

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

At 1 May 2019 nine claims had been lodged for the 2018-19 financial year.

2018/19				
No	Date of Injury	Type of Injury	Cause of Injury	Hours lost
1	7/09/2018	Carpal tunnel syndrome	Occurred during normal course of business	Medical expenses only
2	25/09/2018	Foreign body in tip of finger	Picking up glass	Medical expenses only
3	08/10/2018	Mild tear in ligament of knee	Minor slip on rough terrain on a slope	0
4	27/11/2018	Bruised L peri-patellar tissues	Impact injury	Medical expenses only
5	20/12/2018	Lumbar back strain	Lifting	Medical expenses only
6	22/01/2019	Bruises and grazes	Fall in PPP	15.2
7	07/02/2019	Back strain (R sacroiliac)	Lifting	10.7
8	04/03/2019	Rib strain (L costo-chondral)	Lifting	29.2
9	04/04/2019	Hand spiked with wire (R hand)	Cutting brush	Medical expenses only

Workers compensation statistics for the last five years:

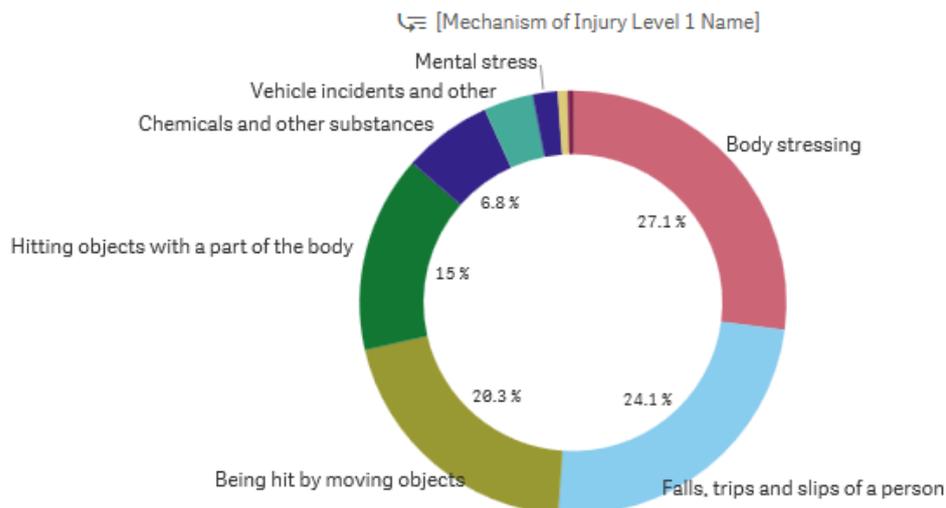
4. Claims Table Summary

(Reportable and non-Reportable Claims)

Last 5 FY Repo	Number of Claims #	Avg Net Incurred Cost	Net Incurred Cost \$	Total Amount Paid \$	Latest Estimate \$	Amount Recovered \$
Totals	266	\$9,173.82	\$2,440,235.32	\$1,875,544.97	\$564,690.35	\$0.00
Before	208	\$8,742.09	\$1,818,355.61	\$1,505,487.18	\$312,868.43	\$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	\$14,987.03	\$269,766.57	\$232,977.32	\$36,789.25	\$0.00
FY 17-18	15	\$14,975.46	\$224,631.84	\$79,866.96	\$144,764.88	\$0.00
FY 18-19	8	\$10,064.59	\$80,516.72	\$10,248.93	\$70,267.79	\$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 injuries include Workplace Health & Safety matters being discussed and addressed at monthly staff meetings, including reviews of Job Safety Analysis and Hazard Identification. The WHS Risk Management System is being reviewed and also implemented for any temporary appointments such as for the REP.

In addition, more pro-active liaison is being implemented during the return to work phase. Regular case reviews are being scheduled with case managers to improve outcomes and lessen impacts of work injuries.

Public Risk Management

The closure of the northern leg of Bowker Avenue has been successful in improving the road safety in this area and received strong support from the community. The Board will now make this a permanent road closure for traffic by installing bollards and fencing. It is also proposed

to undertake minor road widening of Bowker Avenue at the intersection to allow two cars to pass safely.

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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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