

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Tom Button

**Date: 28 July 2022**

**Panel: B Cooke, S Larkins, E Suli**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the alleged race day treatment of Miss Lot Won prior to the Rockhampton race meeting on Saturday 9 April 2022.

After taking into consideration the evidence tendered by Mr Button, Stewards issued a charge under the terms of AR 249(1)(a) which reads:

***AR 249 Administration of medication on race day***

***(1) Notwithstanding the provisions set out in Schedule 1, Part 2, Division 2, a person must***

***not, without the permission of the Stewards:***

***(a) administer; or***

***any medication to a horse at any time on race day prior to the commencement of a race in which the horse is engaged to race.***

The specifics of the charge being -

That Mr Tom Button, as the licensed trainer, did administer a medication to the horse Miss Lot Won, namely poultice, prior to its engagement at the Rockhampton Jockey Club on Saturday the 9 of April 2022.

Mr Button pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty stewards took into consideration the following:

- Mr Button's guilty plea
- Mr Button's good record and forthright evidence.
- The objective seriousness of the conduct
- The paramount importance of maintaining the integrity of Thoroughbred Racing and ensuring a level playing field for all participants
- Specific and general deterrence principles

- Taking into consideration Local Rule 117B(c) and the circumstances of the case, stewards were of the opinion that special circumstances exist in this case.

Taking into consideration the above, stewards issued Mr Button with a \$1000 fine.

Mr Button was advised of his right to an internal review.