Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (4), upgraded to a Good (3) at 1.47 p.m. after Race 1.  
Rail: Out 6 metres entire circumference  
Penetrometer: 3.75

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), R. Debels, J. Schultz (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), P. Selmes (Assistant Starter), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales), J. Dorrington (Judge), A. Willi (Veterinarian).

RACE 1: AFFINITY CONSTRUCTIONS AUSTRALIA BENCHMARK 63 HANDICAP 1600M

Calabash Express—Slow to begin (2L) and then was slow into stride.

Swindlers Miss—Trainer Mr P. Facoory was fined the sum of $50 under LR35 for the late declaration of App. P. Scorse as the rider of the mare.

Let It Roll—Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Immune—Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be suffering heat stress. Trainer Ms L. Wray was told that she would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the mare being permitted to race again.

Following the running of this event the track was upgraded to a Good (3) at 1.47 p.m. to be made retrospective to include this race.

1st LET IT ROLL 2nd ILLYRIAN 3rd IMMUNE 4th CALABASH EXPRESS

RACE 2: SEEARS WORKWEAR BENCHMARK 69 HANDICAP 1400M

Chasing Charlie—Slow to begin. Hung out between the 800 metres and the 600 metres.

Marrock—Hung out rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight, which afforded a run to El Venetian to its inside.

Atlantic Sentinel—Slow to begin.

1st EL VENETIAN 2nd MARROCK 3rd ATLANTIC SENTINEL 4th CHASING CHARLIE

RACE 3: ELVIN GROUP CLASS 1 HANDICAP (SCALED -1.5KG) 1000M

Privily—Slow to begin.

Invincible Dream—Was inclined to lay out rounding the home turn.

Annie Time—Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Lepa Brena—After taking evidence from rider M. Heagney and trainer Mr J. Rolfe, an inquiry into reasons for the mare breaking down badly in its near foreleg after the winning post necessitating in it having to be humanely euthanised was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

1st INVINCIBLE DREAM 2nd PRIVILY 3rd EXAGGERATE 4th CLARADALE LASS

RACE 4: MERCEDES-BENZ CANBERRA MAIDEN HANDICAP 1600M
Alik—Was withdrawn at 3.27 p.m. by order of the Stewards acting on veterinary advice after the gelding kicked out in its barrier stall and sustained abrasions to its near hind leg. Stewards ordered that all investments on Alik be refunded in full and further that all bets with bookmakers placed prior to 3.27 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

- **1st** Open Road 43¢ win, 37¢ place
- **2nd** Colizani 33¢ place

Stable representative Mr S. Rankin representing trainer Mr D. Payne was told that in the circumstances a warning would be recorded against the gelding’s barrier manners.

Open Road—Slow to begin and bumped shortly after by Future Time.

Future Time—Slow to begin.

Colizani—Blundered on jumping.

1st OPEN ROAD 2nd COLIZANI 3rd FUTURE TIME 4th MIDNIGHT JUMPER

RACE 5: CAPITAL TROPHIES & SPORTSWEAR MAIDEN HANDICAP 1000M

Dark Haze/Enjoy the Stars/Eve’s Miss—After being loaded into its barrier stall, Enjoy the Stars (R. Bensley) became very fractious, reared over and became cast. Eve’s Miss, which was stalled directly to the inside of that filly, was kicked repeatedly by Enjoy the Stars, which continued to remain cast. Dark Haze, which was positioned several gates wider, reacted to Enjoy the Stars and then became fractious and also became cast for a considerable period of time which delayed the start. Enjoy the Stars, which sustained abrasions to all four legs, Eve’s Miss, which sustained abrasions to all four legs, and Dark Haze were all withdrawn on veterinary advice at 4.10 p.m. Stewards ordered that all bets with bookmakers placed prior to 4.10 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

- **1st** Paris Carver 58¢ win, 50¢ place
- **2nd** Metro Missile 53¢ place
- **3rd** Quantum Time 43¢ place

During subsequent inquiries, trainer Mr N. Olive was advised that Enjoy the Stars would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards’ satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again. Mr K. Harding representing trainer Mr B. Baker was advised that a warning would be recorded against Dark Haze. Co-trainer Mr K. Dryden was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required for Eve’s Miss, before that filly would be permitted to race again.

Quantum Time—Near the 900 metres ran in and was eased when awkwardly positioned close to the heels of Metro Missile.

Roseirro—Slow to begin.

Away She Goes—Ran out at the start. Shortly after straightening raced in restricted room for some distance to the inside of Roseirro, which laid in.

Nat Shrap—Raced wide throughout.

Captain Ryder—Slow to begin.

Posh Arli—Due to the lack of any other suitable rider, Stewards granted permission for rider M. Bell to ride the filly half a kilogram above its allotted weight. Public announcements were made.

Coronita—The explanation tendered by trainer Mr M. Newman for the late declaration of App. P. Scorse as the rider of the filly was accepted by Stewards. Raced wide throughout.

1st PARIS CARVER 2nd METRO MISSILE 3rd QUANTUM TIME 4th POSH ARLI
Due to the delays encountered with the withdrawal of three horses prior to the start of race 5, this race was rescheduled for 4.46 p.m. and race 7 was rescheduled to 5.20 p.m.

