



23 September 2016

## ***NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT***

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**STEWARDS: D.J. Southgate, L.G. Michalanney, J. Evans**

On Friday, 23 September 2016, Stewards reconvened and concluded an inquiry into alleged conduct by Licensed Trainer Mr. Michael Niele at the Mount Gambier race meeting on Sunday, 12 June 2016.

Further evidence was taken from Dr. Maddie Shears (Veterinarian Surgeon), Mr. Stephen Bartholomew Snr (Mount Gambier Club President / Licensed Trainer), Mr. Tracie Price (Licensed Trainer) and Mr. Brett Polson (GRSA Steward).

After considering the matter and all the evidence before them, Stewards believed there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr. Niele under GAR 86(q) which reads:

*A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person –  
(q) commits or omits to do any act or engages in conduct which is in any way detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing*

Mr. Niele pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Stewards found Mr. Niele guilty as charged and he was fined \$1500 with \$500 suspended for a period of 24 months on condition he does not re-offend under this Rule.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration the evidence presented by witnesses at the inquiry somewhat mitigated Mr. Niele's actions, his clean record under this Rule and the amount of time he has held a trainers licence. However, Stewards must ensure the image and integrity of greyhound racing should be at the forefront of all participants minds at all times.

Mr. Niele was advised of his rights of appeal.

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