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TRNT Stewards Report-Friday 30 October 2026

Panel: D Westover (Chairman), M Zarb, M Hurley
Venue: Alice Springs Stewards' Room

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analyst's findings of the blood samples collected from SHEER REWARD after competing in and winning race 8 at the Alice Springs Turf Club race meeting on 12 July 2026. The certificates of analysis for post-race samples detected the presence of **methamphetamine** which is a permanently banned prohibited substance under the Australian Rules of Racing.

Evidence was considered from trainer B Cooke.

Subsequently, Mr Cooke pleaded guilty to a charge under AR240(2).

The specifics of the charge being:

- He is a thoroughbred trainer licenced by TRNT
- At the relevant time he was the licenced trainer of SHEER REWARD
- On 8 July 2026 the gelding was brought to the Alice Springs Turf Club race meeting held at Pioneer Park racecourse for the purpose of participating in race 8 THE MULGAS ADVENTURE HANDICAP over 1400m.
- The prohibited substance detected being **methamphetamine** is a substance prohibited at all times under the Australian Rules of Racing.

Acting under the provisions of AR240(1), the Stewards disqualified SHEER REWARD from the abovementioned race and the results will be amended accordingly.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into consideration the following:

- The serious nature of the charge
- Co-operation throughout the stable inspection and inquiry
- Guilty plea
- His up-to-date treatment records
- Personal circumstances and good record

In the circumstances having regard for mitigating factors, Stewards imposed a fine of $1000.

Mr Cooke was advised of his right of appeal.

D Westover
Alice Springs Chief Steward.