



# Media Release

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## Abandoned Ipswich races rescheduled to next Tuesday

Today's Ipswich race meeting abandoned for the second time in a fortnight will now be held next Tuesday, 16 October.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Chief Thoroughbred Steward Peter Chadwick said today's meeting was called off when Stewards again ruled the track to be unsafe for racing.

"The Ipswich races were called off on 26 September when a section of the track immediately past the winning post had not recovered sufficiently to allow the riders to safely restrain their horses on pulling up," he said.

"The rescheduled race meeting went ahead on 2 October when the track was rated a 'soft 5' and the Ipswich races were held as scheduled on 5 October again on a track rated as 'soft 5'.

"Today's Steward's track inspection determined there was inconsistency in the section of the track immediately past the winning post and racing should not proceed due to safety concerns."

The Ipswich Turf Club track manager and Racing Queensland representatives inspected the track this afternoon and rescheduled the Ipswich race meeting to next week.

Mr Chadwick said any further rain, as is forecast may have a negative impact on the condition of the track.

"The track will be monitored and inspected next Monday, the day before the rescheduled Ipswich races, before Stewards give the final go-ahead for the meeting.

"The safety of participants and animals is the first consideration before any race meeting goes ahead," Mr Chadwick said.

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