



Media release

QRIC Bans Harness Patron for Life

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The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) has warned off a harness racing patron for life.

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said the QRIC Integrity Regulatory Unit (IRU) has prohibited Grant Gavin from entering any Queensland harness racing course where harness racing is being conducted.

“The Queensland Racing Crime Squad arrested and charged the Molendinar man in February this year with three counts of assault against three harness racing participants,” Mr Barnett said.

“These charges were as a result of an investigation that included the Commission’s first coercive hearings program where witnesses were compelled to attend and give evidence.

“It is important to ensure people in the racing industry can carry out their jobs without threats or fear of intimidation.

“Mr Gavin’s ban is for life as the only term available under the rule, but if he can demonstrate he is a fit and proper person he can apply to the Commission for reconsideration after two years.”

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