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## **For immediate release**

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Stewards Panel: D Cooper, M Hoyle, P Maher.

### **Stewards Inquiry – Greyhound Trainer Ms Andrea McConnon**

Office of Racing Integrity Stewards inquired into the result of a swab sample containing the prohibited substance, Meloxicam, taken from the Greyhound 'Little Bit Magic' after winning Race 1 *The Mercury Division 1 Maiden 340m* at the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club meeting on 21 June 2018.

Evidence was taken from Racing Analytical Services Ltd Scientific Manager, Mr Paul Zahra and Trainer Ms Andrea McConnon.

After considering the evidence, Stewards issued the following charges to Ms McConnon:

1. GAR 83 (2) (a) – The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound nominated to compete in an event shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
2. GAR 86(p) – A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person – (p) disobeys or fails to comply with the lawful order of a steward or other person or body having official duties in relation to greyhound racing.

Ms McConnon pleaded guilty to both charges.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into account the following:

- Ms McConnon's personal circumstances.
- Her time in the industry as an Owner/Trainer.
- That any penalty must act as a specific and general deterrent to the industry.
- The importance of maintaining public confidence in the industry
- Precedents that have been issued in other jurisdictions for offences relating to prohibited substances, specifically Meloxicam.

After hearing submission on penalty, Stewards issued the following:

Penalty - Charge 1: Fine of \$1500.00

Penalty - Charge 2: Fine of \$250.00

Futhermore, Stewards ordered that Little Bit Magic be disqualified under the provisions of GAR 83(4), from its first placing in *The Mercury Division 1 Maiden 340m* and the placings will be amended accordingly.

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