

TRAINER STOOD DOWN- MR ROBERT GARRETT

NOVEMBER 2 2020

The Australian Government National Measurement Institute (NMI) has advised HRNSW that Cobalt above the threshold of 100 micrograms per litre in urine has been detected in the urine sample taken from BONZA GUY following its win in race 2, the YANCO ALLSERVICEMENS CLUB PACE (1758 metres) conducted at Leeton on Tuesday 18 August 2020.

The Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) has also advised HRNSW that heptaminol was detected in that urine sample.

The reserve portion and control solution have been confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) in Victoria.

In addition, the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) has advised HRNSW that heptaminol was also detected in the post-race blood sample taken from BONZA GUY following that same race and the "B" sample has been confirmed by RASL.

Acting under the provisions of Australian Harness Racing Rule 183, HRNSW Stewards have suspended the Trainer's licence of Mr Robert Garrett.

Mr Garrett provided submissions to HRNSW Stewards as to why the provisions of AHRR 183 should not be imposed.

Acting under the provisions of Rule 183A, it was also determined that BONZA GUY, the horse subject of the certificate, shall not be nominated or compete in any race until the outcome of an inquiry or investigation.

Mr Garrett has not been charged with any breach of the Australian Harness Racing Rules and has been advised of his rights of appeal against the imposition of Rule 183.

HRNSW Stewards have commenced an investigation into these sample results and an Inquiry will be scheduled in due course.

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