

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Mr Brenton Andrew, re – Hostage Of War

**Date: 7 December 2023**

**Panel: Geoff Goold, Paul Zimmermann, James Williamson.**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a report from the RSC analyst that the prohibited substance HEPTAMINOL was detected in urine sample taken from HOSTAGE OF WAR at Kilcoy on 28 September 2023.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Andrew was issued with one (1) charge pursuant to AR 240(2) which states:

*Subject to AR240(3), when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a 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 breaches these Australian Rules.*

The particulars of charge being that on Thursday 28 September 2023, Mr Brenton Andrew as a licensed trainer with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission and the registered trainer of HOSTAGE OF WAR when the gelding was brought to the Kilcoy Racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race, that being Race 3, The Butler McDermott Lawyers Benchmark 65 Handicap 2076 m, a post-race urine sample was collected following its winning performance which upon analysis revealed the sample to contain HEPTAMINOL, a substance prohibited under the Australian Rules of Racing pursuant to Division 1 Prohibited List B due to its effects on the cardiovascular system and thus breaching the requirements of AR 240(2).

Mr Andrew pleaded not guilty to the charge and made submissions in his defence.

Stewards after considering these submissions found the charge could be sustained and formally found Mr Andrew guilty.

In determining penalty Stewards considered the following:

- The nature, circumstances, and seriousness of the offence
- Mr Andrew's personal circumstances
- Mr Andrew's disciplinary history
- Mr Andrew's not guilty plea
- The need for the penalty to act as both a specific deterrent to Mr Andrew to reduce the risk of further offending and as a general deterrent to the wider racing industry
- The penalty precedents for an offence pursuant to Australian Rule of Racing 240(2) In regard to the substance Heptaminol;

The Stewards, having considered the above factors issued Mr Andrew a fine of \$2000.

Under the provisions of AR240(1), HOSTAGE OF WAR was disqualified from its first placing in the above-mentioned race and the placings were amended as follows:

1<sup>ST</sup> – SEERESS

2<sup>ND</sup> – TROUBLESHOOT

3<sup>RD</sup> – BOULT

4<sup>TH</sup> – SHADYVALE STORM

5<sup>TH</sup> – MODERN FAMILY

Mr Andrew was advised of his appeal rights.