



This Occupational Health, Safety & Environment Newsletter is published by the Pulp and Paper Industry OHS&E Unit.

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As always, there is lots happening in the world of health and safety... The OHS&E Unit recently completed a trial of an industry database for injuries and illness. This project is important to our industry as it allows us to keep industry data in one, central location and chart incident trends. Some of the data from the trial is included in this edition of WISE News for you to take a look at.

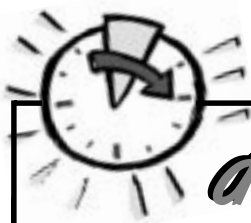
The new industry OHS&E Agreement has been signed off by the OHS&E Steering Committee and will be circulated to workplaces shortly. There is lots of activity around machine guarding with most sites involved in improving guarding around their paper machines. If you are not sure what is happening – ask!! The Maryvale site recently had a series of OHS representative information days. This is a great way of keeping OHS representatives up to date with activities and change across the site.

In the wider world, health and safety legislation is being reviewed in Victoria with the OHS Act and self insurers reviews recently completed. WorkCover NSW recently produced a series of publications for new workers and South Australian WorkCover are considering their legislative review of 2003.

Thanks to Paul Thompson, Safety Coordinator at Australian Paper – Maryvale, for his contributions to this edition of WISE News. Keep the good news stories coming!

Until next time...

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a minute with...

Describe yourself in 3 words... **SHORT, FAT, UGLY**

Holden or Ford... **FORD**

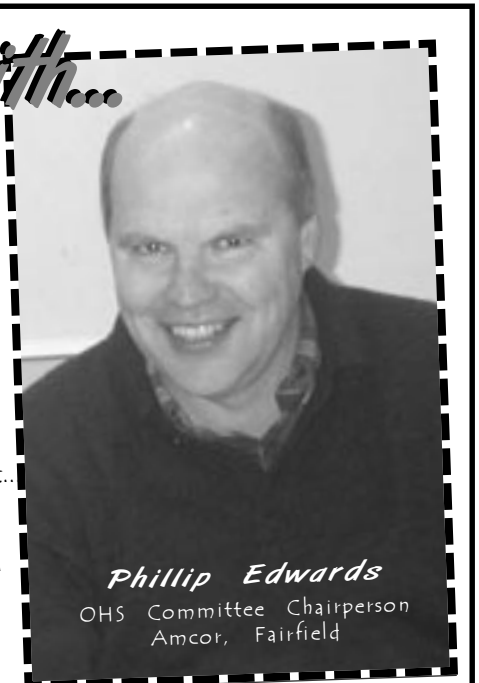
You barrack for... **RICHMOND**

One item you would take on a desert island...
REMOTE CONTROL/MOBILE PHONE

One piece of PPE you would never leave home without...
SAFETY GLASSES

Who would you like to sit next to on a plane... **ALISSA**

Health & Safety at work means...
DO THE RIGHT THING



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The Quarterly **REPORT**

- *a* *i*ndustry *p*erspective -



AMCOR

Recordable Case Incidents:	6
Contractor/Labour Hire Incidents:	2
Recordable Case Frequency Rate:	32.1
<i>(per million person hours)</i>	

SAFETY ACTIVITIES

Ensuring effective implementation of the Safety Management System to achieve SafetyMap accreditation is the main activity at the Fairfield Mill.

A Hazard Management process at each site is being reviewed and audits will be undertaken on risks assessed at 250> during the year. Outcome reports will be reviewed by the various sites.

Each site will show a video titled 'Remember Charlie' with a 2 hour workshop on the learning's from the video, as part of the crew meetings.

PAPERLINX

Medical Treatment Incidents:	26
Contractor/Labour Hire Incidents:	0
Medical Treatment Incident Frequency Rate:	N/A
<i>(per million person hours)</i>	

SAFETY ACTIVITIES

Australian Paper has continued to implement the Making Paper Safely project to guard its paper machines.

