

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Shane Graham

Date: 20 August 2020

Panel: D Farquharson, L. Wilson & G. Goold

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into matters arising from race two at Albion Park on 28 July 2017.

On 9 December 2017, Shane Graham's licence was suspended, pending the outcome of charges of race fixing brought against him by the Queensland Police Service Racing Crime Squad (RCS).

On 11 February 2020, Shane Graham was acquitted by the District Court of Queensland of all charges .

On 2 June 2020, Shane Graham was relicensed as an A Grade driver with the QRIC. He was advised on relicensing that Stewards may review the matters subject of the District Court proceeding to determine if any breaches of Australian Harness Racing rules had been committed.

Today, after consideration of the evidence, including that tendered by Shane Graham, Stewards charged Shane Graham pursuant to AHR rule 173 (5) which reads;

A driver or trainer shall not place or have an interest in a bet on any betting account other than an account registered in their own name.

The particulars of the charge were that Shane Graham did have an interest in a bet placed on the horse Dapper at Albion Park on 28 July 2017 and a result of that interest received a monetary benefit when the horse won the race.

Shane Graham pleaded not guilty to the charge. After further deliberations, Stewards found the charge sustained and formally found him guilty. The driver's licence of Shane Graham was suspended for a period of 6 months backdated to 9 December 2017, the day on which he was stood down.

Mr Graham was advised of his rights to an internal review.