



Office of Mayor and CEO

Monthly Review

Period – March 2023

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OVERVIEW

This report is for the Office of the Mayor and CEO (OMCEO) for March 2023.

- As at the end of March Council has reached 7 LTI's with a total of 105 days lost. There was one new LTI in January and two during February.
- There is a refocus happening within Council regarding safety and use of LTI's as metrics, with a view to using more proactive focused measures.
- Late March saw the Employee Business Update sessions held at the MECC. This was a great opportunity to interact with all Council staff and ensure involvement in the future direction of Council.
- This is also the last monthly report under this format, with a new whole of Council CEO's report in a more streamlined and forward focused view.



Scott Owen
Chief Executive Officer

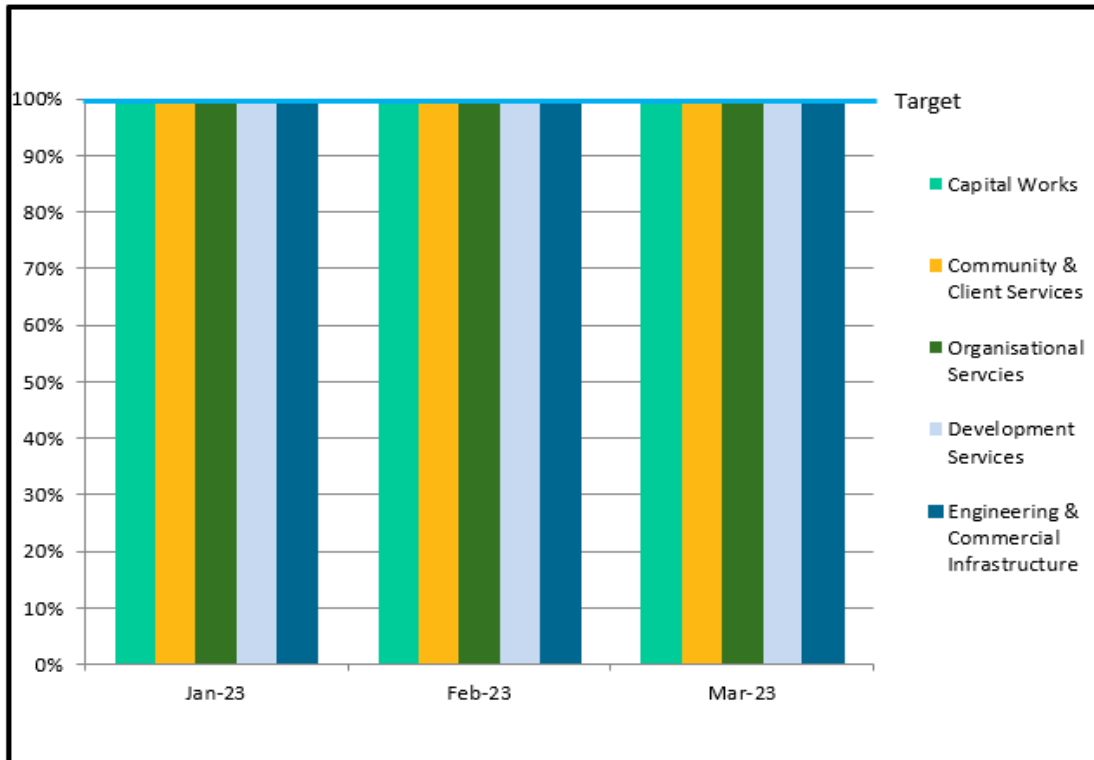
SAFETY

1.1. Lead Indicators

Site Safety Inspections Completed	<p>This graph shows the percentage of scheduled inspections completed on-time in the quarter.</p> <p>At a department-level the results were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Works:100% • Community and Client Services: 100% • Development Services: 100% • Engineering and Commercial Infrastructure: 100% • Organisational Services: 100%
<p>Actual: 100% Target: 100%</p>	<p>This graph shows the percentage of members of the management team that have undertaken their targeted number of safety interactions.</p> <p>Whilst not recorded here, the layer of management below program managers are continuing to undertake safety interactions, with a target of two per quarter.</p> <p>This is a great result and is a marked improvement on the last quarter.</p>
Manager Safety Interactions Undertaken	<p>This graph shows the percentage of MAP items completed in the quarter.</p> <p>Another good result, uncompleted MAPs could be attributed to absences due to annual leave across the business.</p>
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Monthly Action Plan (MAP) Completed	
<p>Actual: 96% Target: 95%</p>	

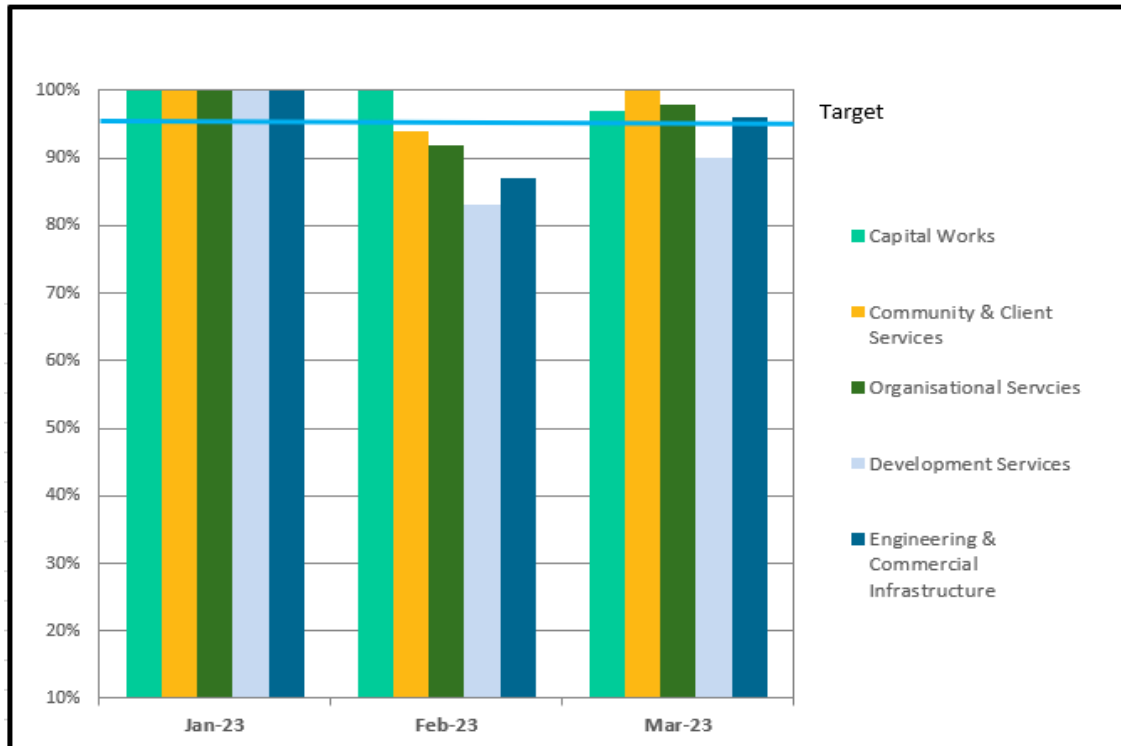
<p>Corrective Actions Completed on Time</p> 	<p>Corrective actions are raised following an incident, site safety inspection, hazard report, or as an action from a WHS meeting.</p> <p>This is equal to last quarter's result of 86%.</p>
<p>Incidents reported on Time</p> 	<p>MRC staff incidents are required to be reported within 30 minutes, and contractor incidents within 60 minutes of occurrence.</p> <p>Communication and awareness of incident reporting requirements across MRC is continuing.</p>
<p>Contractor Spot Checks</p> 	<p>This graph shows the percentage of scheduled contractor spot-checks completed in the quarter at 22% and is below our 90% target.</p> <p>Communication and awareness of contractor spot check requirements across MRC will continue, to ensure future achievement of the 90% target.</p>

Site Safety Inspections Completed



A target of 100% has been set for the completion of scheduled site safety inspections. This graph provides a snapshot of the percentage completed at the end of each month.

