

HEARING RESULT

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DATE: 19 February 2015

SUBJECT: **HEARING RESULT – TRAINER: ROD SYMONS**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Ms Sara Hinchey, Mr Graeme Johnson.

Appearances Mr Symons appeared on his own behalf.
Mr James Ogilvy appeared on behalf of the stewards.

Charge Breach of AR 178

Subject to AR 178G, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.

The charge relates to a prohibited substance, 4-Hydroxy Xylazine, being detected in a post-race urine sample taken from the horse *Big Gubba* following its win in Race 2 the *Quest Bendigo Maiden Plate* (2400m) at Bendigo on Saturday, 18 October 2014.

Plea Guilty.

Decision Mr Symons convicted and fined \$3,000 - due on or before 31 March 2015.

Pursuant to AR 177, *Big Gubba* disqualified as winner of Race 2 the *Quest Bendigo Maiden Plate* (2400m) at Bendigo on Saturday, 18 October 2014 and the places amended accordingly:

*1st – Prince of Oz, 2nd – Entirely Perfect (NZ), 3rd – Valtari,
4th – Raggerty, 5th – Alzabeel (NZ), 6th – Torcan, 7th – Red Ribbon,
8th – Roquish Lady, 9th – Nullarbor Cruiser.*
