

STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club - Track	Tasmanian Racing Club @ Elwick
Date	19 th August 2026
Weather	Overcast
Track Condition	Soft 5
Penetrometer	4.54
Rail Position	+6m Entire
Stewards Panel	T.T Styles (Chairman), A.D Hyde (Panel), J Lincoln (Panel), T Harding (Panel, Frontyard), J Marsh (Panel), A Norgrove (Backyard), C.J Shaw (Cadet), T.J Barnes (Cadet), A McDermott (Swab)
Officials	Dr. J Green and Medical Edge (Raceday Medical Provider), Dr. M Buckerfield (Veterinarian), Mr. D Evans (Starter), Mr. J Evans (Starter Assist), Mr. R Payne (Clerk of Scales), Mr. K. Valentine (Sampling Official)

RIDING CHANGES / JOCKEY INFORMATION

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced by	Reason
7	Rare Oro	No carded rider	C Van Munster	
8	Alpine Honey	No carded rider	C Van Munster	
9	Argyll Diamond	No carded rider	G Catania	

GENERAL

- Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the riders were addressed by the Stewards regarding the situation at Devonport Racecourse.

The riders were reminded that as professionals, they have the right to decide if they are to accept rides at a race meeting or not, and that their safety will always be a priority from the perspective of the Stewards.

They were also advised that constant remedial work is taking place at Devonport Racecourse, with the objective being that the programmed race meeting, scheduled for 26 August 2026, proceeds.

The Stewards advised that they would be in constant communication with the various role-players in determining whether the surface is suitable to ensure rider safety, horse welfare and the integrity of races.

Riders were assured that any decision taken would only be after a careful analysis of all applicable factors and that they would be kept apprised of any developments and their input would be taken into consideration.

- All riders' safety vests and helmets were inspected prior to the commencement of the meeting.

RACE-BY-RACE REPORT

Race 1 - 11:44AM TRC Life Member Kevin Sharkie Maiden/Class 1 (2100 METRES)

Pl	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
		4	DON TURBOAS	6	E.Byrne-Burke	SCRATCHED
2		2	HONEST WARRIOR	4	K.Sanderson	No report.
1		3	REGAL HUNTER	3	C.Newitt	Raced keenly in the early to middle stages.
3		4	LAST TREMBLE	2	S.Clarke	Restless in the barriers.
4		5	THEM'S THE BREAKS	5	L.Dempsey	Raced keenly in the early to middle stages. Brushed with WHITE STAR SUZIE shortly after straightening.
6		6	WET 'N' DRY	7	C.Pang	Raced keenly in the middle stages.
5		7	WHITE STAR SUZIE	1	T.Baker	Brushed with THEM'S THE BREAKS shortly after straightening. A post-race veterinary examination was conducted and found a small superficial horizontal laceration on the chest, mild filling in the right fore cannon and localized edema above the fetlock and anterior cannon. The trainer was advised to keep Stewards abreast of any developments.

Race 2 – 12:17PM Winning Edge Presentation Maiden (1100 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
1		1	ALFARINO	8	L.Dempsey	Raced wide throughout. Laid inwards under pressure in the final 100m.
9		2	CEEYA SUNSHINE	4	S.Clarke	No report.
11		3	MIDWAY POINT	2	C.Newitt	No report.
8		4	SORELL EAGLES	10	A.Darmanin	No report.
12		5	SPARK OF FIRE	11	K.Sanderson	Gave ground in the final 150m. A post-race veterinary examination was conducted and found the horse had a high heart rate and slow recovery.
2		6	LIN THIZZY	5	E.Bryne-Burke	Shifted in from the whip and had to be corrected in the final stages.
13		7	MIDNIGHT ECLIPSE	9	K.Lane	Jumped awkwardly. Raced greenly in the early to middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination was conducted and found blood in the mouth and a small ulceration on the lip from the bit.
3		8	ROLAND VIEW	7	H.McCarthy	No report.

10		9	SUNRISE AT KIRRA	1	T.Spillane	No report.
4		10	TSUYOI KITSUNE	13	T.Baker	Laid in under pressure and brushed with PRECIOUS ILLUSION nearing the 100m.
5		11	ANNIE'S PRIDE	12	S.Kennedy	Reluctant to load.
7		12	PRECIOUS ILLUSION	3	C.Wells	Brushed with TSUYOI KITSUNE nearing the 100m.
6		13	STEEL SPANIEL	6	C.Pang	Over raced in the early to middle stages.

