



APPEAL DECISION

CHELSEA HALL *and* RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 5 January 2018

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair)

Appearances: James Hitchcock appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Darren Gauci appeared on behalf of Ms Hall.

At Werribee on Sunday 24 December 2017, apprentice jockey Chelsea Hall was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on her mount *Annrhon* in Race 9 the *Kids Day Out 13/1 BM64 Handicap* (1100m).

The carelessness being that approaching the 100m she permitted her mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Living Large (NZ)* which had to be checked and lost its rightful running.

Ms Hall had her permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence on Thursday, 28 December 2017 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 7 January 2018 – a total of 12 race meetings (4 metro, 8 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the carelessness was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against the **decision and severity** of the penalty was lodged on 26 December 2017.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective to midnight Wednesday, 3 January 2018.

DECISION: Appeal against decision dismissed.
Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

Penalty varied to a period of suspension for 10 meetings. Taking into account the expiry date of the stay of proceedings, the period of suspension will conclude after the day meeting at Hamilton on Friday, 12 January 2018.