



Chair's Report Quarterly Forum

13 May 2015

Bringing **people** together
to plan for a **sustainable future**

New Members



Secretariat

- Expressions of Interest for provision of secretariat services to ASIEQ
- Close Friday 29 May 2015
- Contract from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017
- Scope of Services distributed

ASIEQ Website

- Upgrade
 - Online bookings
 - Member's Forum
 - Conference and Events page
 - Formalisation of Sponsorship and logo placement
- Benefits
 - Reduced administrative burden / more efficient dissemination of info
 - Interactivity for Members
 - Better promotion of events and ASIEQ activity
 - Sponsorship recognition and advertising
- Proposal with the Executive for decision

ASIEQ

- ASIEQ 2015 Conference
 - 80% satisfaction rate on attendee survey
 - Peter Irving summary
- ASIEQ Workshop Series with BT Lawyers
 - Thursday 4 June 2015
 - “Putting Rehab in the WCRA”
- 2nd Self Insurance Masterclass
 - Hosted by Dibbs Barker on Tuesday 28 July 2015
- Rehabilitation Masterclass
 - David Norris – Occupational Therapist – Ageing workforce

WC Regulator

- Fraud Payments
 - Outstanding payments into SPERS for Self Insurers should be resolved
 - Future payments resolved through work with SPERS and Qld Courts for party identification and WCQ to reconcile any payments received.
- GEPI Training
 - Thursday 21 May 2015
 - Dr John Sowby and Dr Gavin Ballenden – Occupational Physicians
- Actuarial Meetings
 - Brisbane 26 May 2015 – Stakeholder update
 - Sydney 27 May 2015 – Self Insurer Actuary update

WC Regulator

- NIIS
 - 1 July 2016
 - Commonwealth RIS on workplace accidents
 - Insurer to NDIS or Insurer NIIS
 - Financial arrangements and Operational arrangements
 - Liability will rest with individual insurer
 - Consultation with Actuary and Re-Insurers
 - No special provisioning
 - How to deal with Common Law Heads of Damage
 - Probability of MAIC taking on central management of cohort of workplace injuries on fee for service basis
 - Departmental working party

WC Regulator

- NTH QLD RTW CONFERENCE
 - Friday 24 April 2015
- IP & RTW CONFERENCE
 - Thursday 22 October 2015



WC Regulator

- **Return to work categories**
- Category 1 – Injured worker achievement award.
- Category 2 – Employer achievement award – small/medium employer (fewer than 200 employees).
- Category 3 – Employer achievement award – large employer (more than 200 employees).
- Category 4 – Rehabilitation and return to work coordinator achievement award.

Entries close 29 June 2015

WC Regulator

- Dr Mary Wyatt Review of R&RTW Model Arrangements
 - Report delayed
- ‘WCR’ Annual Report
 - absorbed into Department financial reporting
 - request for location - advised short reference in Dept. Financial Reports
 - Advised WCR operating loss for 2014/2015
- Stakeholder Reference Group
 - First meeting Friday 1 May 2015
 - Bill Nevin to report

WC Regulator

- Health Benefits of Work Signatory Steering Group
 - ASIEQ invited to participate
 - Thanh Tran update
- Lump Sum Payments
 - Requests to be paid in Lawyers Trust Account
 - Cite *Baker Johnson Lawyers v Suncorp General Insurance Limited [1999] QDC 297*
 - WCQ view that costs Lien not created
 - **S.110 Compensation entitlement can not be relinquished, assigned or subject to execution**
 - *Compensation can not be assigned, charged, taken in execution, or attached, and a worker's entitlement to compensation can not pass to another person by operation of law or otherwise, and no claim can be set off against the amount. (my emphasis)*

WC Regulator

- National Audit Tool Version 3.0
 - Commences 1 July 2015
 - Definitions:
 - **Conformance** Versions 2.0 and 3.0
 - *A judgment made by an auditor that the activities undertaken and the results achieved fulfil the specified requirements of the audit criteria. While further improvements may still be possible, the minimum requirements are being met.*
 - **Nonconformance** new to Version 3.0 and not in Stakeholder Feedback
 - *A judgment made by an auditor that the activities undertaken and the results achieved do not fulfil the specified requirements of the audit criteria. This may be caused by the absence or inadequate implementation of a system or part of a system, documented systems or procedures not being followed or a minor or isolated lapse in a system or procedure. (my emphasis)*

WH&S

- *Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015* introduced into the Queensland Parliament on 7 May 2015
- Government policy to restore elements of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* that were changed with the model work health and safety laws in 2012.
 - restoring right of entry powers allowing WHS entry permit holders to gain immediate access to a workplace to inquire into a suspected contravention of the WHS Act.
 - empowering trained health and safety representatives (HSR) to direct workers to cease unsafe work.
 - notify the regulator when a worker is absent for more than four days due to a workplace injury .
 - re-instating the Electrical Safety Commissioner, Electrical Safety Education Committee, Electrical Equipment Committee which were abolished in 2012.
 - <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/bills-and-legislation/current-bills-register>

WorkCover Queensland

- Invited to join HBOW SSG
- Looking at Medical Certificate revision
- GP education
- ISCRG GP education and guidelines
- Provide costings to Stakeholder Reference Group on premium impacts of legislative changes
- Qld Health
 - Grant under MOU
 - Want to work towards user pays

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- Next Quarterly Forum:

Wednesday 19 August 2015