

## APPEAL RESULT

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**FROM:** Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

**DATE:** 21 May 2015

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: CRAIG ROBERTSON**

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**Panel** Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Prof Raymond Harbridge, Mr Darren McGee.

**Appearances** Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Robertson.  
Mr James Hitchcock appeared on behalf of the stewards.

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At Geelong Synthetic on Friday 15 May 2015, jockey Craig Robertson was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Tuscan Diva* in Race 7 the *Coulter Roache Lawyers 0-58* Handicap (1900m).

The carelessness being that shortly after straightening he permitted his mount to shift out when not sufficiently clear of *Twin Tea Bags*, making contact with that gelding which has shifted out as a consequence resulting in *Excursions* being tightened and checked.

Mr Robertson had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 18 May 2015 and to expire at midnight on Wednesday, 27 May 2015 – a total of 9 race meetings.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Craig Robertson’s good record and that the carelessness was in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Sunday, 17 May 2015.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Wednesday, 20 May 2015.

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**DECISION:** **Appeal against conviction dismissed.**  
**Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.**

**Taking into account the stay of proceedings, the period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Tuesday 26 May 2015 (7 race meetings.)**