



Media release

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QRIC issues animal welfare direction on Mackay participants

Two Mackay Harness racing participants have been directed to get immediate veterinary care for horses found to be in a poor condition.

On Saturday morning 14 July, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Integrity Investigation Team (IIT) conducted race day inspections prior to the Mackay races at a number of properties in the area.

Deputy Commissioner Mark Ainsworth said while inspecting an East Mackay property the IIT found two Standardbred horses in a poor physical condition and issued an Animal Welfare Direction Notice to two local people.

“The direction required the Harness racing participants to seek veterinary attention for the two Standardbreds as well as a number of other requirements associated with improving the conditions for the animals,” Mr Ainsworth said.

“As part of the ‘anywhere anytime strategy’, QRIC staff will continue to conduct stable and kennel inspections to ensure the welfare of racing animals and compliance with the rules of racing.”

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