

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards' Report – Angela Blanch

**Date – 4 July 2018**

**Panel – M. Heath and L. Collins**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards (QRIC) conducted an inquiry into the analytical findings of the urine sample taken from Stablehand Ms A Blanch on the morning of Saturday, 23 June 2018 at Callaghan Park Racecourse, Rockhampton.

Ms Blanch pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 81 AA (1) in that on that day she did provide a urine sample which upon analysis was found to contain substances banned by AR 81 BB namely amphetamine and methamphetamine above the permissible thresholds.

After considering submissions on the matter of penalty, Ms Blanch was disqualified from 4 July, 2018 up to 4 January 2019 being a period of six (6) months. Given the mitigating factors involved, acting under LR 22 (g), Stewards ordered that should evidence of rehabilitation or counselling for drugs misuse be provided from accredited facility, the penalty may be reconsidered and reduced to four (4) months.

Ms Blanch was also advised that she must provide a urine sample clear of any prohibited substances prior to her returning to stable duties. (AR 81 AA (4)).

Ms Blanch was made aware of the disabilities of a disqualified person and her right of review.