

# 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**

At 6 March 2018, 9 claims have been lodged for the 2017-18 financial year. There have been 4 new claims since the last reporting period.

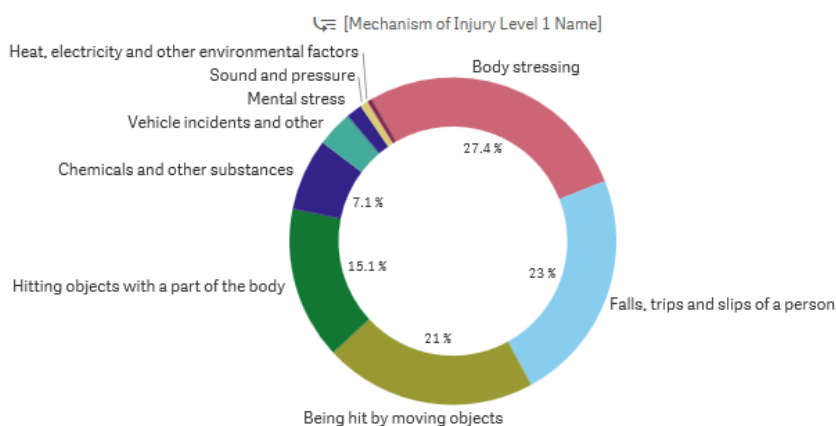
2017/18				
No	Date of Injury	Type of Injury	Cause of Injury	Hours lost
1	3/07/2017	Disc bulge or prolapse	Bending over	TBC
2	12/07/2017	Tenosynovitis of extensor tendon R forearm	Jackhammering	Medical expenses only
3	13/07/2017	L lower costo-chondral cartilage tear	Removing rubble from tracks	45.6
4	2/08/2017	Petrol in R ear	Working on air blocked fuel line	Medical expenses only
5	4/08/2017	R pectoral muscle strain	Shovelling	Medical expenses only
6	31/10/17	Laceration L thumb	Angle grinder jumped and cut through glove	Medical expenses only
7	15/11/17	Sore knees	Walking mountain tracks and carrying equipment	Medical expenses only
8	21/11/17	Puncture wound right palm	Tripped and fell sharp stick puncturing right palm	30.4
9	9/1/18	Jarred right shoulder and cervical spine	Slipped on boardwalk near conference room at Board's offices	Medical expenses only

## Workers compensation statistics for the last five years:

**4. 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>252</b>	<b>\$8,374.73</b>	<b>\$2,110,432.12</b>	<b>\$1,607,964.71</b>	<b>\$502,467.41</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Before	194	\$8,909.10	\$1,728,365.74	\$1,352,653.78	\$375,711.96	\$0.00
FY 13-14	14	\$4,182.97	\$58,561.60	\$58,561.60	\$0.00	\$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	\$10,809.05	\$194,562.92	\$138,335.50	\$56,227.42	\$0.00
FY 17-18	9	\$9,108.59	\$81,977.28	\$11,449.25	\$70,528.03	\$0.00

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



*Pre 2011/2012 data is not as reliable as they were either not a requirement or not populated back then. Hence some data shows as Not Found and Unknown.\*The default presentation of this chart is all historical claims unless filtered by time selection*

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.

In December 2017, WHS training was provided for Supervisors and Managers. Training was two days for field-based staff and one day for office based staff. The training covered:

- Outline of the current WHS Legislation,
- WHS Risk Management principles,
- Responsibilities and the LHIB WHS Risk Management System, and
- Practical implementation of the LHIB WHS Risk Management System including Job Safety Analysis.

## **Public Risk Management**

On the 24 November 2018, the Bureau of Meteorology, in conjunction with the LHI Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC), presented the 2017/2018 Tropical Cyclone briefing to LHIB Management, LHI Sea Freight Management, and members of the community.

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

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