

## GRV Stewards Hearing Report

**Date of Hearing:** Thursday 4 April 2019  
**Venue of Hearing:** Northern Region  
**Name:** Mr John Donaldson  
**Rule:** GAR 86 (o) - Negligence

**Offence:** At the Healesville Racing Club on Monday 1 April 2019, Mr John Donaldson, omitted to correctly identify his greyhound before leaving course, which resulted in Mr Donaldson taking the wrong greyhound with him home, which in the opinion of the Stewards is negligent.

**Officiating Stewards:** Mr Anthony Pearce and Mr. Dan Verberne

### REPORT

On 4 April 2019, GRV Stewards held an inquiry into an incident that occurred at Healesville on Monday 1 April 2019.

Evidence was taken from GRV Steward Mr Ian Kennedy and Registered Participant Mr John Donaldson.

After considering the evidence, the Stewards issued a charge to Mr Donaldson under GAR 86 (o) for negligence with the abridged specifics of the charge being that at the Healesville Greyhound Racing Club on Monday 1 April 2019, Mr John Donaldson, being a registered person with GRV, omitted to correctly identify his greyhound before leaving course which resulted in Mr Donaldson leaving course with the wrong greyhound, a thing which in the opinion of the Stewards is negligent.

Mr. Donaldson pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$500, with \$250 being suspended for a period of 12 months pending no similar breach of the Greyhound Australasia Rules. In determining penalty, Stewards took into consideration:

- ✚ Mr. Donaldson good and long record with GRV.
- ✚ His guilty plea and forthright submissions.
- ✚ General deterrence.
- ✚ The circumstances surrounding the commission of the offence.
- ✚ Mr. Donaldson's personal circumstances and undertakings.
- ✚ The impact upon the connections of the incorrect greyhound.

Save for Mr Donaldson's personal circumstances, which offered quite some mitigation to be applied, the applicable penalty would have been more so severe.

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**PAUL SEARLE**  
**CHIEF STEWARD - GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA**