

## APRIL INTEGRITY UPDATES & INFORMATION

APRIL 2022

It is to be noted that the current open inquiries can be found by the following link.

<https://www.hrnsw.com.au/racing/stewards/openinquiries>

### Inquiries Concluded

- 19 April 2022 – Mr Michael Muscat pleaded guilty to a charge issued by HRNSW Stewards pursuant to AHRR 190(1), (2) & (4) following a report from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) that Total Plasma Carbon Dioxide above the prescribed threshold had been detected in the pre-race blood sample taken from KNIGHT WALKER prior to it running in race 1, the BLING IT ON @ COBBITTY EQUINE FARM PACE (1730 metres) conducted at Bathurst on Wednesday 22 December 2021.

In addition, Mr Muscat was found guilty of a charge issued pursuant to AHRR 196C (1)(b) & (2)(c).

In relation to a charge issued pursuant to AHRR 190 (1), (2) & (4), Mr Muscat was disqualified for a period of 5 years and 2 months.

In relation to a charge issued pursuant to AHRR 196C (1)(b) & (2)(c), Mr Muscat was disqualified for a period of 10 months, to be served cumulatively.

The subject horse was disqualified under the provisions of AHRR 195. (original notice at [www.hrnsw.com.au](http://www.hrnsw.com.au))

Mr Muscat has appealed against the decision of HRNSW Stewards, however, he has not applied for a Stay of Proceedings.

### Appeal Decision

- 29 April 2022– Mr David Morris withdrew an appeal against the decision of HRNSW Stewards to suspend his driver's licence for a period of 21 days pursuant to AHRR 163(1)(a)(iii) at Penrith on 31 March 2022.

### Integrity Information

- During the month of March 2022, HRNSW Integrity department obtained 815 Race day samples.

As per normal HRNSW procedure all samples have been submitted for analysis.

### Integrity Notices

- 5 April 2022 – Arrival Times Elevated TCO2 Levels as at 05/04/2022.
- 11 April 2022 – March Integrity Updates & Information.
- 20 April 2022 – Mr Michael Muscat – Inquiry Concluded.
- 28 April 2022 – Arrival Times Elevated TCO2 Levels as at 28/04/2022.

Original notices at [www.hrnsw.com.au](http://www.hrnsw.com.au)

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