



Media release

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Currie stable hand guilty of 15 race day treatment charges

Currie Racing stable hand Greg Britnell has today been found guilty of 15 charges relating to race day treatment and disqualified for eighteen months at a reconvened QRIC Stewards Inquiry.

“QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said Mr Britnell was found guilty of a total of 15 charges relating to race day administration,” he said.

“He is guilty of seven charges on 7 April 2018 under AR 178E that he without the permission of the Stewards administered a medication on race day and a single charge under AR175 (a) of an improper practice in connection with Givus a Cuddle, Gully Command, Hang, Publishing Power, Ruettiger, With a Promise and Boomwaa prior to the Toowoomba Turf Club race meeting.

“Mr Britnell was found guilty of seven similar charges relating to 24 March 2018 including assisting in administering a medication to Gully Command, and administration of a medication to With a Promise, Publishing Power, Hang and Givus a Cuddle the same day they were engaged to race at Doomben or at Gatton. These charges included four charges under AR178E for race day administration and three charges under AR175(a) for an improper practice.

“Under the rules of racing, treatment on race day with any form of medication is unlawful and this can include products which may be permitted on non-race days.”

Mr Britnell is the third stable hand to be suspended since the Ben Currie Hursley Rd Toowoomba stable was the subject of suspicious activity on Weetwood Day on 7 April.

Cameron Schwenke was suspended on 11 May after being found guilty of assisting in the administration of a substance to seven race horses on Weetwood Day and Silde Canda was found guilty of providing false evidence during the investigation and suspended for three months on 15 May.

As part of the continuing investigation into breaches of the rules of racing regarding race day treatment Mark Currie’s reconvened Inquiry will be held on Monday 21 May.

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