Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: True
Penetrometer: 3.38

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), C. Polglase, R. Debels, J. Turner (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), P. Selmes (Assistant Starter), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales), J. Dorrington (Judge), S. Bobis (Veterinarian).

RACE 1: SALINGER MAIDEN HANDICAP 1400M

Hilltop Hood—Slow to begin. Could not be tested close to the line when awkwardly positioned on the heels of Bear Esteem.

Away She Goes—Began awkwardly.

Little Naïve—Whilst parading in the mounting enclosure the filly reared over backwards and fell, resulting in its rider B. El-Issa being dislodged. Rider B. El-Issa sustained no injury in the incident. The filly was examined by the club's veterinarian upon arrival at the start and was passed fit to race. Held up making the home turn and until after the 200 metres.

Poincon—Slow to begin.

Swift Express—Began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with Bear Esteem, which shifted out.

Tiger Stryke—After the 1000 metres the filly, which was racing keenly, had to be restrained from the heels of Te Ata (J. Ford), which shifted in when not quite clear. J. Ford was advised to exercise more care. After the 200 metres was briefly inconvenienced by Little Naïve, which shifted out in search of clear running.

1st Te Ata 2nd Little Naïve 3rd Bear Esteem 4th Away She Goes

RACE 2: JACK THOMAS – 3YO BENCHMARK 65 HANDICAP 1400M

Durif—Passing the 200 metres was brushed by Vigorish, which shifted in.

Tyres Are Crucial—Slow to begin. C. Brown (Durif) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137 (a) in that passing the 1100 metres he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of Tyres Are Crucial, which was carried in across the heels of Ten Tigers and had to be checked. C. Brown's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 25 February 2018 and to expire on Saturday 10 March 2018, on which day he may ride. Held up in the early part of the straight and until passing the 250 metres when it was disappointed for a run to the inside of Ten Tigers, and had to be restrained and shifted out.

Countof Montecarlo—Bumped on jumping.

Vigorish—Slow to begin.

Further To Fly—At the request of trainer Mr M. Dale, the club's veterinary officer tended to the filly in its tie-up stall prior to being led out after he had concerns regarding its near hind leg action. After being examined by the club's veterinary officer the filly was withdrawn at 1.57 p.m. when found to be
lame in its near hind leg. Stewards ordered that all investments on **Further To Fly** be refunded in full and further that all bets with bookmakers placed prior to 1.57 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

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**Ten Tigers**—Bumped on jumping. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**All The Sky**—Overraced throughout the early and middle stages.

1st **Vigorish** 2nd **Durif** 3rd **CountrOf Montecarlo** 4th **TyrEs Are CrucIal**

### RACE 3: TAB.COM.AU CANBERRA CUP PRELUDE 1600M

**Alfden**—Bumped on jumping by **Let It Roll**, which shifted out.

1st **LET IT ROLL** 2nd **CHARLIE ROYALE** 3rd **NOT TOO SURE** 4th **ALFDEN**

### RACE 4: ON LINE MEMBERSHIP TODAY MAIDEN HANDICAP 1000M

**Sedition**—Trainer Mr R. Litt was fined the sum of $50 under AR59A for failing to produce the thoroughbred identity card for the gelding. Was slow to begin.

**Who’s Knocking**—After getting its tie-up chain through its mouth and sustaining bruising to the lower left-hand side of its jaw, it was examined by the club’s veterinary officer and officially withdrawn at 2.53 p.m. when found to be unsuitable to race. Stewards ordered that all investments on **Who’s Knocking** be refunded in full and further that all bets with bookmakers placed prior to 2.53 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

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Trainer Mr T. McIlrick was advised that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

**Bell Serenade**—Began awkwardly, shifted in and then laid in for some distance afterwards and lost ground.

**Apache Hill**—Raced wide throughout.

**High Citadel**—Got its head down as the start was effected and lost ground (5L). Trainer Mr D. Rolfe was advised that a warning would be placed on the gelding.

**I Stole Your Love**—Change of tactics: to be ridden further back; settled back. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly revealed no abnormalities.

1st **Suneeeze** 2nd **Sedition** 3rd **Mastery** 4th **Bell Serenade**

### RACE 5: AFFINITY ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGIES LIGHTNING RIDGE – 2YO PLATE 1000M

**Express Courier**—Laid in shortly after straightening.

**Handle The Truth**—The gelding, which shifted its near fore plate in the tie-up stall area, had the plate refitted and was examined by the club’s veterinary officer prior to being passed fit to race.

**Patron Black**—Laid in in the straight and passing the 200 metres made contact with **Fallgold** and became unbalanced.

**Dreaming Of Biscay**—Raced keenly in the middle stages. Held up in the early part of the straight and had to be shifted out passing the 300 metres where it obtained clear running.
Fallgold— When questioned regarding the performance of the filly which was on debut, rider C Brown stated that his mount was agitated prior to the race and raced keenly in the early and middle stages and whilst this had some bearing on its ability to finish off its race, it was nevertheless disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly revealed no abnormalities.

