

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr Ron Finch

Date: 9 February 2024

Panel: D Griffiths, R Neal, S Nosworthy

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards inquired following a written complaint received from the Townsville Turf Club regarding a Facebook comment made on 3 September 2023 at 11.39, posted by licensed Trainer Mr Ron Finch.

Stewards deemed the comment offensive and charged him under the terms of AR228 (d) - Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing. – A person must not engage in (d) publishing or posting on any social media platform or channel any material, consent or comment that is obscene, offensive, defamatory, racist, threatening, harassing, discriminatory or abusive to or about any person involved in the racing industry.

Stewards determined the comment to be offensive.

The Stewards acting under the powers of AR226, imposed a fine of \$500 regarding the above matter. In reaching this finding the Stewards factored Mr Finch's prior behavioural related conviction. This was considered an aggravating factor.

Mr Finch was further charged under- AR 232 (h) Failure to observe processes and directions of PRAs or Stewards, - A person must not: (h) refuse or fail to attend or give evidence at an interview, investigation, inquiry, hearing, or appeal when directed or requested to do so by a PRA, the Stewards or a person authorised by a PRA or the Stewards.

Stewards determined that on 4 January 2024, Mr Finch when directed by Stewards, via email correspondence, to attend an inquiry, at 10.00a.m. on Thursday January 11, 2024, at the Stewards Room at Townsville failed to attend at that time and date.

Mr Finch was fined \$200 in relation to this breach.

Mr Finch was advised of his Right of Appeal to the Racing Appeals Tribunal.