Monthly Action Plans Completed



A target of 95% has been set for the completion of monthly action plans. This graph provides a snapshot of the percentage completed at the end of each month.

Lead Indicators Break-up by Program

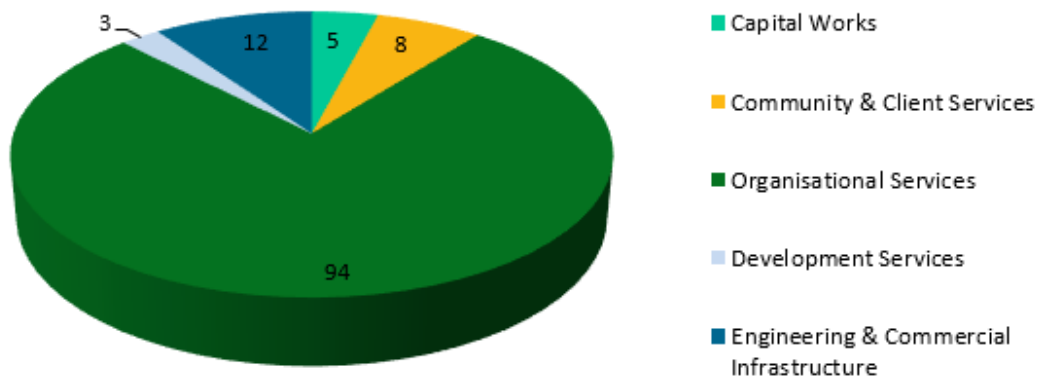
Details for each Department and Program are shown in the table below.

Department / Program		Site Safety Inspections			Manager Safety Interactions			Monthly Action Plan (MAP)	Corrective Actions Completed on time		Incidents reported on time		Contractor Spot Checks	
		% Actual	% Target	% Achv'd	% Actual	% Target	% Achv'd	% Achv'd	Total CA's Due	% of CA's actioned on time	Total # Reported	% reported on time	% Target	% Achv'd
Capital Works	CW Management				5	4	100%	100%						
	Major Projects				5	4	100%	100%	5	100%	2	100%	4	75%
	Field Services	6	6	100%	5	4	100%	97%	2	100%	3	67%	4	0%
	Contract Services				5	4	100%	97%	6	100%	3	100%	6	100%
	Portfolio Management Office				4	4	100%	100%			1	0%		
	Design Services				4	4	100%	100%			2	50%		
	Total	6	6	100%				99%	13	100%	11	73%		
Community & Client Services	CCS Management				4	4	100%	100%						
	Corporate Comm				5	4	100%	99%						
	Community Lifestyle	2	2	100%	2	2	100%	95%	14	93%	16	63%		
	MECC & Events	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	100%	10	100%	15	87%		
	Health & Regulatory Services	3	3	100%	2	2	100%	93%	4	100%	10	40%		
	Emergency Management				2	2	100%	100%	2	100%	1	0%		
	Total	7	7	100%				98%	30	93%	42	64%		
Development Services	DEV Management				4	4	100%	100%			1	0%		
	Development Planning & Engineering				4	4	100%	100%			1	100%		
	Parks	27	27	100%	2	2	100%	88%	8	88%	38	68%	2	100%
	Strategic Planning				2	2	100%	98%						
	Economic Development				4	4	100%	69%			1	100%		
Total	27	27	100%				91%	8	88%	41	68%			

Department / Program		Site Safety Inspections			Manager Safety Interactions			Monthly Action Plan (MAP)	Corrective Actions Completed on Time		Incidents reported on time		Contractor Spot Checks	
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Engineering & Commercial Infrastructure	ECI Management				12	8	100%	100%	3	100%	1	0%		
	Transport & Drainage				4	4	100%	100%			1	100%		
	Civil Operations	10	10	100%	4	4	100%	88%	4	75%	19	79%	2	50%
	Waste Services	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	80%	7	100%	11	73%	6	0%
	Water Network	8	8	100%	4	4	100%	95%	6	17%	6	83%	12	17%
	Water & Sewage				4	4	100%	98%						
	Water Treatment	5	5	100%	5	4	100%	97%	1	100%	1	0%	2	0%
	Assets				4	4	100%	97%						
Total		26	26	100%				95%	21	71%	39	74%		
Organisational Services	ORG Management				7	4	100%	100%						
	Finance				4	4	100%	99%						
	Shared Services				2	2	100%	100%	1	100%	1	0%		
	Procurement & Plant	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	82%	8	50%				
	Property Services	10	10	100%	5	4	100%	100%	30	87%	9	44%	6	50%
	People & Culture				5	4	100%	97%	1	100%	2	50%		
	Information Services	1	1	100%	4	4	100%	90%			1	0%		
	Office of the Mayor & CEO				4	4	100%	100%						
	Executive Office/Legal				7	8	100%	100%	17	65%				
Total		15	15	100%				96%	57	75%	13	38%		