In addition the company has implemented a revised internal OH&S Audit Protocol based on the company Operations Management System and is finalising the implementation of an electronic reporting system globally.

SCA

Recordable Lost Time Incidents:	N/A
Contractor/Labour Hire Incidents:	N/A
Recordable Injury Frequency Rate:	N/A
<i>(per million person hours)</i>	

SAFETY ACTIVITIES

The main activity for Box Hill has been the rolling out of the plant safety for the converting lines in early March. This has involved a comprehensive Hazard ID and risk analysis of the plant and guarding for each converting line. Our aim is to have each area assessed by the middle of June with risk control plans being developed.

A review of all the platforms and walkways on the paper machines has been undertaken in light of the new guarding installed last year and the new working at heights regulations that came into effect in March.

15 first aiders have completed their refresher/renewal training so far this year.

KIMBERLY-CLARK AUSTRALIA

Recordable Case Incidents:	3
Contractor/Labour Hire Incidents:	8
Recordable Case Frequency Rate:	44
<i>(per million person hours)</i>	

SAFETY ACTIVITIES

Machine Guarding assessments have been reviewed and an agreed number have been prioritised to progress control measures as quickly as possible. A timeline risk assessment tool is also being implemented across the site.

The Millicent mill has embarked on a 'watch your back' program that compliments the existing housekeeping program with an emphasis on slips, trips and falls. Physiotherapists will be engaged to review specific tissue mill hazards.

Visited the OHS&E Website yet?



