

# Stewards' Report

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 30 July 2024
<b>Panel:</b>	Ms A Turner (Chairperson), Mr P McLean, Mr Nathan Thorneycroft
<b>Person:</b>	Mrs Myra Griffiths
<b>Rule:</b>	GAR 169(5)(a) and GAR 169(5)(c)
<b>Disciplinary Action:</b>	<p>That pending the outcome of the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission's inquiry in respect of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. a sample collected from Newton Hayze whilst out-of-competition on 10 May 2024;</li><li>2. a sample collected from Whispers whilst out-of-competition on 10 May 2024; and</li><li>3. a sample collected from Newton Hayze when that greyhound competed in Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 26 June 2024, which samples were shown to contain the permanently banned prohibited substance Testosterone Propionate, Stewards directed that:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. the greyhounds Newton Hayze and Whispers are not permitted to compete in, or be nominated for, any Event; and</li><li>2. an interim suspension be imposed upon the trainer licence and owner registration of Mrs Myra Griffiths</li></ol></li></ol>

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The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards convened a Stewards' Inquiry in respect of:

1. a sample collected from Newton Hayze whilst out-of-competition on 10 May 2024 which sample was shown to contain Testosterone Propionate, being a permanently banned prohibited substance pursuant to the Greyhounds Australasia Rules;
2. a sample collected from Whispers whilst out-of-competition on 10 May 2024 which sample was shown to contain Testosterone Propionate, being a permanently banned prohibited substance pursuant to the Greyhounds Australasia Rules; and
3. a sample collected from Newton Hayze when that greyhound competed in Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 26 June 2024 which sample was shown to contain Testosterone Propionate, being a permanently banned prohibited substance pursuant to the Greyhounds Australasia Rules,

with Mrs Myra Griffiths being the licensed trainer of the greyhounds Newton Hayze and Whispers at the relevant times.

After considering the evidence currently to date, including oral submissions from Mrs Griffiths, the Stewards directed that:

1. the greyhounds Newton Hayze and Whispers are not permitted to compete in, or be nominated for, any Event pending the outcome of the stewards' inquiry pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 169(5)(a); and
2. Mrs Griffiths' Owner Registration and Trainer Class 3 Licence be suspended pending the outcome of the Stewards' Inquiry pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 169(5)(c),

due to the serious nature of the permanently banned prohibited substance Testosterone Propionate.

For clarity, Greyhounds Australasia Rule 169(5)(a) and 169(5)(c) provide:

*Pending the decision or outcome of an inquiry or other disciplinary process, a Controlling Body or the Stewards may direct that:*

*(a) if the inquiry or other disciplinary process directly or indirectly involves or is connected with a greyhound, that the greyhound is not permitted to compete in or be nominated for any Event;*

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*(c) a registration, licence, or other type of authority or permission be suspended.*

Further, Stewards permitted Mrs Griffiths fourteen (14) days from 30 July 2024 to transfer all greyhounds from her care and custody.

Mrs Griffiths was advised of her right to a review of the decision.