1: AR228(c) – Improper and/or insulting behaviour

The details of the charge being that he did engage in improper and/or insulting behaviour towards an industry participant during a telephone conversation on 17 October 2026, by speaking aggressively, directing insulting language towards the participant and threatening adverse consequences concerning the availability and future work opportunities of barrier attendants.

Plea: Not Guilty
Finding: Not Guilty

Charge 2: AR228(b) – Improper conduct

The details of the charge being that he did engage in improper conduct towards an industry participant at approximately 8:00 am on or about 20 October 2026 at Dubbo Racecourse, by

directing verbal abuse towards the participant, pushing the participant in the abdomen, positioning his face in close proximity to the participant's face and yelling aggressively, and kicking and damaging the participant's water bucket.

Plea: Not Guilty
Finding: Not Guilty

Charge 3: AR228(c) – Improper and/or insulting behaviour

The details of the charge being that he did engage in improper and/or insulting behaviour towards an industry participant at approximately 11:30 am on 31 October 2026 at Dubbo Racecourse, by pointing his finger and directing verbal abuse towards the participant in a loud, aggressive and threatening tone while standing in close proximity to the participant's face, and repeatedly obstructing the participant's path as they attempted to walk away, resulting in bodily contact.

Plea: Guilty
Finding: Guilty

Charge 4: AR228(b) – Improper conduct

The details of the charge being that he did engage in improper conduct towards an industry participant at approximately 11:45 am on 31 October 2026 at Dubbo Racecourse, by speaking in an angry and aggressive manner, using abusive language about another industry participant, grabbing the participant's shirt near the collar and demanding their support, repeatedly kicking a shed gate and lifting a full wheelie bin above his head before smashing it onto the ground in the participant's presence.

Plea: Guilty
Finding: Guilty

Charge 5: AR228(b) – Improper conduct

The details of the charge being that he did engage in improper conduct towards an industry participant at approximately 12:45 pm on 3 November 2026 at Dubbo Racecourse, by confronting the participant concerning their barrier attendant work, stating that the participant would never work for him again and threatening the participant with words to the effect of "I'll just shoot you and bury you".

Plea: Guilty
Finding: Guilty

Penalty

The following penalty considerations were taken into account –

- Pleas entered
- Objective seriousness of each charge and the conduct considered as a whole
- The nature of the verbal abuse, physical contact, intimidation and threats
- participants performing their duties

- The number of incidents over the relevant period
- Mr McCarney's disciplinary history
- Mr McCarney's personal and professional circumstances
- Relevant previous decisions
- Principles of specific and general deterrence and the message conveyed to the industry concerning such conduct
- The purpose of penalties as a protective measure for the image, interests and welfare of the thoroughbred racing industry

Stewards considered Charge 5 to represent the most serious offending.

Charge 3: AR228(c) – 2 months disqualification of licence reduced to 1.5 months

Charge 4: AR228(b) – 3 months disqualification of licence reduced to 2 months

Charge 5: AR228(b) – 4 months disqualification of licence reduced to 3 months

Having regard to the separate incidents, the conduct towards multiple industry participants and the principle of totality, Stewards determined, after allowing for partial concurrency, an overall penalty of 6 months disqualification, reduced to 4 months and 2 weeks for Mr McCarney's guilty pleas and other relevant mitigating considerations.

The total effective period of 4 months and 2 weeks disqualification commences on 6 November 2026, being the date Mr McCarney was stood down under AR23, and expires on 6 March 2027.

Mr McCarney was advised of his appeal rights.

Relevant Rules

AR228 – Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing

A person must not engage in:

(b) misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour;

(c) improper or insulting behaviour at any time towards a PRA, the Stewards, a Club, or any official, employee, contractor or agent of any of them in relation to the relevant person's functions, powers or duties;

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