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QRIC out in force at Toowoomba Weetwood

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) has ensured the public and the racing industry that it will be out in force to support the integrity of the Toowoomba Weetwood Handicap tomorrow, 7 April.

Seen as the introduction to Queensland's Winter Racing Carnival, QRIC's Integrity Investigations Team (IIT) has carried out a series of pre-race testing and will deliver pre-race swabs on race day, all winners will be tested and if required targeted testing will also occur.

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said it was essential the community had confidence in the integrity of the Toowoomba meeting.

"As we work to ensure all racing events are run on a level playing field I want the betting public and racing participants to know that we will be out in force with staff and resources on this important race day," Mr Barnett said.

"The commencement of the Winter Carnival in Queensland thoroughbred racing at Toowoomba's Clifford Park has again attracted a highly competitive racing program and the integrity of every one of those races is a high priority for QRIC."

In preparation for the Weetwood Handicap the IIT has;

- Attended scheduled Thoroughbred race meetings at Ipswich on 4 April 2018, Dalby on 5 April 2018;
- Attended early track work at Clifford Park along with the Queensland Police Service Racing Crime Squad;
- Carried out on course and off course stable inspections at Ipswich, Dalby and Toowoomba;
- Run compliance checks of industry participants;
- Carried out pre-race and out of competition swabs of horses leading up to and including the Ipswich and Dalby meetings and the Weetwood Handicap.

Commissioner Barnett said the presence of integrity officers at high profile race meetings in the days leading up to the race and on race day itself was an important role for the QRIC to ensure the integrity of racing in Queensland.

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