

## Stewards Investigation/ Hearing Report

Tuesday, 31 January, 2012

Date of Hearing: 7 January, 2012 (Warrnambool GRC) and  
29 January, 2012 (MGRA "The Meadows")  
Name: Mark Delbridge  
Suburb: Balliang (Vic)  
Offence: Transportation of greyhounds to the Warrnambool GRC meeting held  
on 7 January, 2012

Officiating Stewards: G. Fish, D Pyers, P Chitty, L Fahry

### REPORT

Stewards on 7 January, 2012 conducted an inquiry into the transportation of greyhounds to the Warrnambool GRC meeting by licensed Trainer – Mr. Mark Delbridge of Balliang. At that Inquiry, it was established that Mr. Delbridge transported a total of 19 greyhounds to the meeting of which he loaded two greyhounds in one compartment of the trailer used to transport the greyhounds. Stewards reminded Mr. Delbridge of his responsibilities in relation to this matter.

Stewards on 29 January, 2012 further investigated this matter with Mr. Delbridge and presented a report from GRV Steward-Investigator – Mr. Ron Matthews and tabled photographs of the greyhound trailer used on the night.

During the course of the Inquiry on 29 January 2012, it was established –

1. The trailer had adequate and functioning ventilation;
2. The compartment used to accommodate the greyhounds measured 870mm x 1400mm which exceeds the standard measurement of 870mm x 740mm per compartment.
3. The greyhounds were afforded sufficient room to enable them to sit, lie down or stand in a natural position without restriction.

Stewards reaffirmed Mr. Delbridge's responsibilities and took no further action after Mr. Delbridge confirmed he would cease this practice in future.

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Glenn Fish – Chief Steward

NB: Steward Investigation/Hearing decisions are subject to Appeal under the Rules of Greyhound Racing.

#### For more information:

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