



APPEAL DECISION

LUCINDA DOODT
and
RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 8 June 2017

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair)

Appearances: Geoff Hausfeld appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Matt Hyland appeared on behalf of Ms Doodt.

At Bendigo on 3 June 2017 apprentice jockey Lucinda Doodt was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on her mount *Rosie Goodnight* in Race 1 the *Grogan's Machinery 3yo Fillies Maiden Plate* (1300m).

The carelessness being that near the 900m she permitted her mount to shift ground inwards when insufficiently clear of *The Wild West*, which was taken in onto *Cubby* which in turn was crowded in onto *Lady Myers* resulting in *Lady Myers* being checked and *Cubby* being steadied and carried in off its course. In laying the charge stewards noted that initially *The Wild West* had a tendency to lay in and away from *Rosie Goodnight* before then being taken in off its course.

Ms Doodt had her permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 5 June 2017 and to expire at midnight on Friday, 16 June 2017 - a total of 11 race meetings (3 metro, 8 provincial).

In assessing penalty, stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid-range and took into account the circumstances, Lucinda Doodt's record and the racing manners of *The Wild West*.

A Notice of Appeal against the **decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on 6 June 2017.

DECISION: Appeal allowed. Conviction and penalty set aside.