1st SIZZLING BELLE 2nd HANDLE THE TRUTH 3rd DREAMING OF BISCAY 4th THE UNKNOWN FACTOR

RACE 6: TREASURY WINE ESTATES BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP 2000M
Stitched Up—A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

Rapture Miss—Rider B. Shinn was fined the sum of $200 under AR85B for failing to fulfil his riding engagement on the mare. Began awkwardly and made contact with the nearside of its barrier stall.

Bramwell—Co-trainer Ms L. Longmire was advised that a warning would be recorded against the mare, which was difficult to load into the barriers.

Yankee Foxtrot—A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which raced wide throughout, revealed no abnormalities.

From Pentridge—Slow to begin.

Morning Music—Raced wide throughout. An objection was lodged by the connections of the mare which was placed second against the winner Rapture Miss alleging interference passing the 200 metres. On the evidence it was established that passing the 200 metres Rapture Miss shifted out and inconvenienced Morning Music. Bearing in mind that Morning Music also lost momentum in the incident and also considering the fashion in which the mare finished its race off and the small margin of only a long head between the respective runners, as Stewards were satisfied that had the interference not occurred that Morning Music would have finished ahead of Rapture Miss, the objection was upheld. Stewards amended the placings to read first, No.15 Morning Music, second, No. 5 Rapture Miss, third, No. 3 Silky Mover, and fourth, No. 15 Eden Road.

Eden Road—When the pace was only moderate in the middle stages, the gelding was allowed to stride forward from the 1200 metres to take up the lead.

Pradier—An inquiry into the reasons why the gelding was checked passing the 700 metres was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Supa Hong Kong—Raced wide for some distance in the early stages.

1st MORNING MUSIC 2nd RAPTURE MISS 3rd SILKY MOVER 4th EDEN ROAD

RACE 7: TAB FEDERAL – BURLEY GRIFFIN SPRINT 1200M
Mercurial Lad—Had some difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Zafina—Held up rounding the home turn and until passing the 300 metres.

Zoumagic—Slow to begin.

Super Star Bob—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider J. Ford stated that his mount did not travel at any stage of the event, whereas it normally races quite keenly and proved disappointing in its failure to run on in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to be mildly lame (1-5) in the near foreleg. Trainer Mr M. Dale was advised that a veterinary clearance was required prior to the gelding racing again.

Forever Newyork—Stewards approved the late addition of synthetic hoof filler to the near fore hoof of the gelding. Public announcements were made. Hung out in the middle stages of the event. When the gelding continued to hang out approaching the home turn, it afforded Tougherthantherest an opportunity to improve through and to its inside.
Melberra Star—Was contacted on jumping by Mercurial Lad, which shifted out.

1st TOUGHERTHANHEREST 2nd BRING A SECRET 3rd MERCURIAL LAD 4th MELBERRA STAR

RACE 8: ALAN RUMMERY BENCHMARK 55 HANDICAP 1200M

One Son—Was obliged to race wide throughout.

Balonne—Was obliged to race wide throughout.

Chadana—Knuckled on jumping and shortly after was crowded by Balonne, which shifted in.

Zuzzudio—Shortly after straightening was eased when disappointed for a run between Bordeaux Bandit and Patrika Belle. Near the 200 metres was inconvenienced by Bordeaux Bandit, which shifted out.

Patrika Belle—After the 100 metres was checked when crowded for room between Zuzzudio and Admire Gratzi, which shifted in and away from Catch The Culprit (J. Adams) after first being taken in by that runner, which shifted in under riding after initially being taken in marginally by One Son. J. Adams was advised to exercise more care.

Little Clanga—Began awkwardly, shifted out and lost ground.

Quite Magical—Trainer Mr P. Facoory was fined the sum of $50 under AR140A for presenting the mare with blinkers, which were not part of its approved gear. Was held up in the early part of the straight.

Mr Fox—Was obliged to race wide throughout.

1st BALONNE 2nd MR FOX 3rd LADY MARIONETTE 4th QUITE MAGICAL

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

Race 1: Poincon, Swift Express

<p>| SUMMARY |
|---|---|
| Reprimands: | Nil. |
| Suspensions: | Race 2: C. Brown suspended from Sunday 25 February 2018 until Saturday 10 March 2018 (AR137 (a)). |
| Bleeders: | Nil. |
| Trials: | Nil. |
| Falls/Injuries: | Nil. |
| Protests: | Race 6: Protest 2nd against 1st upheld. |
| Late withdrawals: | Race 2: Further To Fly—late withdrawal at 1.57 p.m.—lame hind leg. Race 4: Who’s Knocking—late withdrawal at 2.53 p.m.—bruising lower left side of jaw. |
| Follow up: | Nil. |</p>
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