Race 3 - 12:52PM TRC Life Member Ron Brooks Class 5 Hcp (1400 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
3		1	GARCON D'ESPOIR	6	D.Ganderton	Stewards had reason to question Rider D Ganderton about his apparent lack of vigor over the concluding stages. After taking evidence, and viewing the patrol footage, the Stewards determined that there was no reason for him to cease with his riding and issued a Severe Reprimand under AR131(b). Jockey D Ganderton pleaded Not Guilty to a charge under AR228(b). The specifics being that he misconducted himself by making aggressive and insulting comments to the Stewards during the Stewards Inquiry (see above) and by leaving the Stewards Room when not being given permission to do so. After carefully considering the evidence, Stewards found him Guilty and after assessing his points made in mitigation of penalty, the Stewards imposed a one-month suspension. Furthermore, a three-month suspension from an appeal ruling dated 31st July 2026 was invoked. The applicable wording of the appeal ruling is set out as follows: <i>Suspension of three-months wholly suspended on the condition that he commit no further offences under AR228(b), or otherwise involving misconduct, for a period of two years.</i>
2		2	KAKIA	8	E.Bryne-Burke	Raced keenly in the early stages. Raced wide around the home turn and into the straight.
5		3	SOUTHER AURORAS	2	C.Wells	Held up for clear racing room from the home turn to the 200m.
4		4	TASSIE POWER	7	A.Darmanin	Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.
7		5	GEEGEE STRAWBERRY	1	T.Baker	Tightened for galloping room and had to be steadied away from heels over the final stages. Rider T Baker reported

						that his mount felt flat and, in his opinion, had come to end of its preparation.
1		6	COASTAL STRIKE	3	S.Kennedy	Jumped awkwardly.
		7	RESERVOIR DOG	5	C.Newitt	SCRATCHED
6		8	APRIL'S DANCE	4	K.Lane	Raced keenly early. Shifted in under pressure from the 75m to the winning post.

Race 4 - 1:29PM Aviso TAS Insurance Brokers Maiden (1400 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
2		1	GEEGEES AVALANCHE	4	L.Dempsey	Bumped with ROYAL SCENE on jumping.
3		2	SIR WILLIAM	1	T.Spillane	Slow to begin.
10		3	SURF SOUL	3	H.McCarthy	Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.
6		4	UNFILTERED	8	C.Newitt	No report.
4		5	UPHEAVAL	11	E.Byrne-Burke	Raced wide throughout.
1		6	VINRAAM	6	S.Kennedy	Bumped with ROYAL SCENE on jumping. Raced wide throughout. Shifted out under pressure in the final 100m.
8		7	WINDARA ROCK IT	9	C.Wells	No report.
11		8	BLACK RAPTOR	10	T.Baker	Raced wide throughout. A post-race veterinary examination was conducted and no abnormalities were detected.
7		9	IRISH BLOOM	7	C.Pang	Jumped awkwardly.
9		10	ROYAL SCENE	5	A.Darmanin	Bumped with VINRAAM on jumping. Steadied off heels at the 600m.
5		11	UP TO TORI	2	S.Clarke	No report.

Prior to the running of this race, it came to the notice of the Stewards that Mr. B McCoull and Apprentice K Lane were on the racetrack, and they were ordered to vacate the area prior to loading commencing. Subsequently, Stewards advised both parties of the requirement for them to request permission if they seek to enter the racetrack at any time during the race meeting. The Stewards also had reason to address Apprentice K Lane regarding her attire while she was on the racetrack.

Race 5 - 2:04PM Vale Nigel Schuurin Open Hcp (1600 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
2		1	BLONDE STAR	2	K.Lane	No report.
3		2	SUSHI EXPRESS	4	H.McCarthy	Laid out under pressure in the home straight.
5		3	ZEWINNA	5	T.Baker	Rider T Baker stated that in his opinion the sedate tempo in the early stages did not suit the mare.
6		4	FIGHTING FLOYD	1	E.Byrne-Burke	Bumped with FLOSSING at the 100m.
1		5	RUBBLEONTHEDOUBLE	3	S.Kennedy	Stable representative S Brunton requested permission to saddle the gelding in the mounting yard, which was denied by the Stewards. Subsequently, he was advised that he would be permitted to saddle the gelding in the pre-parade area. Mr. Brunton was cautioned regarding his conduct in the Stewards room. Raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages.
4		6	FLOSSING (NZ)	6	C.Newitt	Stewards gave permission for rider C Newitt to ride 1kg overweight. Slow to begin. Bumped with FIGHTING FLOYD at the 100m.

