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## **APPEAL RESULT**

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

**DATE:** 12 March 2015

SUBJECT: APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: CRAIG ROBERTSON

**Panel** Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain, Mr Darren McGee.

**Appearances** Mr Des O'Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Robertson.

Mr Wade Hadley appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Kyneton on Tuesday 9 March 2015, jockey Craig Robertson was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Been Scene* in Race 4 the *Kyneton Toyota 3YO Fillies Maiden Plate* (1209m).

The careless riding being that approaching the 800m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Lumic* which had to be checked before relieving the pressure, Stewards also acknowledge that leading up to the incident *Lumic* over-raced and had raced greenly.

Mr Robertson had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Thursday, 5 March 2015 and to expire at midnight on Thursday, 12 March 2015 – a total of 8 race meetings (2 metro, 6 provincial.)

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the racing manners of *Lumic*, Craig Robertson's overall 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 Wednesday, 4 March 2015.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Wednesday, 11 March 2015.

**DECISION:** Appeal allowed.