

HEARING RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 8 May 2014

SUBJECT: **HEARING RESULT – STABLE EMPLOYEE: ERIC WOOLSTON**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain, Ms Sara Hinchey.

Appearances Mr Woolston appeared on his own behalf.
Mr Robert Cram appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

Charge Breach of AR 175(q)

The Committee of any Club or the Stewards may penalise any person who in their opinion is guilty of any misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour.

The charge relates to an incident between Mr Woolston and the supervisor of the Caulfield horse swimming pool, Mr Les Lee, on the mornings of Thursday, 17 April 2014 and Friday, 18 April 2014 at Caulfield racecourse.

Plea Guilty.

Decision Mr Woolston convicted and fined \$750, with \$500 of this fine wholly suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that Mr Woolston does not commit a similar offence during this period.

The balance of \$250 to be paid on or before 30 June 2014.

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR S. CURTAIN
MS S. HINCHEY**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

REGISTERED STABLEHAND: ERIC WOOLSTON

MELBOURNE

THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2014

MR R. CRAM appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR E. WOOLSTON appeared on his own behalf

CHAIRMAN: This is a case where Mr Woolston has pleaded guilty to a charge of misconduct or improper conduct, in that he threatened the pool supervisor at Caulfield, Mr Lee, and also used abusive language towards him. It is the threat aspect which the Board regards as the more important aspect of the confrontation which occurred.

Nevertheless, in the circumstances of this case, the Board feels that a fine of \$750 is the appropriate penalty, \$500 of which is suspended for a period of 12 months, so that \$250 is to be paid on or before 30 June 2014.
