

LORD HOWE ISLAND BOARD

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ITEM

Work Health and Safety (WH&S) and Public Risk Management Update

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board note the information provided on Public Risk and WH&S matters.

BACKGROUND

The Board has requested information on Public Risk and WH&S matters be presented on a quarterly basis.

CURRENT POSITION

Workplace Health and Safety

As at 30 June 2018 fifteen claims had been lodged for the 2017-18 financial year:

2017/18				
No	Date of Injury	Type of Injury	Cause of Injury	Hours Lost
1	3/07/2017	Disc bulge or prolapse	Bending over	117.8
2	12/07/2017	Tenosynovitis of extensor tendon R forearm	Jackhammering	Medical expenses only
3	2/08/2017	Petrol in R ear	Working on air blocked fuel line	Medical expenses only
4	4/08/2017	R pectoral muscle strain	Shovelling	Medical expenses only
5	13/07/2017	L lower costro-chondral cartilage tear	Removing rubble from tracks	45.6
6	31/10/2017	Laceration L thumb	Angle grinder jumped and cut through glove	Medical expenses only
7	15/11/2017	Sore knees	Walking mountain tracks carrying equipment	Medical expenses only
8	21/11/2017	Puncture wound right palm	Tripped and fell sharp stick puncturing right palm	30.4
9	1/12/2017	Foreign body in right eye	Welding and foreign body flew into right eye	Medical expenses only
10	9/01/2018	Jarred right shoulder and cervical spine	Tripped on boardwalk near conference room at Board's offices	Medical expenses only
11	9/04/2018	Twisted right knee	Slipped on track while walking down a slope	16
12	28/04/2018	Twisted right knee	Slipped and fell down stairs at WMF while carrying 120 litre bin	71.6
13	1/05/2018	Sprain of L ankle	Rolled ankle on side of road edge	10

14	4/05/2018	Sprained ligament of third L finger	Jammed finger whilst preventing fall from tripping on pallet	Medical expenses only
15	16/03/2018	Reactive depression and anxiety	Feels isolated and excluded from involvement in workplace planning.	TBC. Claim not accepted until 25/07/2018

At 31 August 2018 no new claims have been lodged for the 2018-19 financial year.

The updated data tables are provided below.

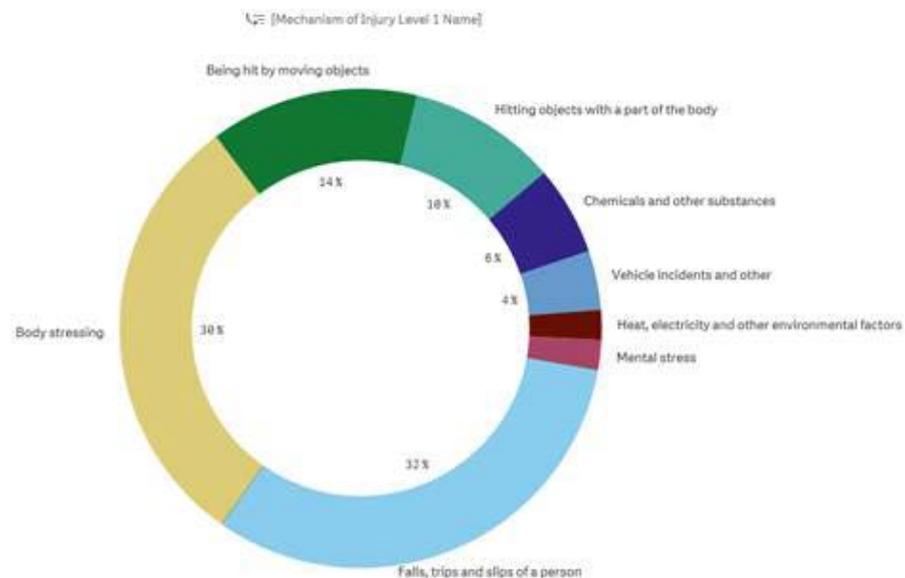
Workers compensation statistics for the last five years:

4. Claims Table Summary

(Reportable and non-Reportable Claims)

Last 5 FY Occurred	Number of Claims #	Avg \$ Cost	Net Incurred Cost \$	Total Amount Paid \$	Latest Estimate \$	Amount Recovered \$
Totals	50	\$8,566.94	\$428,347.13	\$270,854.12	\$157,493.01	\$0.00
FY 14-15	8	\$969.57	\$7,756.58	\$7,756.58	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY 15-16	9	\$4,356.44	\$39,208.00	\$39,208.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY 16-17	18	\$13,085.88	\$235,545.88	\$187,472.48	\$48,073.40	\$0.00
FY 17-18	15	\$9,722.44	\$145,836.67	\$36,417.06	\$109,419.61	\$0.00
FY 18-19	0	-	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

3. Mechanism of Injury (Reportable and non-Reportable Claims)



Actions taken to address the incidence of injury include Workplace WH&S matters being discussed and addressed at monthly staff meetings, including reviews of Job Safety Analysis and Hazard Identification.

Public Risk Management

Chemcert training took place in May with 24 Board staff attending. This training involved using pesticides correctly and safely so no harm comes to staff, other people or the environment and to gain a thorough understanding of health, safety and environment risk management concepts.

Plant and equipment training also took place in May, which included forklift, excavator, bobcat and advanced crane operation.

First aid training is taking place in September for Board staff. Provide First Aid Training is scheduled with 32 staff attending. Advanced First Aid and Advanced Resuscitation is scheduled for 18 staff who work in more remote conditions.

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