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Deputy Commissioner appointed for QRIC

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) has welcomed the appointment of Mr Mark Ainsworth as its first Deputy Commissioner.

The QRIC was established through the *Racing Integrity Act 2016* and commenced on the 1 July 2016 with Mr Ross Barnett appointed to lead in the role of Commissioner.

A Detective Superintendent with the Queensland Police Service and currently working at the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) Mr Ainsworth has been appointed as the QRIC Deputy Commissioner following a national open merit recruitment process.

Commissioner Ross Barnett said Mr Ainsworth was well credentialed to take on this important role.

“As Director, Corruption Operations, Mr Ainsworth has been leading sensitive CCC investigations and supporting the Chairman in promoting the highest standards of integrity and ethics in the public sector,” Mr Barnett said.

“He is a distinguished police officer. He has devoted his career to serving the people of Queensland and has modelled the highest standards of professional integrity and accountability, which has been reflected in the roles he has undertaken during his career.

“Leading the Queensland Police Service Taskforce into Greyhound Racing and subsequently performing the role of Integrity Advisor to Racing Queensland at the request of the then Minister for Racing, Mr Ainsworth has an in-depth understanding of the critical role of the Deputy Commissioner in supporting the Commissioner to implement strategies to enhance confidence in the racing industry.

“Through this work, Mr Ainsworth has established networks with key industry stakeholders including the RSPCA.”

Receiving the Australian Police Medal in the 2013 Australia Day honours list, he was recognised for his achievements as a police officer including his role in Assisting the Commission of Inquiry into the Queensland 2011 floods.

The Citation accompanying the medal recognised his outstanding leadership qualities, expertise and professionalism.

Mr Ainsworth’s career achievements are complemented by his service to community organisations.

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He is a former Director and a founding board member of the Allison-Baden Clay Foundation and an independent member of the Brisbane Lions AFL Integrity Committee.

“Mr Ainsworth’s leadership qualities and commitment to the highest standards of integrity and professionalism, make him ideal for appointment to the role of Deputy Commissioner,” Mr Barnett said.

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