DATABASE TRIAL

Industry Illness and Injury Database

Outcomes of the Trial

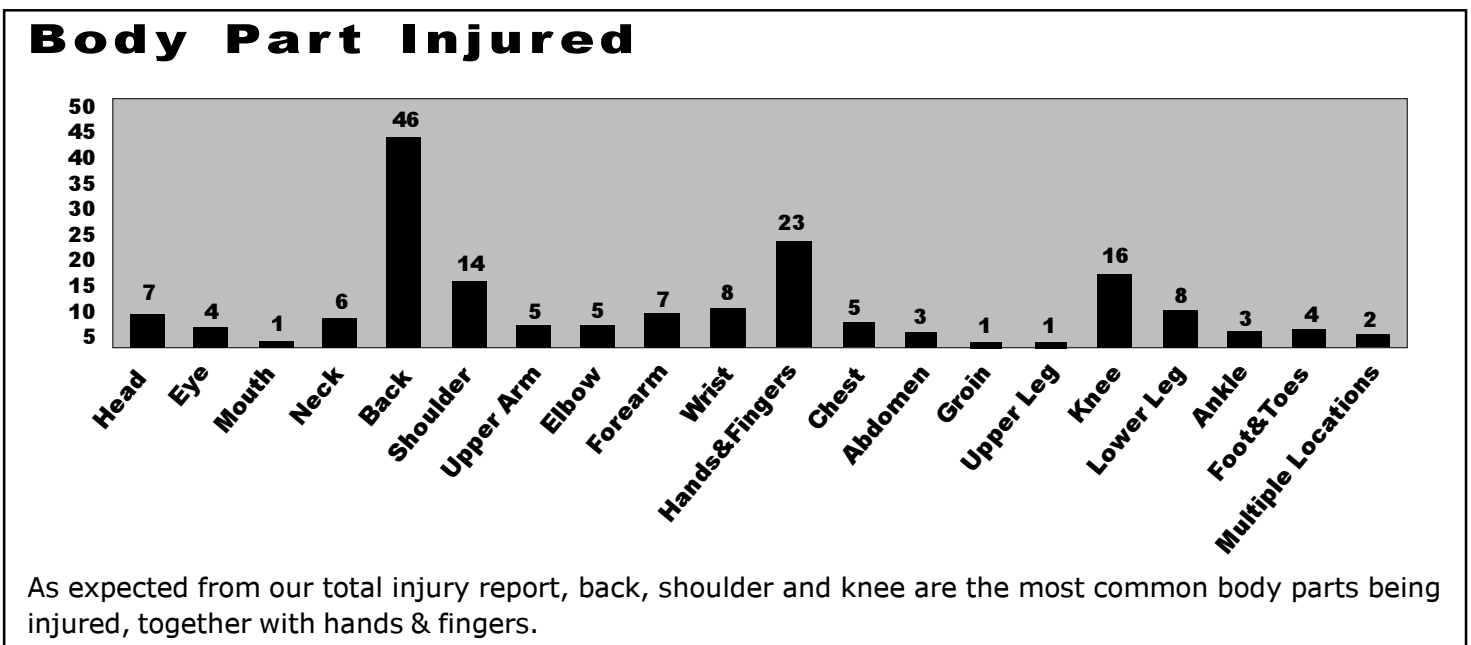
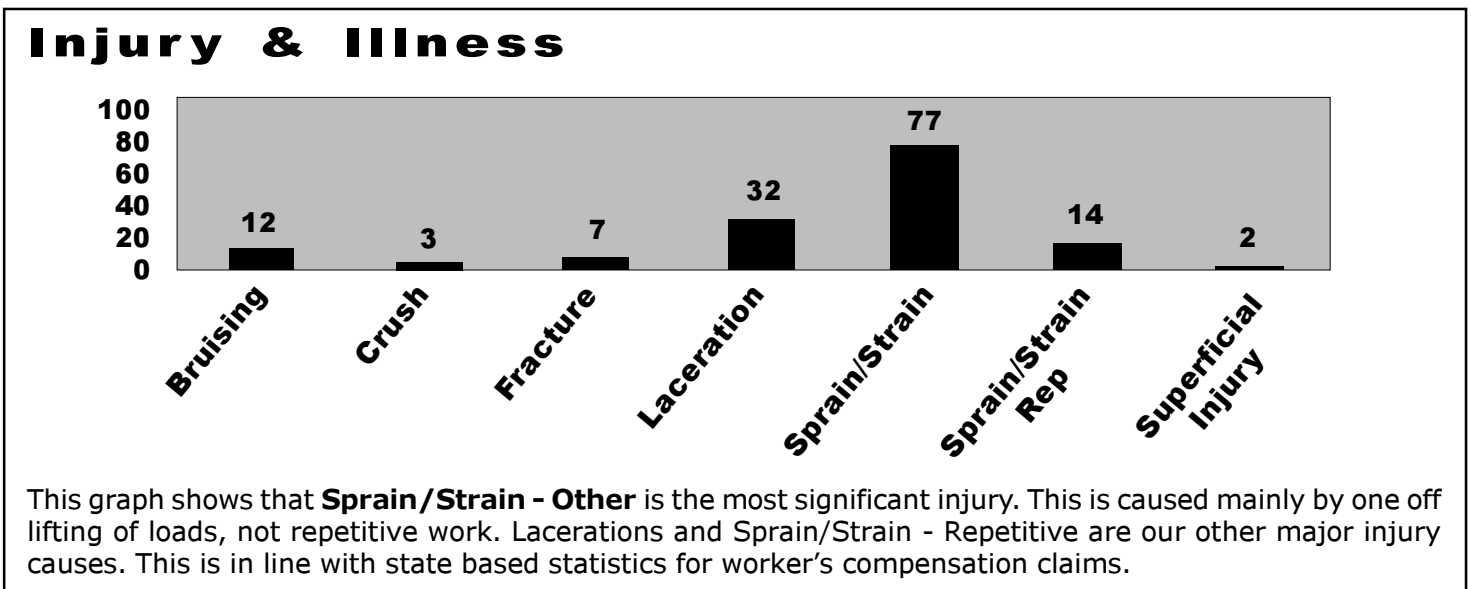


During 2003 the OHS&E Unit conducted an Injury and Illness Database trial. The trial was conducted from January to December 2003. Due to the volume of incidents across the industry it was agreed that the trial would focus on collecting Lost Time and Medical Treatment Incident data only. Data was collected from four (4) major organisations during the trial - AMCOR, Carter Holt Harvey, Kimberly-Clark Australia and PaperlinX.

