

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Re - Home Hill Race Meeting – 28 December 2023.

Date: Reconvened Townsville Race Meeting 25 May 2024.

Panel: D Griffiths, J. McIntosh, P. Warren

On Saturday 25 May 2024, Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) stewards continued inquiries into the riding tactics adopted by rider J. Murphy (MORETON BAY) in Race 2 at Home Hill Class 6 Plate 1000m on 28 December 2023. After taking initial evidence from Jockey J. Murphy and Trainer J. Manzelmann on that date, the inquiry was adjourned to a time and date to be fixed. The inquiry was to be reconvened but was delayed due to Jockey J. Murphy sustaining an injury in early 2024.

Trainer J Manzelmann provided evidence that in several race starts after 28 December 2023, the gelding was ridden to his instructions in the initial stages in both a forward and rearward position and had failed to run on. He stated he had then elected to send MORETON BAY for a spell.

After taking further evidence from Jockey J. Murphy and Trainer J. Manzelmann, the explanation of both Jockey J. Murphy and Trainer J Manzelmann were noted and no further action taken. Jockey J Murphy was however advised that in the stewards opinion, he may have erred in the preliminary stages of the event by failing to have MORETON BAY in a more forward position when the opportunity existed.

Stewards examined various betting data on the race and no abnormalities were identified. The matter was finalised.