

# LORD HOWE ISLAND BOARD

## Business Paper

### OPEN SESSION

#### 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 30 June 2017 eighteen claims had been lodged for the 2016-17 financial year:

2016/17				
No	Date of Injury	Type of Injury	Cause of Injury	Hours lost
1	7/07/2016	Bruising R arm and R shoulder	Stuck by reversing vehicle	Medical expenses only
2	23/07/2016	Head laceration	Struck by windborne piece of timber	Medical expenses only
3	27/07/2016	Muscle sprain L shoulder	Lifting	Medical expenses only
4	23/07/2016	Foreign Body R eye	Hosing logs	Medical expenses only
5	8/08/2016	Severe sprain L knee	Twisted knee weeding	192
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	TBC
8	29/09/2016	Injured R foot	Inversion of R ankle	56.8
9	16/08/2016	Corneal ulcer and conjunctivitis	Contact with bushes and branches	22.8
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
13	26/02/2017	L knee injury	Twisted knee landing during helicopter winch work	TBC

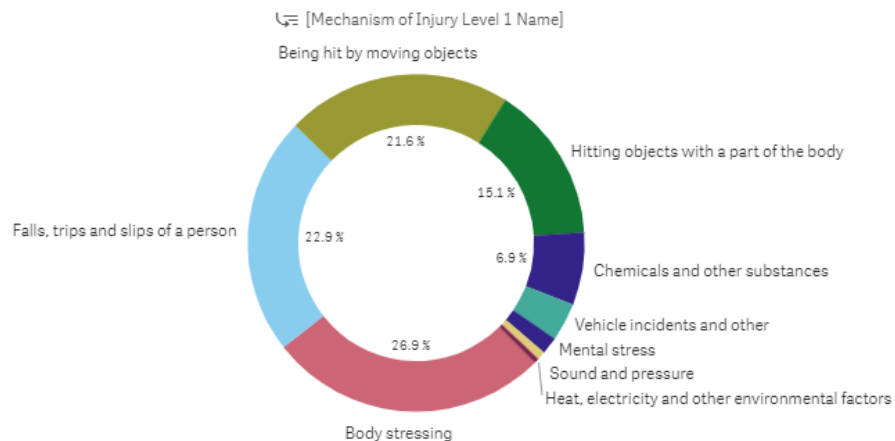
14	18/04/2017	Capsular tear R knee	Weeding on rough track	Medical expenses only
15	4/05/2017	Acute moderate cervical spine strain	Pulling lawnmower out of storage	Medical expenses only
16	11/05/2017	Rotator cuff tear L shoulder	Tripped on pothole	12.1
17	31/05/2017	Traumatic R eye trauma	Eye poked by plant weeding	Medical expenses only
18	10/06/2017	Rotator cuff tear R shoulder	Lifting	Medical expenses only

At 25 August 2017 five new claims have 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	TBC
2	12/07/2017	Tenosynovitis of extensor tendon R forearm	Jackhammering	Medical expenses only
4	13/07/2017	L lower costo-chondral cartilage tear	Removing rubble from tracks	22.8
5	2/08/2017	Petrol in R ear	Working on air blocked fuel line	Medical expenses only
6	4/08/2017	R pectoral muscle strain	Shovelling	TBC

Workers compensation statistics for the last five years:

**Mechanism of Injury**  
(Reportable and non-Reportable Claims)



**Claims Table Summary**  
(Reportable and non-Reportable Claims)

Last 5 FY Reported	Number of Claims #	Avg Net Incurred Cost	Net Incurred Cost \$	Total Amount Paid \$	Latest Estimate \$	Amount Recovered ...
<b>Totals</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>\$6,112.99</b>	<b>\$1,497,681.48</b>	<b>\$1,423,913.63</b>	<b>\$73,767.85</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Before	194	\$6,713.19	\$1,302,359.12	\$1,255,609.98	\$46,749.14	\$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	18	\$4,650.26	\$83,704.59	\$68,227.69	\$15,476.90	\$0.00
FY 17-18	2	\$5,282.50	\$10,565.00	\$78.00	\$10,487.00	\$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.

The Senior Management Team met with Resident Medical Officer Dr Frank Reed to discuss workplace injury management.

Work Health and Safety training for Managers and Supervisors has been scheduled for December 2017.

### **Public Risk Management**

- IPART (Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW) have visited the Island to develop an understanding of the Island's electrical network. IPART monitor the safety and reliability of transmission and distribution networks in NSW.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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