



# ASIEQ Quarterly Forum

11 May 2016

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

# Agenda

- Minutes
- Correspondence log
- Finance Report
- Chair's Report
- General Business

# Financials as at 31.3.16

- Account Balance as at 30/12/2015: \$120,649
- Deposits: \$2,064
- Total Outgoings: \$9,563
- Account Balance as at 31/03/2016 : \$113,150



# Chair's Report

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# Corporate Sponsorships in 2016

- Member votes regarding implementation of Corporate Sponsorships
  - 14 members have voted in support of corporate sponsorships
  - Motion is passed
  - Proposed financial year roll out ie 1 July to 30 June

# Corporate Sponsorships in 2016

- Proposed Categories

	Platinum (2)	Gold (4)	Silver (6)
<b>Cost</b>	\$1400 + GST	\$1200 + GST	\$1000 + GST
<b>Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logo on home page and member page</li> <li>Included on top of sponsor list on member tab</li> <li>Company materials on resource and news tabs</li> <li>Direct link to company website</li> <li>List of company events in events tab (2 updates/year)</li> <li>Priority sponsorship and hosting of ASIEQ events               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One/half day events in 2016</li> <li>- 2017 conference</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logo on sponsor list on member tab</li> <li>Company materials on resource and news tabs</li> <li>Direct link to their website</li> <li>List of company events in events tab ( 1 update)</li> <li>Priority sponsorship and hosting of ASIEQ events               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One/half day events in 2016</li> <li>- 2017 conference</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logo on sponsor list on member tab</li> <li>Direct link to their website</li> <li>Company materials on resource tab</li> <li>List of company events in events tab (no updates)</li> <li>Priority sponsorship and hosting of ASIEQ events               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One/half day events in 2016</li> <li>- 2017 conference</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# Corporate Sponsorships in 2016

- Key considerations:
  - mix of existing vs potential providers
  - capping of provider types (legal, investigators etc)
  - endorsement from at least 2 members for approval
  - proposed pricing
  - close off date to enable uploading of details onto website
  - addition of corporate sponsorship categories clause in constitution
  - votes from members to confirm introduction

## ASIEQ Sponsored Events

- North QLD RTW Conference
  - Townsville at the Ville Resort Casino
  - Rod Knights attended
- Injury Prevention and RTW Conference 18.10.16 in Brisbane
  - Sponsor of Injured Worker Achievement Award



# WC Regulator 20.4.16

- Next North Queensland Conference
  - Sold out 220 tickets
  - Key focus is building networks in North QLD
- GEPI second edition
  - Modelled on national guide
  - Need to fit within QLD scheme
  - Each jurisdiction is a member of the National Steering Committee and can request changes if required
  - Commencement date 1.7.16

# WC Regulator 20.4.16

- Meetings with Self Insurers regarding Rehabilitation Arrangements
  - Having ongoing discussions with Self Insurers
  - Some SI's still to provide information
  - Following review of the information provided, the Regulator will be issuing formal correspondence regarding any compliance requirements with respect to the obligations for rehabilitation arrangements
  - Aligned with the performance management program for SI's

# WC Regulator 20.4.16

- Levy Update
  - Reiterated that The Regulator is currently running operations on reserves
  - Plan remains the same as previously advised that The Regulator is looking to return reserves to SIs with plans to subsequently increase levy rate
  - ASIEQ highlighted the need for transparency in relation to costs incurred in running the scheme
  - Paul Goldsborough committed to provide cost details

# WC Regulator 20.4.16

- Capacity Certificate Project
  - Last stakeholder meeting to be held on 27.4.16
  - Long term KPIs and criteria to be developed for review of the new certificate
- Mary Wyatt Review Report
  - Has been put on hold, no plans for release or further action
  - Advised the results were indifferent
- ASIEQ 2017 Conference
  - The Regulator would like to be involved

# WC Regulator 20.4.16

- Merton decision
  - MAT can determine whether a worker has a psychological injury and/or ongoing incapacity
  - Can not also assess PI in the same referral and not to be used to issue an NOA
  - Must be referred back to insurer for action ie new referral for DPI
  - Tribunal services will be in contact with SI's regarding affected referrals
  - Any questions in relation to this to be forwarded to Policy Team at The Regulator

# WC Regulator 20.4.16

- NIIS Update
  - NIIS bill for motor accidents tabled
  - Work Related injuries to follow same approach adopted
  - Establish New NIIS Agency to manage cases for workers who meeting the minimum benchmarks
  - MAIC expect approx. 140 claims, WC only a few a year
  - Agency will work with WCQ and SI's to confirm management arrangements
  - WCQ and ASIEQ to provide feedback regarding key issues

# WC Regulator 20.4.16

- NIIS Key Issues

Funding and contracting arrangements	Dispute Resolution
Increase funding capacity required	Timing of dispute resolution process
Allowing performance bonds	Access to transcripts/recordings to Insurers and CQ and review of new evidence
Consideration of which entity hold funds, when transferred and if fixed fees	Clarity regarding criteria for reasonably necessary
System access	When to refer to MAT
Who calculates costs	NIIS training for MAT Doctors
Contract arrangements and KPIs	Capacity and timeliness of MAT
Co-ordination of management	Consideration for internal review processes
Criteria for access and eligibility	Consistency QIRC and QCAT

# WC Regulator 20.4.16

- NIIS Key Issue - Performance bonds
  - refer to Financial Performance Management Standard 2009
  - the proposed guarantee could not be issued by a related body corporate of the self-insurer and the terms of the guarantee must be substantially identical to bank guarantees, in particular the requirement that the guarantee is perpetual.
  - only insurers approved by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) would be eligible to issue the proposed guarantee
  - Also need to be rated by:
    - Fitch Ratings with an insurance claims-paying ability rating not less than A-; or
    - Moody's Investors Service with an insurance financial strength rating not less than A3; or
    - Standard & Poor's with an insurer financial strength rating not less than A-;

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/F/FinAccPManSt09.pdf>



# WorkCover Qld 20.4.16



- NIIS
  - WCQ will be meeting with MAIC to discuss arrangements
  - Legislation provides a hybrid model where worker may elect to pursue care with common law claim or separate care
  - Kylie Horton to lead NIIS agency (former WCQ staff, previously managed nominal defendant matters)
- Meeting with Queensland Law Society
  - Limited scope to act in relation to plaintiff lawyer practices
  - Monitoring Slater & Gordon (due to the financial concerns with the firm)
  - Issues can be raised with the Legal Services Commission
  - Need to be substantiated by workers
  - Self Insurers can provide examples to WCQ
  - Identified an issue with a connection between medical & providers (eg lawyers engaging practitioners as treating specialists )

# Health Benefits of Work SSG Update

# ASIEQ Executive

- Thanh Tran will be stepping down from position of ASIEQ after forum on 11.5.16
- Nominations are open for the following positions:
  - ♦ Chair
  - ♦ Deputy Chair
  - ♦ Treasurer
  - ♦ Executive Members

# ASIEQ Executive

- Key upcoming matters:
  - Implementation of corporate sponsorships
  - Speakers for next ASIEQ forum 17.8.16
  - Meetings with Regulator and WCQ
  - Formation of organising committee for 2017 conference
  - Nomination of an ASIEQ representative for NIIS SRG

# ASIEQ

- Next Quarterly Forum:

**Wednesday 17 August 2016**

**THANK YOU!!!!!!**

**ASIEQ Executive, Secretariat  
& all members**