

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Kathryn Barr and Gabrielle Semmens

Semmens

Date: 29/05/2020

Steward: J Williamson, P Zimmermann, L Hicks

Stewards today concluded an inquiry into an incident involving both Stable Foreperson Miss Kathryn Barr and Stablehand Track rider Miss Gabrielle Semmens, which occurred at Breanna Lodge, Caloundra on May 1, 2020.

Stewards also finalised inquiries into a further incident which occurred during track work on the morning of May 4, 2020, which was alleged to have occurred on the Sunshine Coast Turf Club premises.

After considering the evidence, Miss Semmens pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 228 (b) in that she had misconducted herself; the misconduct being that Miss Semmens did approach, spoke aggressively and used foul language toward Miss K Barr, whilst at Breanna Lodge on the morning of May 1, 2020. Miss Semmens was fined the sum of \$400 wholly suspended for a period of 2 years, provided there are no further offences during this period.

Miss K Barr pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 228 (b) in that she had misconducted herself; the misconduct being that Miss Barr did engage in a heated verbal altercation, in a raised voice and used antagonistic language toward Miss G Semmens, whilst at Breanna Lodge on the morning of May 1, 2020. Miss Barr was fined the sum of \$200 wholly suspended for a period of 2 years, provided there are no further offences during this period.

Stewards also established that on the morning of May 4, 2020, Miss Barr and Miss Semmens were riding track work on the "Cushion Track" and that their respective mounts made heavy contact with one another for some distance rounding and passing the home turn. Evidence was presented to stewards by both parties that this was caused by an intentional act from the other person involved. Given the seriousness of the allegations, stewards could not be satisfied to the requisite standard, on the balance of probabilities, that either version could be proven and therefore made no finding on these allegations.