

# **Media Release**

## **Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board**

**Marnie Bibby – 25 July 2017**

The Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) Racing Appeals and Disciplinary (RAD) Board today considered a charge issued by HRV Stewards against Ms Marnie Bibby relating to her associating with disqualified person Mr Daryl Douglas.

Ms Bibby was charged under Australian Rule of Harness Racing (AHRR) 230 which reads as follows:

*Except with the consent of the Controlling Body a person shall not associate for purposes relating to the harness racing industry with a disqualified person whose name appears in the current list of disqualifications published or adopted by a recognised harness racing authority.*

The particulars being that on 27 February 2017, Ms Bibby permitted Daryl Douglas, a disqualified person at the time, to conduct harness racing activities at her registered training establishment, namely the jogging of registered Standardbred horses and pre-race preparation for the horse 'Ubringthedrinks'.

Ms Bibby pleaded not guilty to the charge, however after evidence from the HRV Stewards and submissions on behalf of Ms Bibby, the HRV RAD Board found the charge proven.

The HRV RAD Board considered penalty submissions, which included Ms Bibby's personal offence record, her cooperation with the HRV Stewards and that the disqualification of Mr Douglas was subsequently overturned on review, balanced against the seriousness of the rules that govern disqualified people, the need for both general and specific deterrence, and the Ms Bibby's not guilty plea.

Ms Bibby was fined the sum of \$5,000, however it was ordered that \$2,500 of this fine be suspended for 12 months.