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STEWARDS INQUIRY – Facebook Posts by licensed persons Terrence Evans, Stephen Shaw and Michael Guthrie.

Office of Racing Integrity Stewards today inquired into the posting of comments on the social media outlet Facebook on 24 July 2017, allegedly made by licensed thoroughbred persons, Mr Terrence Evans, Mr Stephen Shaw and Mr Michael Guthrie, following the Tasmanian Racing Club meeting on 23 July 2017.

Evidence was taken from Mr Evans, Mr Shaw and Mr Guthrie and documents were received into evidence from Mr Shaw pertaining to the posts.

After considering evidence and submissions from all parties, Stewards issued a charge against all three persons pursuant to AR 175 (qq) which states *“Any person who in their opinion, is guilty of engaging in the publishing or posting on any social media platform or channel any material, content or comment that is obscene, offensive, defamatory, racist, threatening, harassing, discriminating or abusive to any other person or entity involved in the racing industry.”*

Mr Shaw and Mr Guthrie pleaded guilty and Mr Evans was found guilty of the charge.

After considering all relevant factors, each participant’s personal circumstances and their cooperation throughout the inquiry, Stewards fined each the sum of \$500 wholly suspended for 12 months on condition there be no further breach under this rule.

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