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QRIC announces new Director of Licensing and Stewarding

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commissioner has announced the appointment of a new Director of Licensing and Stewarding.

“I’m pleased to announce that Ms Ali Wade has been appointed to the position following an open merit recruitment and selection process that attracted international interest,” Commissioner Ross Barnett said.

“Ms Wade has acted in the role in a relieving capacity for much of the past year after transitioning to the Commission as Manager of Licensing and Registration.

“Prior to that, she worked at Racing Queensland in several senior management roles including Senior Manager of Stewarding and Integrity Operations after joining that organisation in 2006,” Commissioner Barnett said.

The Director of Licensing and Stewarding is tasked with overseeing the work of 35 stewards across Queensland and the licensing and registration teams.

“Ms Wade comes to the role at a time of significant change in the racing industry, including greater community expectations for the welfare of animals and the integrity of the three codes of thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing,” Commissioner Barnett said.

“I would like to thank the chief steward for Racing Victoria Mr Terry Bailey and the former chief steward for Racing NSW Mr Ray Murrphy for participating on the selection panel,” Commissioner Barnett said.

Ms Wade says she’s looking forward to continuing in the role and to ensuring Queensland’s racing industry maintains the highest standards for integrity and animal welfare.

“This is a great honour and I’d like to give special mention to the support I have received from the chief stipendiary steward for thoroughbreds Mr Allan Reardon,” Ms Wade said.

“I’m looking forward to a busy year ahead commencing with one of the biggest thoroughbred events on the calendar which is the Magic Millions carnival on the Gold Coast next month.

“We will also soon begin the process of finding the right people to fill key vacancies including the positions of chief stipendiary steward for both the harness and greyhound codes.”

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