

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 31 August 2019 twelve claims in total had been lodged for the 2018-19 financial year and five for 2019-20.

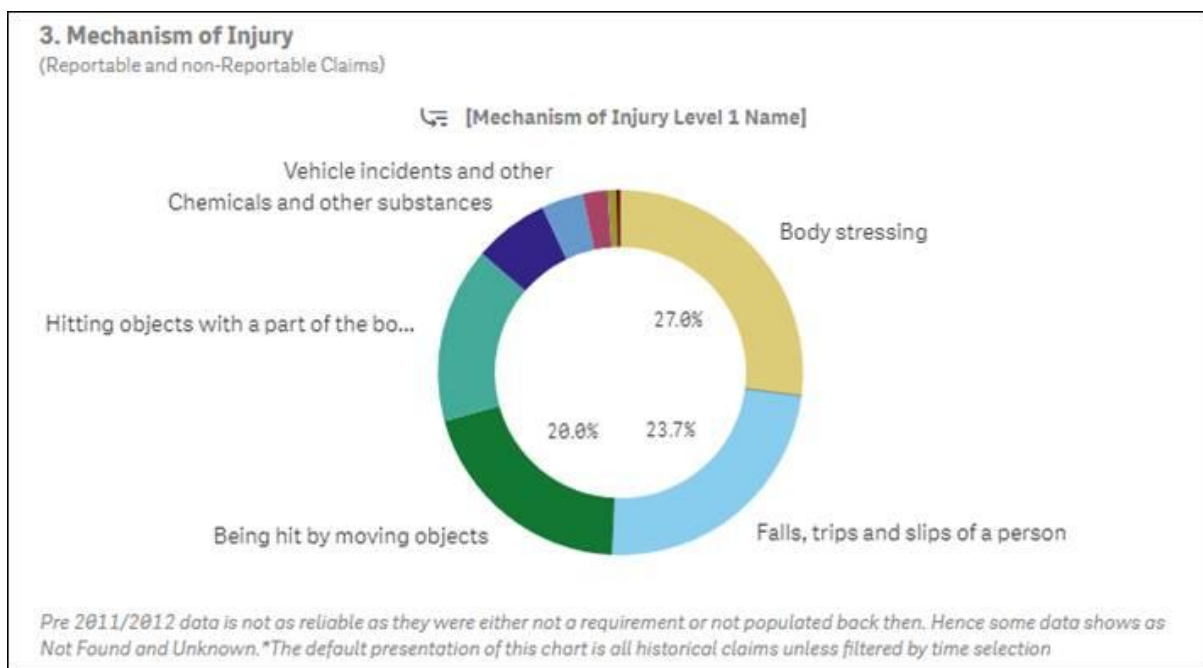
2018/19				
No	Date of Injury	Type of Injury	Cause of Injury	Hours lost
1	7/09/2018	Carpal tunnel syndrome	Occurred during normal course of business	Medical expenses only
2	25/09/2018	Foreign body in tip of finger	Picking up glass	Medical expenses only
3	08/10/2018	Mild tear in ligament of knee	Minor 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
10	10/04/2019	Depression and anxiety	Stress	TBC
11	06/05/2019	Minor medial meniscal tear	Working on uneven terrain	Medical expenses only
12	24/05/2019	Lacerated wrist	Stuck by strapping unpacking pallet	Medical expenses only

2019/20				
No	Date of Injury	Type of Injury	Cause of Injury	Hours lost
1	06/08/2019	Crush injury finger	Attaching claw to excavator	Medical expenses only
2	09/08/2019	Lacerations to leg	Barbed wire	Medical expenses only
3	12/08/2019	Knee sprain	Stepped through lid of septic tank	TBC >38

4	20/08/2019	Facial injury	Accidentally struck by co-worker	7.6
5	29/08/2019	Sprain lateral ankle ligament	Rolled ankle on septic tank	TBC >18

Workers compensation statistics for the last five years as at 31 July 2019:

4. Claims Table Summary (Reportable and non-Reportable Claims)						
Last 5 FY Re...	Number of Claims #	Avg Net Incurred Cost	Net Incurred Cost \$	Total Amount Paid \$	Latest Estimate \$	Amount Recovered \$
Totals	270	\$8,969.09	\$2,421,655.58	\$1,980,312.93	\$441,342.65	\$0.00
Before	216	\$8,566.44	\$1,850,350.97	\$1,549,279.88	\$301,071.09	\$0.00
FY 15-16	9	\$4,356.44	\$39,208.00	\$39,208.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY 16-17	18	\$14,774.18	\$265,935.21	\$237,923.79	\$28,011.42	\$0.00
FY 17-18	15	\$15,928.72	\$238,930.87	\$136,175.73	\$102,755.14	\$0.00
FY 18-19	12	\$2,269.21	\$27,230.53	\$17,725.53	\$9,505.00	\$0.00



In July 2019 Melanie Cocca, Director WHS and Alexandra Delis, Injury Management & Workers Compensation Manager, from NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment visited the Island. The department has offered the Board their assistance and expertise in managing work health and safety and workers compensation/injury management matters, and are working with the Administration to achieve best outcomes in these areas.

Filling and levelling of depressions in the depot yard has occurred to reduce hazards.

Public Risk Management

Dangerous trees continue to be removed along with roadside stumps and those in areas that could be trip hazards that have been identified as a hazard.

Filling of the liquor store carpark and the entrance to the Transit Hill track to reduce hazards and improve amenity.

Removal of fallen branches and trees on various tracks and Stevens Reserve following various occurrences of high winds.

Improvement of road at Bowker Ave/Lagoon Rd to reduce hazard. Sealing cannot be undertaken until equipment is brought to island.

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