



DECISION

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS *and* AUSTY COFFEY

Date of Hearing: 11 January 2017

Panel: Judge Bowman (Chair).

Appearances: Ms Simonette Foletti appeared as counsel for the stewards.
Mr Andrew Nicholl of the ATA appeared on behalf of Mr Coffey

Charge 1: Breach of AR 178

Subject to AR 178G, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.

The particulars of the charge are that a prohibited substance, caffeine and its metabolite Theophylline, was detected in a post-race urine sample taken from the horse *Burrum's Buzz* following its win in the *Hygain Maiden Plate* (1200m) at Swan Hill on 23 September 2016.

Charge 2: Breach of AR 178F(1)

(1) "A trainer must record treatment and medication administered to each horse in his or her care by midnight on the day on which the administration was given..."

The particulars of the charge are that Mr Coffey failed to record the treatment of ITZ MAGIC, a medication administered orally to *Burrum's Buzz*, in accordance with AR 178F(1).

Plea: Guilty - both charges.

Decision: Charge 1 - Mr Coffey convicted and fined \$2,000.
Charge 2 - Mr Coffey convicted and fined \$500.
A total of \$2,500 due within 30 days.

Pursuant to AR 177, *Burrum's Buzz* is disqualified as winner of Race 3 the *Hygain Maiden Plate* (1200m) at Swan Hill on 23 September 2016 and the places amended accordingly.