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# LORD HOWE ISLAND BOARD

## Business Paper

### OPEN SESSION

#### 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

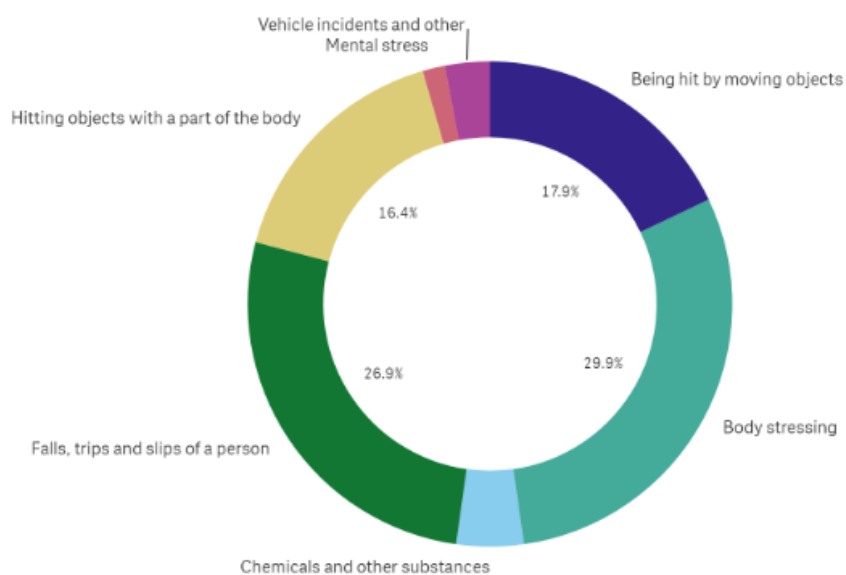
##### Workplace Health and Safety

At 23 April twelve claims in total had been lodged for the 2019-20 financial year, details as follows:

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	694.4
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	91.07
6	10/09/2019	Muscle strain L rotator cuff/viral illness	Repeated lifting in cold weather	22.8
7	20/09/2020	Lacerated L finger	Bitten by rat whilst capturing it	Medical expenses only
8	17/10/2019	Crush injury R hand	Hand slammed in car door	Medical expenses only
9	23/10/2019	L eye trauma	Struck in eye by pine needle	Medical expenses only

10	26/10/2019	Severe bruising tendons R wrist	Struck by pallet blown over by wind	Medical expenses only
11	30/10/2019	Sprained knee	Slipped between gravel bags	TBC
12	16/11/2019	Sprained back	Repeated ascents/descents on helicopter winch	Medical expenses only
13	19/11/2019	Broken R ankle, bruising thumb and thigh	Fall from ladder	190
14	20/11/2019	Conjunctival haemorrhage L eye	Eye struck by stick moving through bush	Medical expenses only

Workers compensation statistics for the last five years as at 29 February 2020:



Financial Year Occurred	Number of Claims	Avg Net Incurred Cost	Net Incurred Cost \$	Total Amount Paid \$	Latest Estimate \$	Amount Recovered \$
Before Total	216	\$8,839.46	\$1,909,323.23	\$1,607,218.28	\$302,104.95	\$0.00
FY 15-16 Total	9	\$4,356.44	\$39,208.00	\$39,208.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY 16-17 Total	18	\$18,005.91	\$324,106.43	\$244,719.17	\$79,387.26	\$0.00
FY 17-18 Total	15	\$20,764.76	\$311,471.45	\$211,992.41	\$99,479.04	\$0.00
FY 18-19 Total	12	\$3,249.94	\$38,999.32	\$38,999.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
FY 19-20 Total	14	\$5,214.76	\$73,006.62	\$52,010.41	\$20,996.21	\$0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>\$9,493.36</b>	<b>\$2,696,115.05</b>	<b>\$2,194,147.59</b>	<b>\$501,967.46</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## Public Risk Management

Cyclone Uesi tracked past Lord Howe Island on 12 February 2020. The Lord Howe Island Board provided response support to combat agency the NSW State Emergency Service. No injuries and only minor structural damage was reported as a result of the storm however substantial work was subsequently required to clear vegetation debris and ensure safety of public facilities/areas and walking tracks.

In early March 2020 The Board commenced response to the emerging COVID-19 pandemic in Australia promoting best practice hygiene within public facilities and Board workplaces in

accordance with NSW Health information and resources. On 13 March the Board facilitated a public information session presented by Dr Horst Herb of the Gower Wilson Memorial Hospital, representing the South East Sydney Local Health District, to answer questions relating to COVID 19. The Public Health (COVID-19 Lord Howe Island) Order 2020 commenced on 22 March 2020, declaring Lord Howe Island a public health risk area and limiting access to and from the Island until repeal of the Order on 18 June 2020. Further detail in relation to COVID-19 is provided in the Chief Executive Officer's report, refer Business Paper 5.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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