

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Bonnie Thomson (Trainer)

Date: 19 June 2023

Panel: P Gillard, K Lees & D Griffiths

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the behaviour of Trainer Bonnie Thomson. Evidence today was taken from Ms Thomson & Mr R Finch (Trainer), written notes and affidavits provided in relation to the incident and a Steward that officiated at the relevant meeting was also considered.

Ms Thomson subsequently pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR 228(b) which reads:

Division 3 – Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing

AR 228 Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing

A person must not engage in:

(b) misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour;

The specifics of the charge being that following a Stewards inquiry, Ms Thomson did conduct herself in an improper manner at Einasleigh Racecourse 8 April 2023 by engaging in obscene language in an open public area towards another licensee.

When considering an appropriate penalty, the Stewards considered relevant penalty precedents and the seriousness of the charge and the need for a penalty to serve as a specific deterrent to Ms Thomson and a general deterrent to the wider industry to illustrate that this type of conduct will not be tolerated. The panel also acknowledged Ms Thomson's forthright evidence and that she was very remorseful about the incident.

Subsequently Ms Thomson was issued the following penalties, a monetary penalty of \$3,000. Under the provisions of AR 283(5) that \$1500.00 be wholly suspended for a period of two years in that she does not reoffend under a similar breach. Further to that steward's order that a further reduction of \$500.00 be suspended provided that Ms Thomson tenders' evidence of anger management counselling.

Ms Thomson was made aware of her review rights.