# MAKING THE BUSINESS CASE FOR WELLNESS





# **AUSTRALIAN FATALITY RATES**

Figure 1: Worker fatalities: number of fatalities and fatality rate, 2003 to 2016



# **CORRELATION – PHYSICAL INJURY TO COST / PRODUCTIVITY**

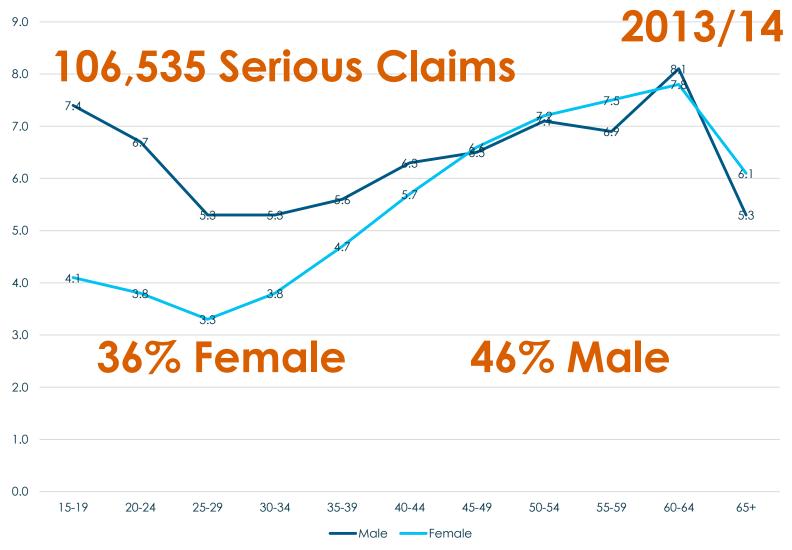
Decrease in Fatality Rates improved the Rate of Physical Injuries

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#### SERIOUS CLAIMS PER MILLION HOURS WORKED



# THE FOCUS AWAY FROM PHYSICAL INJURY

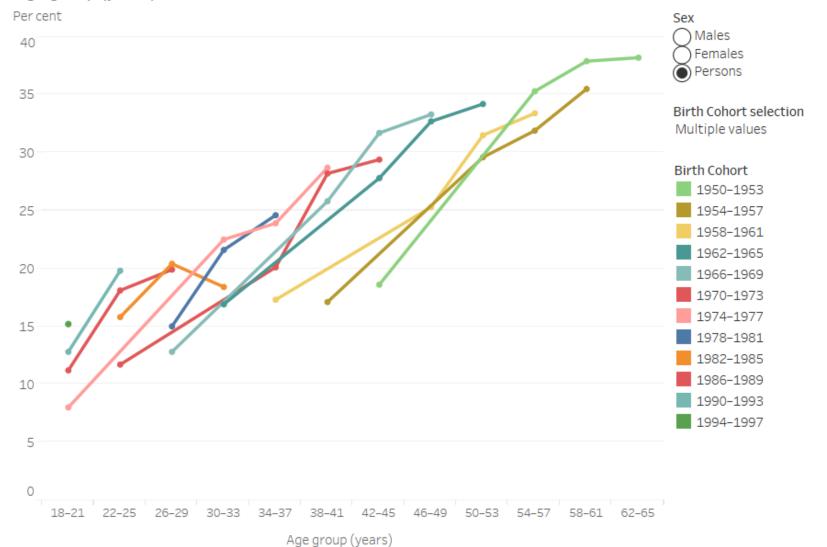
What else impacts our workplace?

Making a Rol case for Health and / or Wellness

They are different but they affect each other

# **WEIGHT RISK**

Figure 4: Proportion of obese adults aged 18–65, by birth cohort (born 1930–1933 to 1994–1997) and age group (years)



# **WEIGHT RISK**

Sex Men 18-24 ✓ Men 25-34 ✓ Women Persons 35-44 45-54 Age group **√** 18-24 55-64 25-34 35-44 65-74 **√** 45-54 75-84 55-64 **√** 65-74 85+ 75-84 Women **√** 85+ 18-24 25-34 Category 35-44 Obese 45-54 Overweight but not obese 55-64 65-74 75-84 85+ 10 20 30 50 60 70 80 90 100 40 Per cent

Figure 2: Proportion of overweight and obese adults, by age group (years) and sex, 2014-15

# Chances of gaining weight increases when people around you are gaining weight



### **HEALTH – FLU SHOTS**

# Why provide Flu Shots?

- Easy Program to Administer
- Makes Staff Feel Better
- Low Touch Health Service

Relatively Ineffective for all those reasons

Vaccine reduced a person's risk of being diagnosed by a doctor to have laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infection by 23% among people of all ages.

During seasons when most circulating influenza viruses are closely related to the viruses in the influenza vaccine, the vaccine effectiveness estimate has ranged from 50-60% among the overall population.

WHO 2016



# BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL INFLUENCERS IN INJURY RECOVERY



# BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL INFLUENCERS IN YOUR UNINJURED WORKFORCE

# THE TOP FIVE CAUSES OF STRESS IN AUSTRALIA (2010 -2015)

- Personal finances 49 per cent;
- Family issues 45 per cent;
- Personal health 44 per cent;
- Trying to maintain a healthy lifestyle 40 per cent; and
- Issues with the health of others close to us 38 per cent.

Australian Psychological Society Stress and wellbeing in Australia survey 2015

# **HOW MIGHT THEY MANIFEST?**

- Mental Health
- Homelessness
- Financial Stress
- Substance abuse
- Domestic violence
- Relationship Issues
- Health Issues
- Resilience (Or Lack of)

# THE NEW LOST TIME INJURIES

Absenteeism

Presenteeism

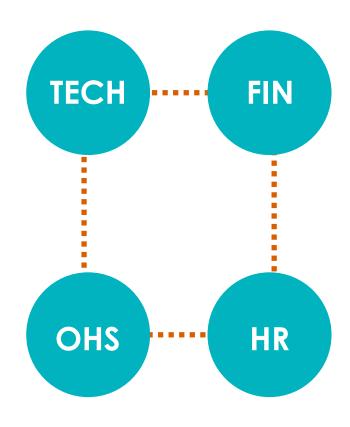
# THE BUSINESS CASE



# Industry leaders don't wait for legislation

# **RESEARCH & EVIDENCE – HEALTH & WELLNESS**

- Understanding the risks to your business, PEOPLE, PROFIT, PROSPERITY, CULTURE
- Research and Evidence
- A Long Game case for Wellness / Hapiness
- Investment



# Hidden Costs & Impact of Poor Health/Wellness

Direct Costs

**Workers Compensation Costs** 

Short / Long-Term Disability

Injury rates

**EAP** utilisation

ndirect Costs

Lost productivity / presenteeism

Absenteeism

Employee & Customer Dissatisfaction

Turnover

Replacement training

Recruitment costs

**Subpar Quality** 

Temporary staffing

Administrative

Ageing workforce