Race 6 - 2:39PM Olive Tree Catering Benchmark 66 Hcp (2400 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
8		1	DON'T GIVE UP	8	K.Lane	Commenced to give ground in the home straight.
4		2	HAPPY CLAN	7	S.Kennedy	No report.
1		3	MERLIN BEACH (NZ)	2	A.Darmanin	Laid out under pressure from the 250m to the winning post.
2		4	NATIVE CLAN	1	E.Byrne-Burke	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination at the start and was subsequently passed fit to start.
5		5	ALPINE TROUT	6	T.Baker	Held up after straightening until the 150m.
7		6	AL MAXIMUS	4	S.Clarke	Wide throughout.
3		7	BULBUK (GB)	3	C.Van Munster	Raced three wide from the 1100m. Steadied away from the heels of MERLIN BEACH at the 150m.
6		8	STEELE MY SUNSHINE	5	C.Pang	Rider C Pang's helmet cover became detached at the 100m.

Race 7 - 3:14PM Mingari + Co Benchmark 68 Hcp (1100 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
		4	FURNEAUX	9	S.Kennedy	SCRATCHED
		2	CAPTAIN CAM	7		SCRATCHED
1		3	ALPINE THUNDER	12	C.Wells	Stewards questioned Trainer S Gandy regarding the improved performance of the gelding. Mr. Gandy put forward that in his opinion the horse is enigmatic and not always reliable. He further stated that he felt the horse was able to get into a better rhythm in the early stages today as opposed to last start where he had to be hustled to get to the lead. Mr. Gandy also felt that having a senior rider engaged was advantageous. Stewards noted his comments.
2		4	GEEGEES MISSILE	10	A.Darmanin	No report.
6		5	SKY LAND	2	C.Newitt	Rider C Newitt reported that in his opinion his mount felt flat and that it had come to the end of its preparation.
		6	BILLIE THE GREAT	5	H.McCarthy	SCRATCHED
4		7	COOL HEART	4	E.Byrne-Burke	No report.
5		8	MISS KEEDS	8	C.Pang	No report.
3		9	WILD NIGHTS	1	T.Baker	No report.
7		10	WITHIN SIGHT	3	S.Clarke	No report.
9		11	SKY EAGLE	11	K.Lane	Raced wide throughout.
8		12	RARE ORO	6	C. Van Munster	No report.

Representatives for trainers J Bazan and B Franklin were advised by the Stewards that they had been tardy in presenting their horses in the mounting yard, and that if this practice is repeated, action will be taken against them.

Race 8 - 3:49PM Ladbrokes Switch Class 1 Hcp (1400 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
2		1	FUEL ON THE FIRE	9	A.Darmanin	No report.
		2	COLONEL BOGEY	7	C.Newitt	SCRATCHED
6		3	FIERCE 'N FABULOUS	11	D.Ganderton	Slow to begin. Stewards had reason to question Rider D Ganderton about his apparent lack of vigor with his riding over the concluding stages. Stewards

						opened and adjourned an inquiry into this matter.
1		4	RIPPINGTON	8	L.Dempsey	Laid out under pressure from the 200m to the 100m.
7		5	SAVAGE RIVER	1	S.Kennedy	Laid out under pressure from the 250m to the 200m.
3		6	NANDI CLAN	2	E.Byrne-Burke	Slow to begin.
4		7	SNOWDONIA	3	T.Baker	No report.
9		8	THE LITTLE BAY	5	C.Pang	A post-race veterinary examination was conducted and no abnormalities were found.
		9	BELLA CHINKARA	4	C.Wells	SCRATCHED
10		10	ALPINE HONEY	10	C. Van Munster	Raced wide throughout. A post-race veterinary examination was conducted and no abnormalities were found.
5		11	COOL CONQUEST	6	H.McCarthy	Raced wide throughout.
8		12	THE PIRATE QUEEN	12	S.Clarke	No report.

