

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Amanda Thomson

Date: 21 December 2021

Panel: P Gillard

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Steward today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by licensed Jockey Ms Amanda Thomson after she rode at Townsville Turf Club on 2 November 2021. The urine sample contained a banned substance under the provisions of AR136(1)

After hearing all submissions Ms Thomson pleaded guilty to a charge under AR142 Banned substances exemption (e) (i) which reads:

Notwithstanding the provisions of AR 139 and AR 140, a PRA may permit a rider or horse handler to receive a specified banned substance for medicinal purposes, subject to the following: (e) the rider or horse handler must: (i) before riding or handling any horse, make application to a PRA for permission to ride or handle a horse with a specifically prescribed banned substance in the person's system;

The specifics of the charge being that Ms Thomson did provide a sample of urine at the Townsville Turf Club on 2 November 2021, which contained substances banned under 136(1) which reads: *A rider breaches these Australian Rules if a banned substance under 136(1) is detected in a sample taken from the rider, and had failed before riding or handling any horse, make application to a PRA for permission to ride or handle a horse with a specifically prescribed banned substance in the person's system under the provisions of AR142(e)(i);*

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of the circumstances of this particular case, Ms Thomson's forthright evidence, guilty plea, remorsefulness and relevant penalty precedents.

Subsequently, Ms Thomson had her licence to ride suspended for a period of one calendar month which commenced 25 November 2021, when originally stood down and to expire at midnight 26 December 2021.

Ms Thomson was advised of her rights to an internal review.

