



TRNT Stewards Report – Monday 14 August, 2017

Panel: D Hensler (Chairman), A Napier

Venue: Steward's Room, Darwin Turf Club

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) analyst's report of the urine sample provided on Friday 21st July, 2017 by TRNT licensed track rider Mr Guy Clarke.

Evidence was taken from Guy Clarke, trainer Gary Clarke, witness Tom Bird (unlicensed) and Dr Adam Cawley, ARFL Science Manager.

Guy Clarke subsequently pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 81A(1)(a), the specifics being that as a licensed track rider, the urine sample taken from him during track work at the Darwin Turf Club on 21st July 2017, was found upon analysis to contain a substance banned by AR81B, namely cocaine. The presence of cocaine was at a level in excess of the threshold permitted under AR81B.

In determining penalty Stewards took into account:

- The seriousness of the offence
- The nature of the banned substance being a narcotic
- High reported level detected
- Explanation tendered for the circumstances of the offence
- Plea of guilty
- Personal circumstances
- First offence under this rule

Guy Clarke had his licence (in full) suspended for a period of 9 months.

Pursuant to AR 81D it was determined that if Guy Clarke undertakes drug counselling with an approved health professional and provides a written report as to his attendance and compliance with any recommendations arising from the counselling, the Stewards will consider reducing the period of suspension by a period of 3 months.

He will be required to deliver a clear sample in accordance with AR 81A(4) when directed by the Stewards.

As Guy Clarke consciously left the inquiry prior to these findings being read out in full, he will be required to appear before the Stewards prior to resuming from this term of suspension to explain his conduct during and immediately following the inquiry.

David Hensler

TRNT Chairman of Stewards