Race 9 - 4:24PM Ladbrokes Hosted Pots Class 1 Hcp (1200 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
1		1	DENNYSON	2	K.Sanderson	Stewards spoke to stable representative Troy Blacker regarding the performance today in contrast to the run first up at Devonport. Mr. Blacker reported that the horse didn't handle the synthetic track on that occasion and was much better suited to the turf today. He also added that the horse was advantaged by getting to the best part of the track today.
11		2	I'M A MACHINE	5	L.Dempsey	Jumped awkwardly.
3		3	OUR PEPMENARTIE	1	T.Baker	No report.
10		4	GEEGEES MERCEDES	11	A.Darmanin	Jumped awkwardly. Raced wide throughout. Rider A Darmanin reported that in his opinion the performance of his mount was disappointing.
5		5	MISS LYRA	13	C.Wells	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after throwing itself down and dislodging the rider in the mounting yard and was passed fit to start. Rider C Wells was assessed by the Medical Edge staff and was passed fit to ride.

		6	PARTY DAY	9	E.Byrne-Burke	SCRATCHED
4		7	ARGYLL DIAMOND	7	G.Catania	No report.
6		8	GEEGEESCHASER	10	C.Pang	Raced wide from the 600m.
2		9	SOUTH GEORGIA	8	S.Clarke	No report.
9		10	CELESTIAL GLOW	6	C.Newitt	Stewards gave permission for rider C Newitt to ride 1kg overweight. Raced wide throughout.
		11	MEL'S STREET ABOVE	12	K.Lane	SCRATCHED
7		12	GOLDEN SWEET HEART	3	H.McCarthy	Rider H McCarthy lost her whip shortly after straightening.
8		13	LADY FERN	4	S.Kennedy	Steadied off the heels of GEEGEESCHASER approaching the winning post.

Race 10 - 4:59PM Graham Family Funerals Benchmark 68 Hcp (1600 METRES)

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Draw	Jockey	Incident
1		1	COAL RIVER	1	T.Spillane	No report.
6		2	JUST A NEEDS	5	A.Darmanin	Raced wide from the 800m.
7		3	THE SPIRIT OF ZERO	9	C.Pang	Slow to begin. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Raced wide throughout.
4		4	JOHNNIE PINCH	3	S.Kennedy	No report.
2		5	STARDARMUS	7	T.Baker	No report.
3		6	HENLEY EXTREME	6	C.Wells	No report.
5		7	ALPINE COWGIRL	2	H.McCarthy	No report.
8		8	THISISMYTURF	8	S.Clarke	No report.
9		9	PURR SEFANEE	4	C.Newitt	Stewards gave permission for rider C Newitt to ride 1kg overweight. Over-raced in the early and middle stages. Gave ground over the closing stages.

SUMMARY

Pre-race Blood Samples	Race 1 – 2. Honest Warrior Race 1 – 5. Them's The Breaks Race 2 – 7. Midnight Eclipse Race 4 – 4. Unfiltered Race 4 – 6. Vinraam Race 5 – 4. Fighting Floyd Race 5 – 5. Rubbleonthe double Race 6 – 1. Don't Give Up Race 6 – 2. Happy Clan Race 6 – 3. Merlin Beach Race 6 – 4. Native Clan Race 9 – 2. I'm A Machine
Pre-race Urine Sample	
Post-race Samples	Race 1 – 3. Regal Hunter Race 2 – 1. Alfarino Race 3 – 6. Coastal Strike Race 4 – 6. Vinraam Race 5 – 5. Rubbleonthe double Race 6 – 3. Merlin Beach Race 7 – 3. Alpine Thunder Race 8 – 4. Rippington Race 9 – 1. Dennyson Race 10 – 1. Coal River
Suspensions	Race 3 – D. Ganderton – 1 month under AR228(b). Furthermore, a three-month suspension from an appeal ruling dated 31 st July 2026 was invoked.
Fines	
Reprimands	Race 3 – D. Ganderton - Severe Reprimand under AR131(b)
Horse Warnings	
Required to Trial	
Adjourned Inquiries	Race 8 – D Ganderton
Follow-up Required – Vet Certificate	
Tactics Notified	

ADDENDUM

Steward's report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment.

Date	Changes / Version
19/08/2026	Version 1