



Media release

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Three month ban for Toowoomba stable hand

A QRIC Stewards Inquiry has today disqualified Currie Racing stable hand Cameron Schwenke for three months effective immediately.

The Mark Currie Inquiry has been adjourned until 21 May to review the evidence tabled so he can make submissions in defence of the charges he faces.

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said he expected Mr Currie's matter to be finalised then and he will remain suspended until the Inquiry is finalised.

"Mr Schwenke was found guilty of AR 175 (a) dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent, improper or dishonourable action or practice in connection with racing," he said.

"He is guilty of assisting in the administration of a substance to race horses Boomwa, Giveus a Cuddle, Gully Command, Hang, With A Promise, Publishing Power and Ruetigger on the morning of 7 April 2018, the same day they were engaged to race at the Toowoomba Turf Club which, in the opinion of QRIC Stewards, was an improper practice," he said.

"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.

"Stewards were satisfied that Mr Schwenke assisted in the administration of a substance. As the administration occurred on a race day and given orally, it was in breach of the rules of racing.

"The reconvened Inquiry for the second suspended stable hand Greg Britnell has been adjourned to 19 May.

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