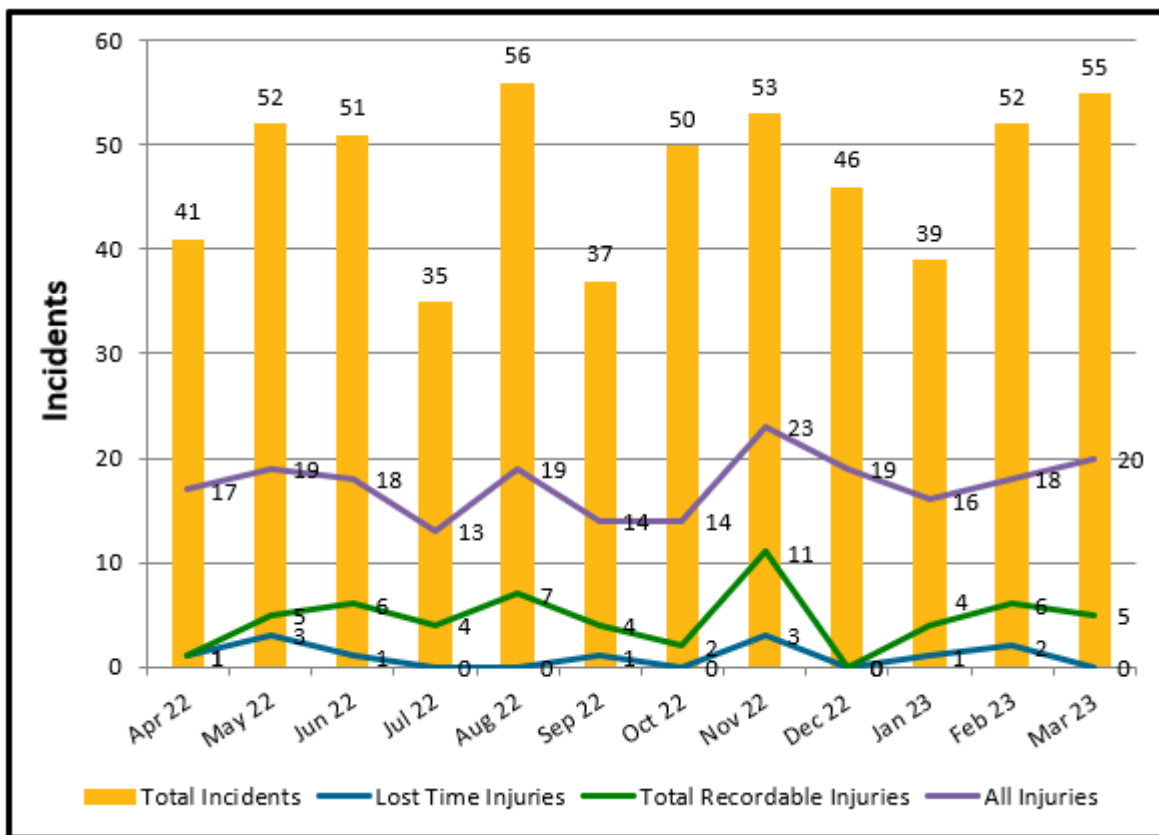
Corrective Action Status Report

Total Active Corrective Actions



Department	Total CAs open	CAs Overdue					% of CA's Overdue
		Total CAs Overdue	< 30 days overdue	30 - 60 days overdue	60-360 days overdue	> 12mths overdue	
Capital Works	5	0					0%
Community & Client Services	8	0					0%
Organisational Services	94	1	1				1%
Development Services	3	0					0%
Engineering & Commercial Infrastructure	12	1	1				8%
Mackay Regional Council	122	2	2	0	0	0	2%

1.2 Incidents and Injuries



The following injuries to MRC employees were reported during March:

Suitable Duties and Medical Treatment Injuries:

- SDI – While crossing road, slipped on crossing tactiles falling and injuring side.
- SDI – Trimming palms in EWP, while attempting to holster silky hand saw, contacted blade resulting in minor lacerations to his fingers.
- MTI – Worker reported getting water mist in their eye by a nearby whipper snipper cutting wet grass. Eye became irritated later in the evening.
- MTI – Mower roof fell on operator's head.
- MTI – While removing hat at smoko, foreign object landed in eye.

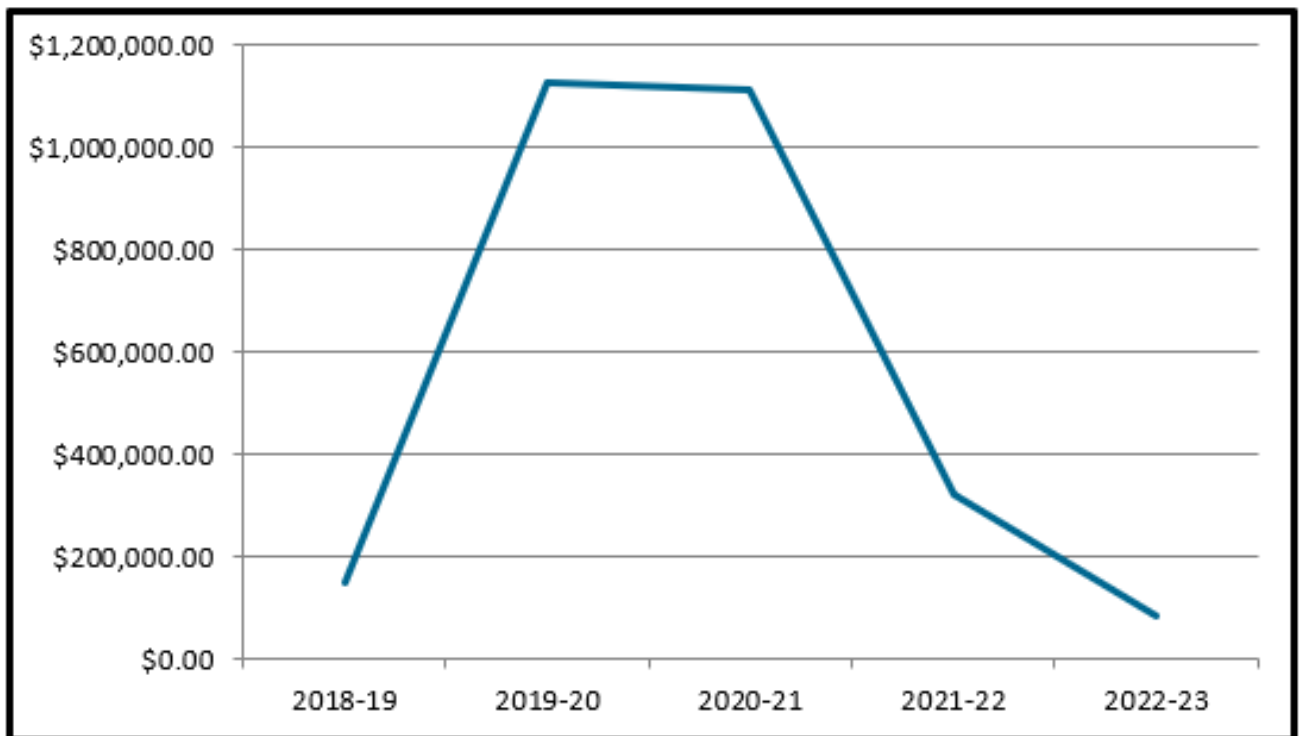
First Aid Injuries and Non-Treatment Injuries:

- FAI – Felt pain in wrist while stocking fridges.
- FAI – Cut finger while sharpening knife.
- FAI – Electrical cable being lowered from fly floor. Worker stuck by cable on nose and left cheek.
- FAI - Placed hand under chair to move closer to table, cut finger on sharp edge underneath chair.
- NTI – After assisting the Catering team delivering food at a function the day before, worker has become sore the following day.
- NTI – Worker has reported sore shoulder after assisting catering team with food service at a function.
- NTI – While walking through mangroves, worker went to step over a log and got foot caught on a vine.

- NTI – Worker was stung on the face by a wasp.
- NTI – Worker slipped from the bottom rung of a ladder when removing items from a shelf.
- NTI – Felt symptoms of heat stress while undertaking grass maintenance.
- NTI – Constant vibration of mowing causing muscular stress to operator.
- NTI – Filling in a hole with dirt, strained left foot.
- NTI – Felt pain in back after undertaking manual digging activities.
- NTI - Pain in neck after stationary MRC vehicle was struck from behind by NSM vehicle.
- NTI - While checking inventory, stepped backwards and ankle collided with pallet.

Each incident is investigated, and appropriate corrective measures implemented to reduce future risks.

