



Work Health and Safety Committee Report October 2025

By Stack Stevens

Well, another year has gone by, and I think I reported of frustration of the WHS committee last year. Things have not changed with the up-Hevel in change of executive staff, and we really have battled along with much frustration amongst most of the committee. At the time of writing this report the committee has asked for a meeting with the Chief Officer to lay the cards on the table and present to them some options going forward after advice from safe work SA.

Following items are still ongoing/completed:

- P2 masks in discussion with chief on the 10th with teams and committee link up.
- Transition for volunteers to do site inspections/we have opposed this recommendation.
- Disposal of foam drums/plan to be formulated on disposal.
- Seat belts drop downs/ a pin was served on CFS but has since been removed after rectification.
- First aid kits/hazmat and oxygen has been linked to urban uplift programme.
- DSU issues have been rectified/Tim McNeilly supposed to have visited all sites to relocate units.
- BA equipment has been linked to urban uplift programme/tracking of
- Level 3 IMT safety officers training/ is in transition to EM merge.
- Hazard alerts don't seem to be reaching intended audience, so improvement has been asked for re communication.
- Discussion had re all appliances must have AEDs.
- Discussion re incidents/injuries/hazards being reported to region in timely manner sometimes taking weeks to be lodged which could see CFS exposed to noncompliance issues.
- Was an alert re towing of vehicles and not to do this anymore due to \$25.000 damage to vehicle being towed, has since been removed and training package/equipment is supposed to be rolled out.
- Jane Abdulla spoke to committee re MHFA and it will be continued to be funded by the foundation
- PTSD and the significance of the topic and the issue of stigma around this and ability to volunteer is not an issue.
- Spoke to committee re new regulations that came into effect in Dec 23 re psychological injuries and illness in the workplace this is for both employers and employees and will provide better guidance.

At the time of putting this report together I have not received the minutes from the WHS meeting held in September and unfortunately, I was unable to attend but will provide further info if it has not been covered.

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