



**APPEAL DECISION**  
**GEORGINA CARTWRIGHT**  
*and*  
**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

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**Date of Hearing:** 17 July 2017

**Heard By:** Brian Forrest (Deputy Chair)

**Appearances:** James Hitchcock appeared on behalf of the stewards.  
Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Ms Cartwright.

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At Geelong Synthetic on 11 July 2017, apprentice jockey Georgina Cartwright pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on her mount *Narioka* in Race 5 the *Viatek F&M BM64 Handicap* (1200m).

The carelessness being that near the entrance to the straight she permitted her mount to shift out taking *Del Rios (NZ)* out off its course, in an attempt to obtain a run between *Del Rios (NZ)* and *Magic And Danger* where there was insufficient room to do so, and persisted for such a run for some distance until checking over the heels of *Magic And Danger* near the 200m.

Ms Cartwright had her permit to ride in races suspended from midnight Thursday, 13 July 2017 to midnight Thursday, 27 July 2017 – a total of 14 race meetings (4 metro, 10 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account her guilty plea and good record and that the carelessness was in the high range.

A Notice of Appeal against the **decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday 13 July 2017. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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**DECISION: Appeal allowed.**

**Penalty varied to a period of suspension for 12 race meetings – expiring at midnight on 25 July 2017.**

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
PROCEEDINGS**

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**RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman**

**EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**DECISION**

**GEORGINA CARTWRIGHT**

**and**

**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

**RACING VICTORIA CENTRE, FLEMINGTON**

**MONDAY, 17 JULY 2017**

MR D. O'KEEFFE appeared on behalf of Ms G. Cartwright

MR J. HITCHCOCK appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Apprentice jockey Georgina Cartwright has appealed the severity of the 14-meeting careless riding suspension she incurred on 11 July at Geelong for the ride on Narioka. Georgina Cartwright pleaded guilty to the charge. She acknowledged she was at fault in causing interference to Nikita Beriman's mount when trying to obtain a run on the outside of Noel Callow's mount.

Having viewed the film during the inquiry, she anticipated that Callow's mount would not have moved out as far as it did. Darren Gauci, who assisted her at the Stewards' inquiry, agreed that she attempted to obtain a run when there was insufficient room.

In determining a penalty of 14 meetings from 14 July to 27 July, both dates inclusive, Stewards assessed the carelessness as high. The Stewards acknowledged the rider's inexperience, her plea of guilty and forthright evidence. Her riding record was described as "pretty good". She incurred three suspensions in the three-month period, November-December 2016 and January 2017. In the subsequent six-month period to now, her riding record has been trouble-free. In that period, she has had 248 rides.

Mr O'Keeffe put to the Board that Noel Callow, in shifting out, was a contributing factor which should have been taken into account in determining penalty.

Having viewed the race film this morning, heard the submissions of Mr Hitchcock and Mr O'Keeffe, I accept that while Noel Callow did shift out, Georgina Cartwright persisted in attempting to test the water, as it were, for far too long. In my opinion, having regard to her guilty plea, immediately admitting fault and her recent riding record is to her credit, this is deserving of slightly more recognition.

Accordingly, the period of the suspension will be varied by a reduction of 2 race meetings, a total of 12 race meetings to expire at midnight on 25 July 2017.