Workers Compensation Claims Costs



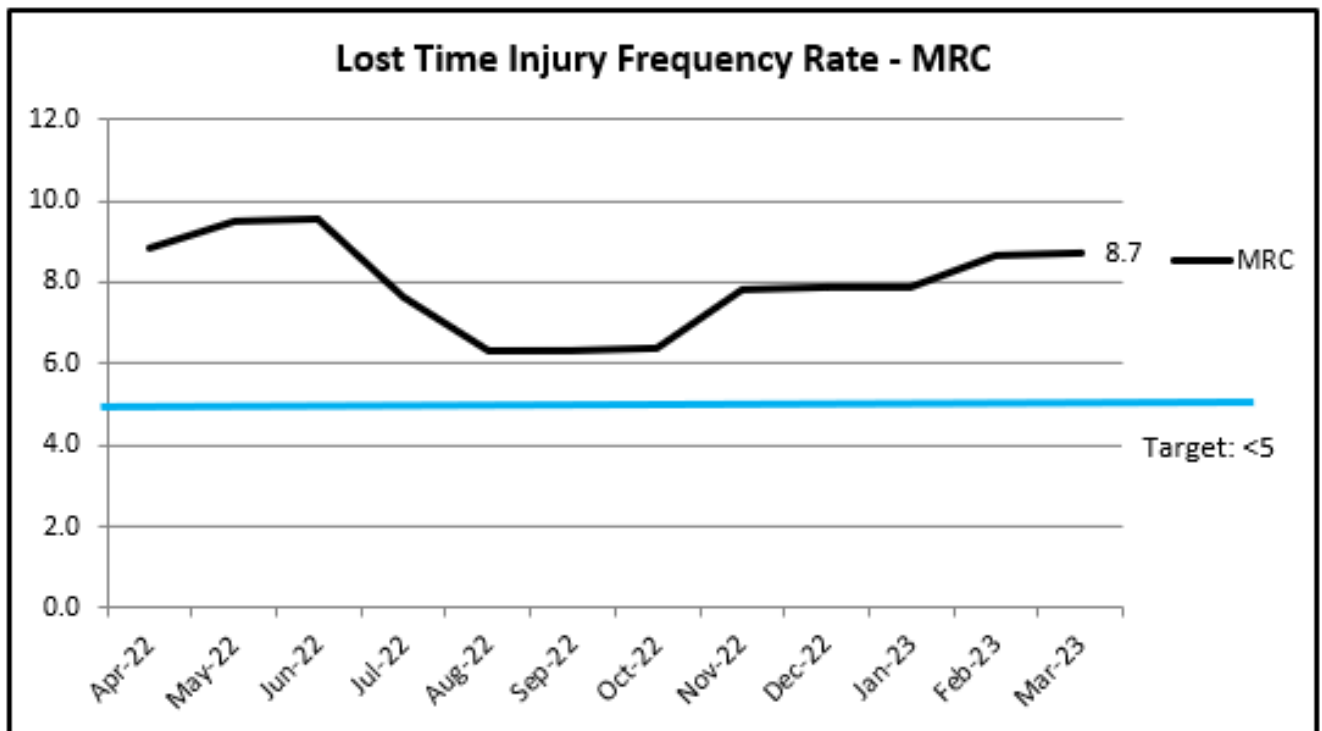
This graph depicts the total worker’s compensation claim costs over the last five years.

Claim costs are payments made in relation to accepted claims. This includes compensation payouts, medical costs and expenses relating to claims.

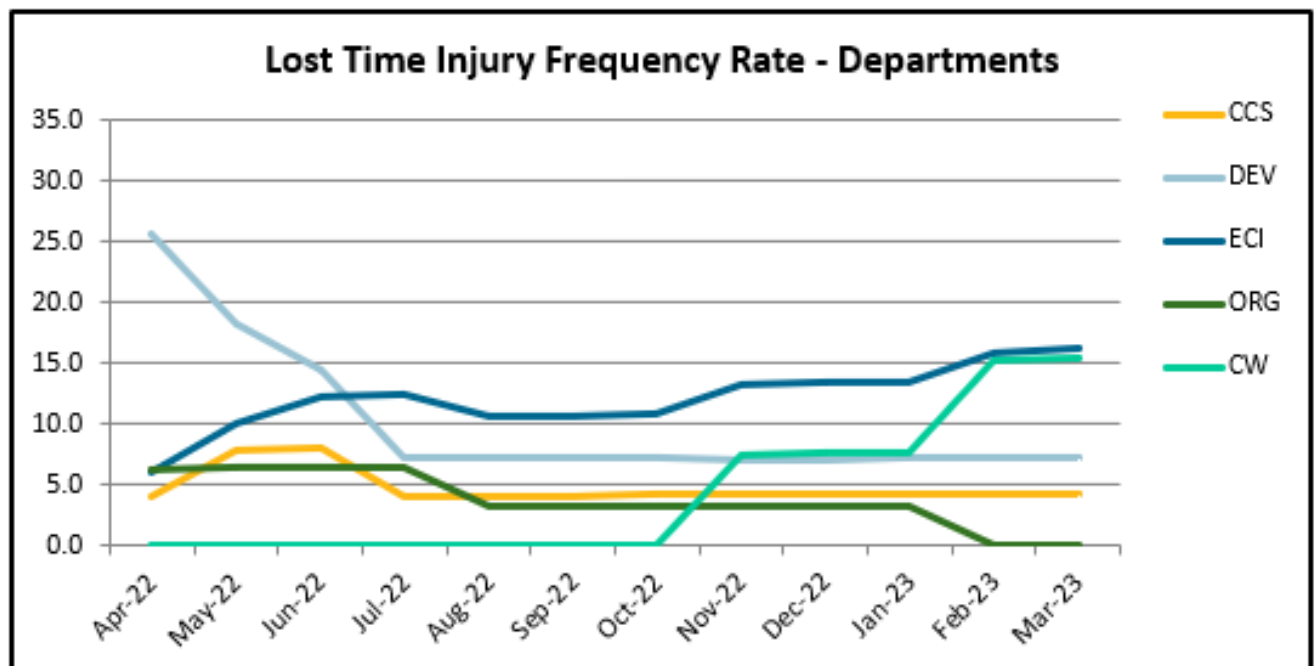
The costs of claims are a factor in determine MRC’s workers compensation premium.

As can be seen from the graph the WC costs are steadily decreasing.

