



Media release

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Two year disqualification for Trainer Mark Currie

Toowoomba licensed trainer Mark Currie has been found guilty of 16 charges relating to race day treatment and despite a not guilty plea he was disqualified for two years at a reconvened Stewards Inquiry in Brisbane today.

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said stewards today concluded an Inquiry into the activities of Mr Currie on 24 March and 7 April 2018 at the Hursley Rd Toowoomba stables of licensed trainer Ben Currie.

“Mark Currie appeared today at the QRIC Brisbane headquarters to answer to 12 charges under AR 178E relating to the administration of a medication to a horse on race day without the permission of the stewards and four charges under AR 175 (a) relating to improper practice,” he said.

“Stewards found Mr Currie guilty of administering medication to Gully Command, Publishing Power, Hang, and Giveus A Cuddle on 24 March, the same day they raced at Doomben and causing With A Promise to be administered a medication that same day.

“Mr Currie was also found guilty of causing Giveus A Cuddle, Gully Command, Publishing Power, Ruettiger, With A Promise and Boomwa to be administered with a medication on 7 April, the same day they were engaged to run at Toowoomba.

“The improper practice charges relate to race horses Gully Command, Publishing Power and Hang on 24 March when they raced at Doomben, Giveus A Cuddle on 24 March before it raced at Gatton and Boomwa, Giveus A Cuddle, Gully Command, Hang, With A Promise, Publishing Power and Ruetigger on 7 April before they raced at Toowoomba.”

Commissioner Barnett said these were serious charges and the rules of racing are clear in respect to race day treatment.

“While it is more than six weeks since the ongoing investigation began into suspicious activity at the Currie Racing stables in Toowoomba, it is expected to be sometime before it is concluded,” he said.

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