

## Stewards' Report

### Stewards Report: Trackwork Riders Mr. K Hayward & Ms N Di Mattina

**Date: 20 May 2020**

**Panel: P Gillard**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a report from the Gold Coast Turf Club that Waller Racing trackwork riders failed to comply with the trackwork policy of the Gold Coast Turf Club on 19 May 2020.

Gold Coast Turf Club documentary evidence was tabled along with submissions from Co Trainer Mr Paul Shailer, Trackwork Riders, Ms Natasha Di Mattina and Mr Kerry Hayward.

After considering all of the evidence, Ms Di Mattina and Mr K Hayward were issued a charge and pleaded guilty pursuant to LR.4. which reads:

*A person included in the training care, management, control or superintendence of a horse on a racecourse shall comply with any:*

- (a) any by-law, direction of any entity which has the use, occupation, control or superintendence thereof prescribing the time, manner and conditions for the use of the racecourse or any facility thereon. Notice of a by-law or direction may be by way of in writing, a notice wherever situated upon the racecourse.*

The specifics of the charge being that whilst riding Trackwork at the Gold Coast Turf Club on Tuesday 19 May 2020, both riders failed to comply with the clubs Trackwork policy and continued to gallop their respective mounts whilst the warning siren was sounded and warning light was flashing, further that a horse was loose and riderless with a rider in distress.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards acknowledged their forthright evidence and guilty plea. Stewards were also mindful of similar penalty precedents, the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing and the need for a penalty to serve as an appropriate deterrent to ensure Trackwork Health & Safety measures are adhered to. Both Mr Hayward and Ms Di Mattina were subsequently fined \$500.00 with \$300.00 to be wholly suspended under the provisions of AR283 (5) that they do not offend under a similar rule within 12 months.

Mr Hayward and Ms Di Mattina were made aware of their rights to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.