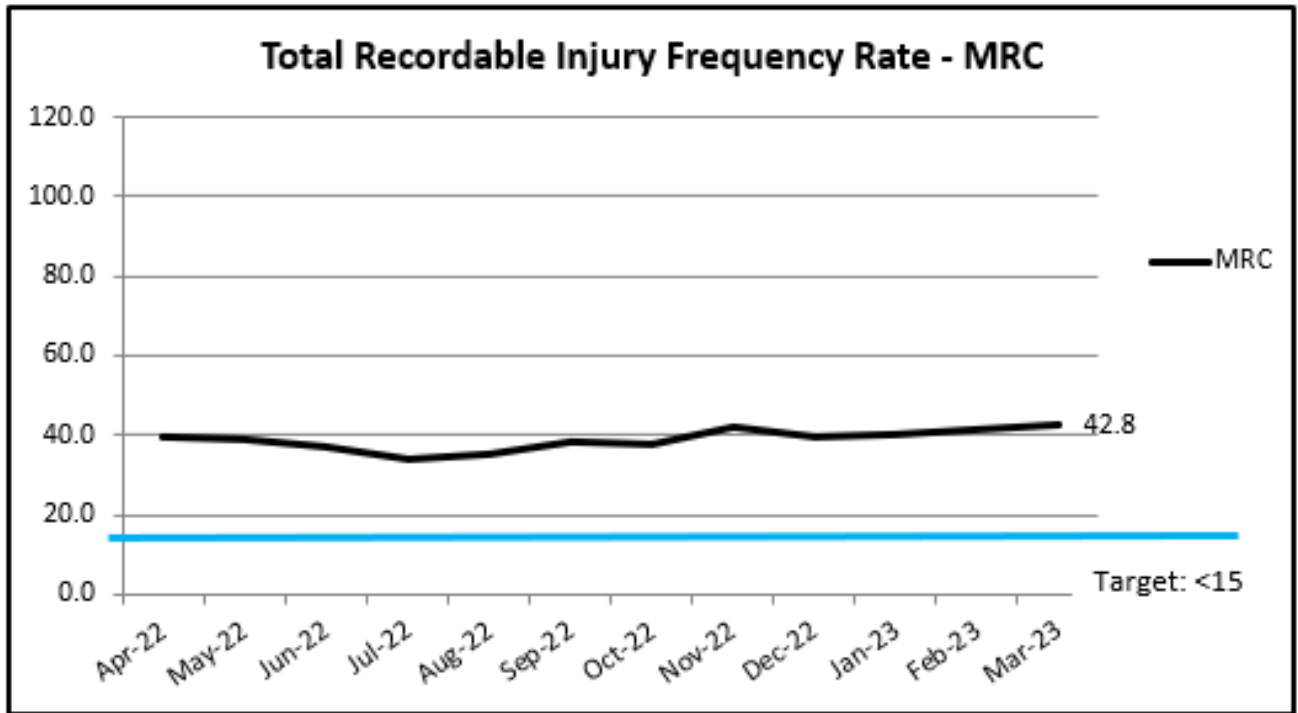
Injury Frequency Rates 12 month rolling average



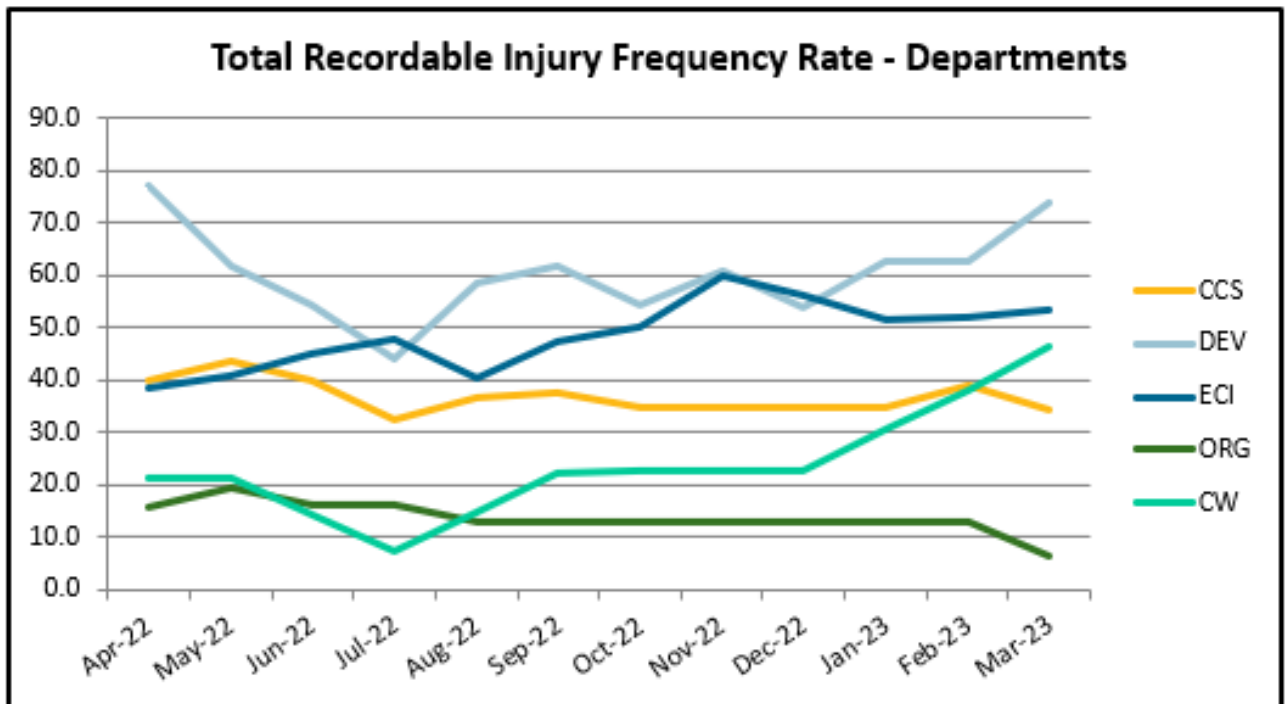
The MRC wide LTI frequency rate is currently 8.7, higher than our target of 5.



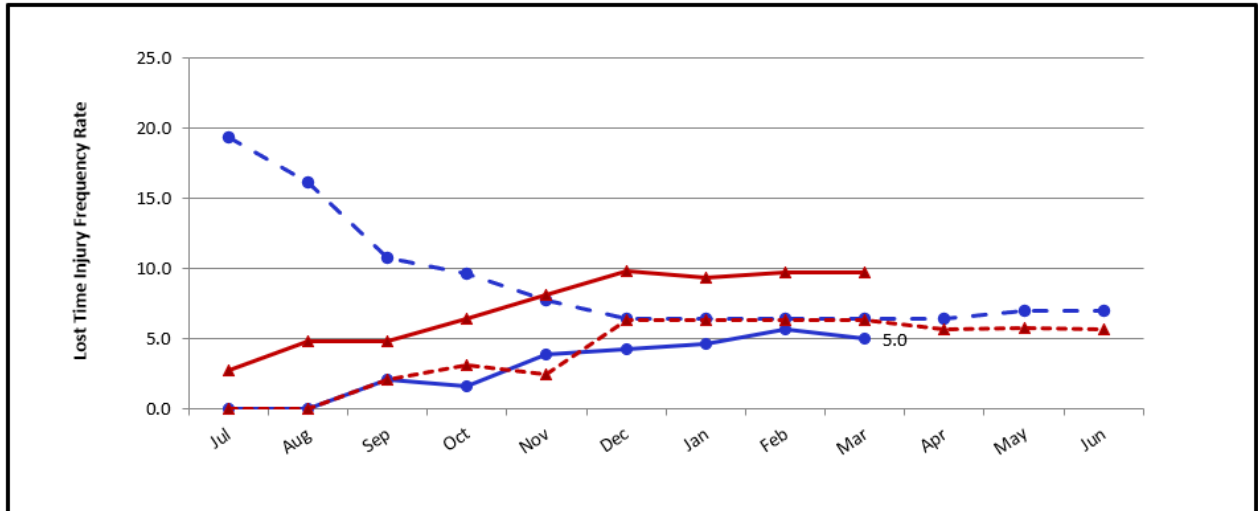
Total Recordable Injury Frequency rate



The MRC wide TRIFR frequency rate is currently 42.8, higher than our target of 15.



Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate Comparison



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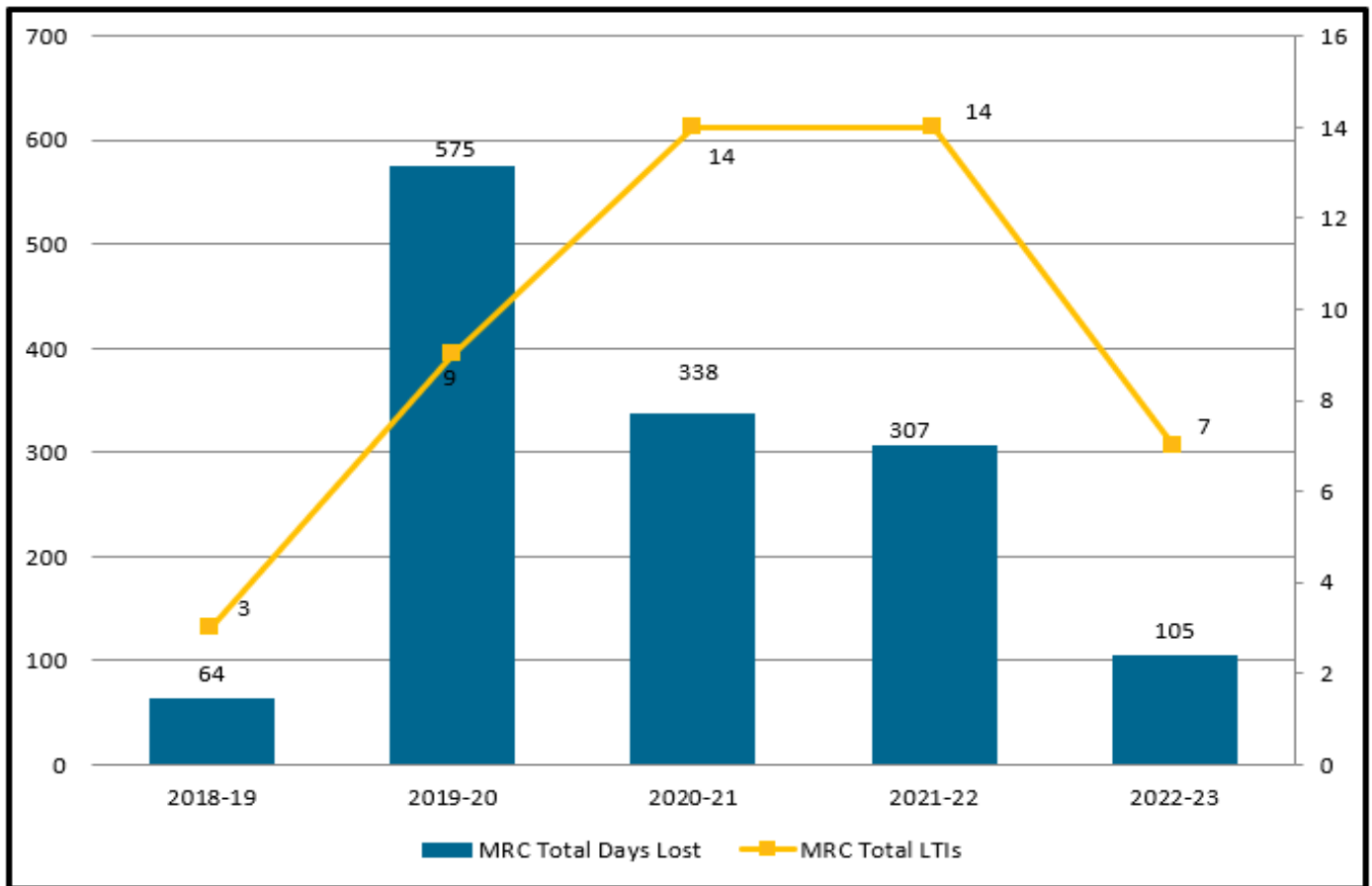
MRC	This year	
	Last year	

All Group E Councils	This year	
	Last year	

This data is provided by MRC’s workers’ compensation insurer LGW and shows the cumulative LTI frequency rate over the course of the current financial year, compared to similar sized local governments (Group E councils).

MRC has recorded seven LTIs. This has resulted in a LTI frequency rate of 5.0 which is below the *All-Group E Councils* rate of 9.8.

Lost Time Injuries and Days Lost



Department	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost	LTI	Days Lost
Capital Works							1	10			2	25
Community & Client Services	1	1	1	18	1	3	2	14	2	36		
Organisational Services	2	25							2	139		
Development Services	1	13	1	33	4	154	6	170	4	16	1	44
Engineering & Commercial Infrastructure	6	83	1	13	4	418	5	148	6	121	4	36
Mackay Regional Council	10	122	3	64	9	575	14	342	14	312	7	105

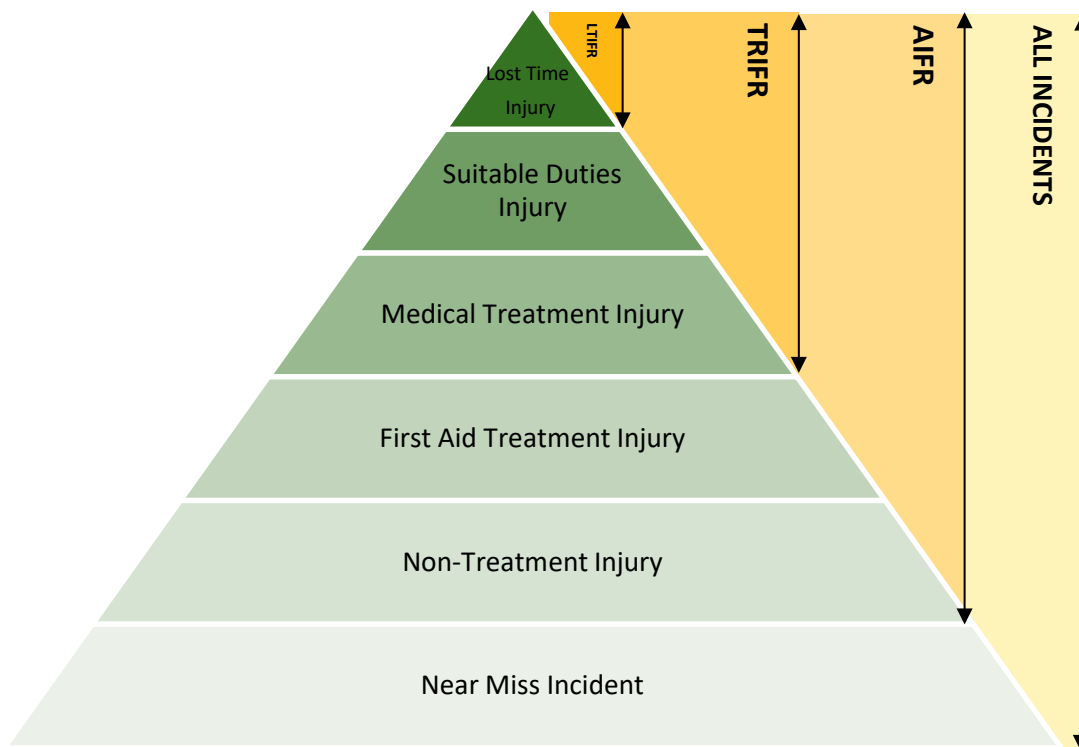
For the 2022-23 period, there have been seven lost time injuries recorded:

1. While attending mountain bike related conference, worker has fallen from bike, injuring hand. Resulting in 23 days lost as they recover.
2. While inspecting drain, dogs have rushed from property, causing inspector to trip and fall, injuring their arm and hands. One day was lost as they recovered.
3. Driver lost control of utility on unsealed road and vehicle rolled, resulting in fractured ribs. Four days have been lost as they recover.
4. Worker suffered psychological injury; 44 days have been lost as they recover.
5. Worker felt pain in arm after operating hose, while sweeping. Seventeen days have been lost as they recover.
6. While using crowbar, felt pain in shoulder. Two days have been lost as they recover.
7. While using siphon pump, felt pain in arm. Fourteen days have been lost as they recover.