During the trial 159 records were collected and entered. A wide range of reports can be produced from the database. These include:

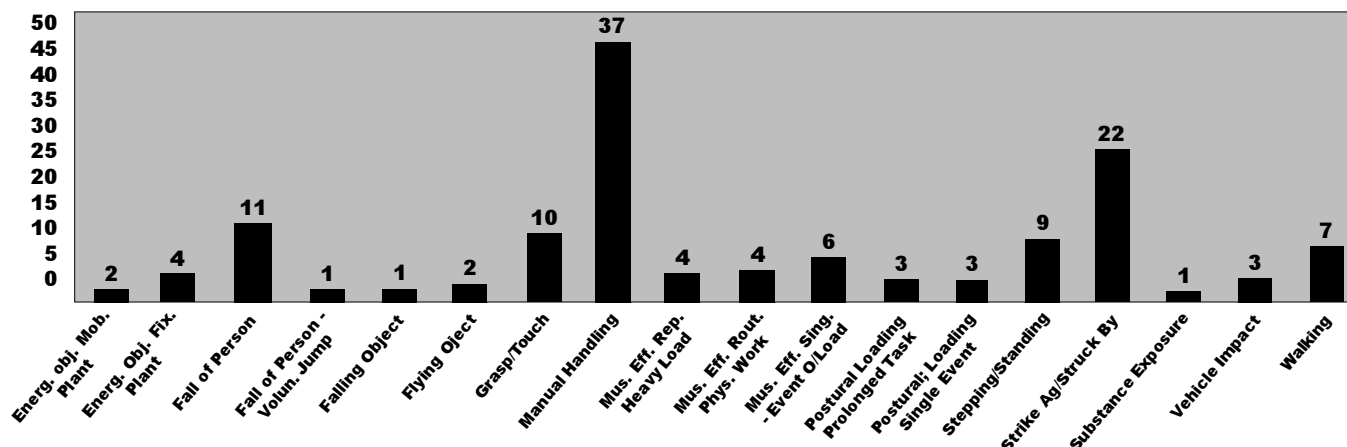
- *Types of injuries;*
- *Where they happened;*
- *How they occurred;*
- *Type of equipment being used.*

Below are graphs displaying some of the information received during the database trial.



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Occurrence



Manual Handling is the major cause of our reported injuries with 37 reports. However, we also have a significant number of injuries caused by striking against something or being struck by an object.

Falling, Stepping/Standing and walking are likely contributors to the high level of incidents to the knee. Moving up and down staircases are a common cause of knee injuries.

Incident reports entered into the database remain confidential and only the generic information is available for review.

The OHS&E Unit Steering Committee are currently reviewing the trial evaluation to determine whether the pulp and paper industry will introduce a permanent incident and illness database.

Machine Guarding Update

Following the Industry Information Day on Machine Guarding in July 2003, many organisations within the pulp and paper industry have initiated programs to address the known hazards associated with paper and tissue machines.

All major organisations have prepared plans and begun capital works to improve machine guarding. Work on some machines is finished or almost complete, whilst others are included in long term plans for improvement.

If you are not sure as to the status of guarding improvements at your workplace please ask your OHS representative or OHS department for an update.



OHS Representatives at the Maryvale site recently attended an information day specifically designed for them. Activities for the day included a review of the Major Hazards Facility status of the site; introduction of a safety audit trial; issue resolution procedures and safety priorities for the coming year.

New safety coordinator for the site, Paul Thompson, said "Our OHS representatives are a great resource. It is important to utilise them for OHS activities as often as possible. Having information days such as these allows our representatives to keep up to date with changes across the site". The days were well attended and future activities with the OHSRs are planned for the future.

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