Sky Mission—Trainer Mr R. Potter was fined the sum of $50 under LR35 for the late declaration of App. Ms C. Gillman as the rider of the gelding. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Lord Denman—Raced wide throughout.

Il Bandito—Obliged to race wide in the middle stages. After the 50 metres had to be eased when tightened for room by Lord Denman, which laid in. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding which was resuming, rider R. Hutchings stated that in his opinion his mount did not appreciate the firm surface and as a consequence did not stretch out in the straight. R. Hutchings was nevertheless spoken to regarding riding his mount out fully to the end of the race where possible. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr M. Dale could offer no explanation for today’s performance, was asked to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding being permitted to race again, but undertook to report the results of an examination conducted by his stable veterinarian.

Orange Time—Began awkwardly, shifted in and lost ground.

Tinmine—Passing the 950 metres had to be restrained when crowded for room by Sky Mission, which shifted in when not quite clear. App. C. Gillman was advised to exercise more care.

1st ORANGE TIME 2nd LORD DENMAN 3rd FLASH IN THE DARK 4th TINMINE

RACE 7: THE FEDERAL – BENCHMARK 56 HANDICAP 1300M

Torhonour—Slow to begin. Laid in in the straight.

Zambada—Passing the 1100 metres had to be restrained from the heels of City Boots (B. Loy), which shifted in when not clear. B. Loy was reprimanded under AR137 (a).

Addchan—Passing the 1000 metres got its head up for some distance. Had some difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Honour the One—Co-trainer Mr K. Dryden was fined the sum of $50 under LR35 for the late declaration of M. Cahill as the rider of the mare. Shortly after the start was crowded for room by City Boots (B. Loy) which shifted in when not quite clear. B. Loy was advised to exercise more care. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed her to have shifted her near fore plate and in doing so sustained a puncture to that foot resulting in lameness in that leg (grade 3) Co-trainer Mr K. Dryden was advised that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the mare being permitted to race again.

Metralla—Slow to begin and knuckled shortly after.

Mr Fox—Due to a Racing Australia issue, after App. Ms C. Macfarlane had been declared as the rider of the gelding, she was then inadvertently removed resulting in her having to be declared late on the afternoon of Thursday 4 January 2018. After the 200 metres had to be checked when tightened for room between Torhonour, which was laying in, and Honour the One (M. Cahill), which laid out under pressure. In the circumstances M. Cahill was reprimanded under AR137 (a).

Tiger By The Tale—Passing the 1200 metres had to be restrained from the heels of Ain’t She A Dane, which was taken in and received interference.

Ain’t She A Dane—Shortly after the start was crowded by Honour the One, which was taken in.

1st CROIX DE VIE 2nd ADMIRE GRATZI 3rd TIGER BY THE TALE 4th HONOUR THE ONE
Little Al—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, which was on debut, rider M. Bell stated that he was obliged to make some effort in the early stages to cross to the rail, however his mount never raced comfortably on today's firm surface and weakened inside the final 250 metres. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

Trbojevic—When the gelding lost a hind plate earlier this morning and its trainer advised that due to the gelding's highly strung nature that that plate could not be replaced without the assistance of sedation, the gelding was permitted to race bare behind. Public announcements to this effect were made. Raced wide throughout.

Golden Lily—Raced wide throughout.

Alpine King—Pulled hard for some distance passing the 900 metres and near the 800 metres had to be checked to avoid the heels of Totten.

London Time—Began a little awkwardly.

Moonlight Duchess—Began awkwardly and shifted in.

1st WYENDRA 2nd ALPINE KING 3rd LONDON TIME 4th GOLDEN LILY

GENERAL:
Trainer Mr J. Rolfe was spoken to regarding his unsatisfactory conduct prior to the running of race 1 at the Canberra race meeting conducted on 29 December 2017 and also the conduct of one member of his staff and was told that a repetition would not be condoned.

Summary of whip use:
Stewards noted that the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100 metres under AR137A (5) (a) (ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

| Race1: | Let It Roll, R. Bensley, Six strikes, one more than is permitted. |
| Race 1: | Calabash Express, R. Brewer, Six strikes, one more than is permitted. |
| Race 3: | Annie Time, C. Frater-Hill, Six strikes, one more than is permitted. |
| Race 6: | Lord Denman, R. Bensley, Six strikes, one more than is permitted. |
| Race 8: | Totten, App. Ms K. Rayner, Seven strikes, two more than is permitted. |

SWAB SAMPLES:
Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Calabash Express

<p>| SUMMARY |
| Warnings: | Race 4: Alik—warning, barrier manners. |
| Race 5: Dark Haze—warning, barrier manners. |
| Fines: | Race 1: Trainer Mr P. Facoory fined $50 (LR35). |
| Race 6: Trainer Mr R. Potter fined $50 (LR35). |
| Race 7: Co-trainer Mr K. Dryden fined $50 (LR35). |
| Reprimands: | Race 7: B. Loy reprimanded (AR137 (a)). |
| Race 7: M. Cahill reprimanded (AR137 (a)). |
| Suspensions: | Nil. |
| Bleeders: | Nil. |</p>
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