WHS Incident Summary

Department / Program		Incident Data (3 rd Quarter)						Incident History 2022-23 financial year (YTD)							
		LTI	TRI	All Injury	Near Miss	AD	NSM	Total Incidents	LTI	TRI	All Injury	Near Miss	AD	NSM	Total Incidents
Capital Works	CW Management														
	Major Projects					1	1	2	1	1	1		1	5	7
	Field Services	1	1	1		1	1	3	1	3	6	1	10	3	20
	Contract Services					1	2	3				1	1	6	8
	Portfolio Management		1	1				1		1	1	1			2
	Design Services		1	2				2		1	4				4
Total		1	3	4		3	4	11	2	6	12	3	12	14	41
Community & Client Services	CCS Management														
	Corporate Comm.									1					1
	Community Lifestyle		1	2		1	13	16		3	12	2	1	30	45
	MECC & Events			12			3	15		2	21	2		9	32
	Health & Reg			6	3	1		10			13	4	3		20
	Emergency mngt						1	1						2	2
Total			1	20	3	2	17	42		5	47	8	4	41	100
Development Services	DEV Management						1	1			1			1	2
	Dev Png & Eng				1			1			1	2			3
	Parks		6	16	3	16	2	37	1	17	53	7	43	6	109
	Strategic Planning										1				1
	Economic Dev			1				1			1			3	4
Total			6	17	4	16	3	40	1	17	57	9	43	10	119
Engineering & Commercial	ECI Management				1			1				1			1
	Tran Drain Infra Png					1		1		1	1		1		2
	Civil Operations	1	3	6	1	11	1	19	3	8	19	5	39	8	71
	Waste Services				1		9	10			3	1		25	29
	Water Network			3	1	2		6		4	8	4	4	1	17
	Water & Sew Infra Pl														
	Water Treatment	1	1	1			1	2	1	3	5			2	7
Assets Management										1				1	
Total		2	4	10	4	14	11	39	4	16	37	11	44	36	128
Organisational Services	ORG Management														
	Financial Services														
	Shared Services				1			1				2			2
	Procurement & Plant											1		1	2
	Property Services		1	1			9	10		1	2			22	24
	People & Culture			2				2			2	1			3
	Information Services				1			1				1		1	2
	Executive Office											1			1
	Office Mayor & CEO														
Total			1	3	2		9	14		1	4	6		24	34

Incident Hierarchy



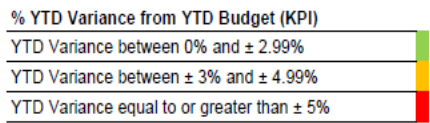
Incident Definitions

Incident	Any unplanned event resulting in or having a potential for injury or ill health.
Lost Time Injury (LTI)	A work injury that results in a fatality, or an inability to work at least one full day / shift or part of a day / shift, any time after the day / shift in which the injury occurred. As determined by the treating doctor.
Suitable Duties Injury (SDI)	A work injury that results in an injured worker remaining in the workplace, but not being able to return to their normal duties on the next day or scheduled shift. Work is undertaken, subject to restrictions, as determined by the treating doctor.
Medical Treatment Injury (MTI)	A work injury that results in an injured worker being treated by a qualified health professional e.g., doctor, nurse, physiotherapist.
First Aid Treatment Injury (FAI)	A work injury that results in an injured worker being provided treatment which is normally given by a first aider.
Non-Treatment Injury	A work injury which did not require treatment by a first aider or health professional e.g., doctor.
Near Miss Incident (NM)	An incident that could have or had the potential to cause injury or loss.
Recordable Injury (RI)	Incidents that result in a LTI, SDI and MTI.
Lost time injury frequency rate (LTIFR)	The number of lost-time injuries per million hours worked. Calculated as follows: $\frac{\text{No of LTI} \times 1,000,000}{\text{total hours worked during period}}$
Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR)	The number of recordable injuries per million hours worked. Calculated as follows: $\frac{\text{No of RI} \times 1,000,000}{\text{total hours worked during period}}$
All Injury Frequency Rate (AIFR)	The sum of RIs and FAIs per million hours worked. Calculated as follows: $\frac{\text{No of injuries} \times 1,000,000}{\text{total hours worked during period}}$
Notifiable Incident	Incidents that are notifiable to Workplace Health and Safety QLD (WHSQ). Includes an incident that results in the death, serious injury, or serious illness of a person, or involves a dangerous incident.

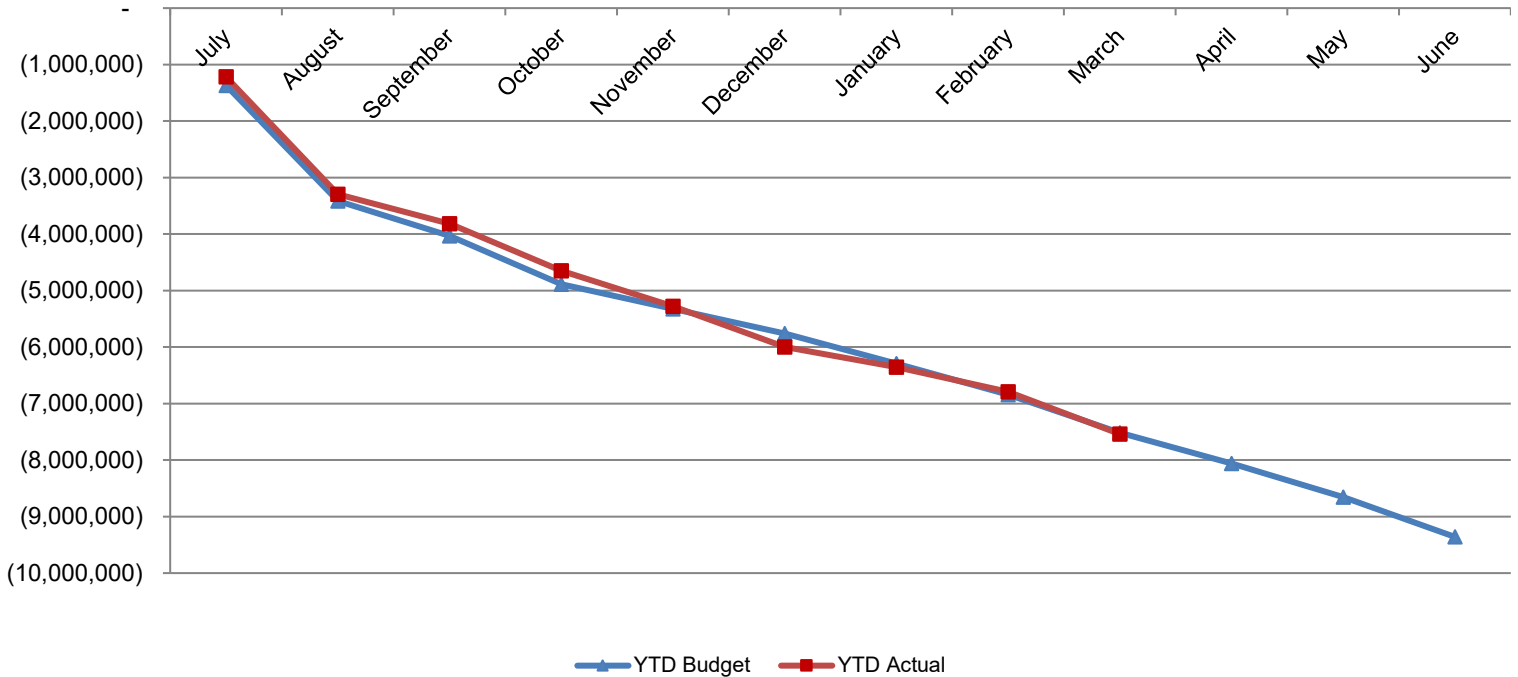
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Operating Result for D001 For the period ending 31 March 2023

