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ITEM

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

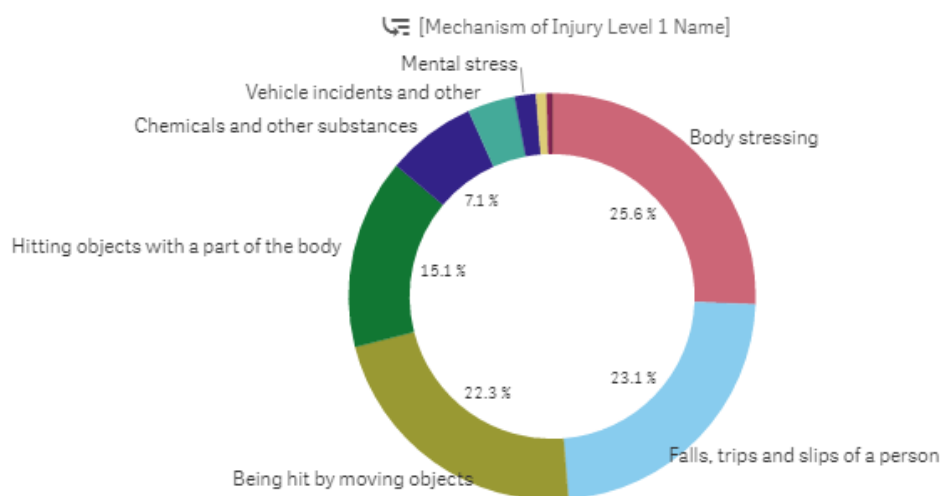
Workplace Health and Safety

As at end April 2017 thirteen claims had been lodged for financial year 2016/17.

| 2016/17 | | | | |
|---------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| No | Date of Injury | Type of Injury | Cause of Injury | Hours lost |
| 1 | 07/07/2016 | Bruising R arm and R shoulder | Stuck by reversing vehicle | Medical expenses only |
| 2 | 23/07/2016 | Foreign body R eye | Hosing logs | Medical expenses only |
| 3 | 23/07/2016 | Head laceration | Stuck by windborne piece of timber | Medical expenses only |
| 4 | 27/07/2016 | Muscle sprain L shoulder | Lifting | Medical expenses only |
| 5 | 08/08/2016 | Severe sprain L knee | Twisted knee weeding | 192 Hrs |
| 6 | 11/08/2016 | Trauma to R ear canal/foreign body in R ear canal | Stick entered ear while weeding | Medical expenses only |
| 7 | 16/09/2016 | Partial tear medial collateral ligament R knee | Slip | 689.3 Hrs to date |
| 8 | 29/9/2016 | Injured R foot | Inversion of R ankle | 56.8 Hrs |

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|----|------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9 | 16/08/2016 | Corneal ulcer and conjunctivitis | Contact with bushes and branches | 22.8 Hrs |
| 10 | 29/11/2016 | Foreign body (stick) in L leg | Moving through thick undergrowth | Medical expenses only |
| 11 | 18/01/2017 | Bruised/sprained | Bicycle collision | Medical expenses only |
| 12 | 24/01/2017 | Sprain of R ankle | Rolled ankle on walking track | 45.6 Hrs |
| 13 | 26/02/2017 | L knee injury | Twisted knee landing during helicopter winch work | 201.6 Hrs to date |

Mechanism of Injury
(Reportable and non-Reportable Claims)



Claims Table Summary
(Reportable and non-Reportable Claims)

| Last 5 FY Reported | Q | Number of Claims # | Avg Net Incurred Cost | Net Incurred Cost \$ | Total Amount Paid \$ | Latest Estimate \$ | Amount Recovered \$ |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Totals | | 238 | \$6,053.01 | \$1,440,616.98 | \$1,395,099.96 | \$45,517.02 | \$0.00 |
| Before | | 185 | \$6,804.93 | \$1,258,912.89 | \$1,234,679.95 | \$24,232.94 | \$0.00 |
| FY 12-13 | | 9 | \$465.32 | \$4,187.89 | \$4,187.89 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| FY 13-14 | | 14 | \$3,863.44 | \$54,088.19 | \$53,033.38 | \$1,054.81 | \$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 | | 13 | \$5,881.80 | \$76,463.43 | \$56,234.16 | \$20,229.27 | \$0.00 |

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

- A boom gate has been installed at the Board depot to restrict access to authorised vehicles and deter pedestrians from the area.

- Removal of dangerous trees.
- Maintenance has been undertaken at the jetty and boat ramp to reduce slip hazards.
- Pothole repairs continue.
- A liability claim in relation to an ankle injury sustained by a visitor to the Island on the Muttonbird Point walking track while it was closed has been settled.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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