

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Stuart Kendrick

Date: 18 August 2025

Panel: S Heidke, R Jackson & W Wain

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards finalised an inquiry today into unlicensed staff undertaking duties at the Stuart Kendrick Sunshine Coast on course stables during a stable inspection on 17 July 2025.

After considering all evidence, Stuart Kendrick pleaded guilty to a charge under LR43, which reads:

Unless with the permission of the Principal Racing Authority a Trainer shall not employ an unlicensed person or allow an unlicensed person to work in or about any training establishment in any role involving the training, working or custody or management of any racehorse trained, owned or leased by him.

The specifics of the charge being, that licensed trainer Stuart Kendrick have in his employment, two (2) staff that were conducting stable duties on 17 July 2025, that were unlicensed to work in or about his training establishment.

Stewards considered submissions regarding the circumstances and penalty in this matter. In determining an appropriate penalty, the Stewards took the following into consideration:

- The plea of guilty to the charge.
- Mr Kendrick's forthright evidence and remorse for the breach of the rules regarding staff being unlicensed.
- The action taken by the stable to ensure staff are now appropriately licensed.
- The clear disciplinary record of the stable with regards to this rule.
- Previous penalty precedents.

- The requirement to ensure all persons engaging in duties of licensees are the holders of a licence to do so for the purposes of ensuring the integrity of the industry and the welfare of thoroughbreds involved.
- The significant breach being two (2) persons in total being unlicensed.

Accordingly, Stewards determined that a monetary penalty of \$1000 be applied in this matter. Additionally, acting under the provisions of AR283(5), \$500 of the penalty was wholly suspended for a period of 12 months under the proviso that a breach of LR43 (unlicensed person not to be employed) by Stuart Kendrick does not occur within this time.

Mr Kendrick was advised of his right to an appeal.