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## **DECISION**

### **RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS *and* KATE GOODRICH**

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**Date of Hearing:** 10 March 2017

**Panel:** Judge Bowman (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy),  
Mr Jeremy Rosenthal.

**Appearances:** Ms James Ogilvy appeared as counsel for the stewards.  
  
Mr Ragu Appudurai, instructed by Mr Finlay Davis of Davis De La Rue & Associates, appeared as counsel for Ms Goodrich.

**Charge** Breach of AR 8D

*Any licensed person who, whilst the stewards are exercising the powers vested in them by Rule 8B or carrying out their duties, refuses to obey any reasonable direction of stewards or obstructs, hinders or delays stewards in exercising such powers or carrying out their duties, or incites any other person or persons to obstruct, hinder or delay stewards from exercising such powers, or carrying out their duties, or does not act to prevent any other person or persons on the premises from so doing, may be penalised.*

**Particulars** The particulars of the charge are that on 12 December 2016 members of Racing Victoria's Compliance Assurance Team attended Ms Goodrich's licensed training premises for the purpose of conducting a stable inspection. Following the arrival of the stewards, Ms Goodrich:

- a. did not allow the Stewards to conduct a routine race day stable inspection at Ms Goodrich's licensed training premises;
- b. did not allow the Stewards to examine the horse *Street Stalker* (entered to run in Race 6 at Kilmore that day);
- c. refused to obey a reasonable direction from Stipendiary Steward Mr Melville to allow an inspection of the horse.

Ms Goodrich's conduct was in contravention of AR 8D, as she:

- a. obstructed and/or hindered the Stewards from exercising the powers vested in them by AR 88 and/or carrying out their duties; and/or

- b. refused to obey reasonable directions of the Stewards where those directions were made in the exercise of powers under AR 8D and/or in the carrying out of their duties.

**Plea:** Guilty.

**Decision:** Ms Goodrich convicted and suspended for a period of 3 months - that period of suspension being wholly suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that Ms Goodrich does not commit a further breach of AR 8D during the 12 month period.

Should a breach of AR 8D occur during the 12 month period, the 3 month period of suspension will be activated.

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**Georgie Gavin**  
**Registrar - Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board**