

## APPEAL RESULT

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

**DATE:** 19 November 2015

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: DARREN GAUCI**

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**Panel** Judge John Bowman (Chair), Prof Raymond Harbridge, Mr Darren McGee.

**Appearances** Mr Gauci appeared on his own behalf.  
Mr James Hitchcock appeared on behalf of the stewards.

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At Geelong on Sunday 15 November 2015, jockey Darren Gauci was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Bon Jovial* in Race 4 the *Audi A4 Coming February Handicap* (1100m).

The carelessness being that approaching the 800m he carelessly permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Kickin The Traces*, that had been tightened and checked in consequence.

Mr Gauci had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 15 November 2015 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 22 November 2015 – a total of 9 race meetings (2 metro, 7 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Darren Gaucis' good record and that the incident was in the low range.

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

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Wednesday, 18 November 2015.

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**DECISION:** **Appeal allowed.**