

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Garry Schwenke – Bridget's Diary

**Date: 28 May 2021**

**Panel: R Hitchener, B Cooke & B McErlean**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance KETOPROFEN was detected in a urine sample taken from BRIDGET'S DIARY at the Warwick Turf Club on 26 December 2019.

This inquiry was conducted by written correspondence where Trainer Garry Schwenke was provided with documentary evidence from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL).

After considering the evidence, Mr. Schwenke was found guilty of a charge pursuant to AR 240 (2) which reads:

*Subject to subrule (3), if a horse has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in any sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.*

The particulars of the charge being-

That as the trainer of BRIDGET'S DIARY, Mr Schwenke brought that mare to the Warwick Turf Club on 26 December 2019, for the purpose of participating in a race and a post-race urine sample taken after BRIDGET'S DIARY competed in the Class 1 Handicap 1100m, revealed the prohibited substance Ketoprofen being detected.

When considering an appropriate penalty for this breach, the Panel were of the view the following points to be relevant:

1. Mr. Schwenke's forthright evidence and cooperation during the inquiry;
2. His prior record in relation to offences of this nature.
3. Need for both a specific deterrent to Mr. Schwenke and a general deterrent to the wider industry that these matters have a negative impact on the image of the sport.

After taking the above into account, Mr Schwenke was subsequently fined \$3000.

Furthermore, acting under the provisions of AR 240(1) BRIDGET'S DIARY was disqualified from its first placing in the Class 1 Handicap 1100m and the placing's were amended as follows.

### **Warwick- Class 1 Handicap 1100m**

1st – WAIT A MINUTE

2nd – HAIKU'S WAY

3rd – MISS MAKEPEACE

4th – GET ME CHARLIE

Mr. Schwenke was made aware of his right to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.

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