	Annual Original Budget	Annual Revised Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	Program Manager Comments
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	
D001 - Office of Mayor and CEO						
1.01 - Office of Mayor & CEO Management	(2,627)	(2,529)	(1,845)	(1,908)	(63)	Minor variance only - Overall on Budget
1.04 - Executive Office	(6,237)	(5,630)	(4,750)	(4,621)	129	Minor variance only - Overall on Budget
1.06 - Legal Services	(1,662)	(1,200)	(920)	(1,009)	(89)	Minor variance only - Overall on Budget
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(10,526)	(9,359)	(7,515)	(7,538)	(23)	



D001 - Office of Mayor and CEO



KEY INITIATIVES

3.1 Summary of key projects and initiatives

This section provides a summary of key initiatives linked directly to the Office of the Mayor and CEO for 2022/23.

Councillor Activities

Meetings/Briefings

For the month of March, the following Council meetings/briefings were co-ordinated:

- Ordinary Council Meeting – 8 and 22 March 2023
- Briefings – 15 and 22 March 2023
- Council In Community Day – 5 April 2023

Details of Council Meeting minutes, and recorded live streaming, are all available on Council's website.

Council in Community Day

Planning for the April Council in Community Day was undertaken, and included visits to Hay Point Coal Terminal, Sarina Beach to view the upgraded Owen Jenkins Park, the Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Group and other sites around Sarina, on Wednesday 5 April 2023.



Photo 1: Hay Point Coal Terminal – Jacket 2 Substructure



Photo 2: Hay Point Coal Terminal – Ship Loader 2



Photo 3: Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Ass

Legal Services

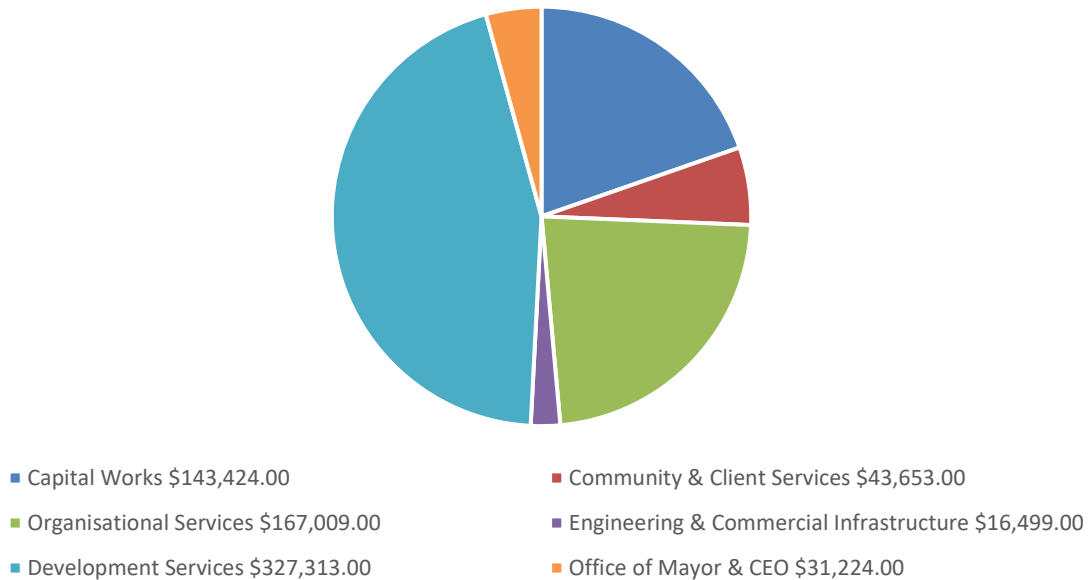
Legal Services is currently working on 302 Matters spread across all Directorates as follows:

Directorate	Matter Type	No.	No.
Capital Works	Disputes/Litigation	3	34
	General Advice	7	
	Land Acquisition	17	
	Leasing/Licencing	6	
	Native Title	1	
CCS	Aboriginal/Cultural Heritage	1	34
	Disputes/Litigation	3	
	Drafting/Reviewing	7	
	Regulatory Compliance & Enforcement (<i>particularly Warrants for overgrown properties and dangerous dogs</i>)	14	
	General Advice	8	
	Leasing/Licencing	1	
Development Services	Disputes/Litigation	3	31
	Infrastructure Agreements	2	
	General Advice	10	
	Land Acquisition/Disposal	2	
	Drafting/Reviewing	12	
	Leasing/Licencing	1	
	Land Tenure	1	
ECI	Land Acquisition	17	72
	Disputes/Litigation	6	
	General Advice	23	
	Infrastructure Agreements	1	
	Drafting/Reviewing	20	
	Land Tenure	2	
	Leasing/Licencing	1	
	Regulatory Compliance & Enforcement	2	
OM&CEO	Aboriginal/ATSI Cultural Heritage	1	42
	Land Acquisition/Conveyancing	1	
	Disputes/Litigation	12	
	Drafting/Reviewing	7	
	General Advice	20	
	Native Title	1	
Organisational Services	Disputes/Litigation	9	89
	General Advice	23	
	Drafting Reviewing	12	
	Investigation	2	
	Land Acquisition/Disposal	7	
	Land Tenure	1	
	Leasing/Licensing	35	
TOTAL CURRENT MATTERS			302

External Fees Paid

Total external legal fees and outlays paid for the financial year to date are \$729,122.00 broken down by Directorate as follows:

Fees Paid Financial Year to Date



External Grant Funding

External funding monies for 2022/23 to 31st March 2023 being actually received by payments to Council is \$15,269,841.82.

The major components received in March being:

- Department of Transport & Main Roads – Mangrove Road Bus Interchange - \$1,007,375.75
- Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water – Bloomsbury Water Supply - \$600,000.00
- State Library of Queensland – Quarterly Contribution - \$142,923.75
- Department of Education – Traineeship & Apprenticeships Payment - \$144,006.80
- Department of Environment & Science – Illegal Dumping Partnerships - \$78,000.00
- Queensland Reconstruction Authority – QRRRF Disaster Risk Reduction - \$48,915.55

Successful funding applications during February include:

- Department of Transport & Main Roads – STIP Funding
 - Marian State School \$81,400.
 - Sarina High School \$230,750.

GOVERNANCE

4.1 Workplace Health & Safety

- Safety committee meetings conducted.
- Nineteen Random Drug and Alcohol tests conducted.
- Developed an Action Plan to address legislative requirements in preparation for the introduction of Managing the Risk of Psychosocial Hazards at Work Code of Practice 2022, which commences on 01/04/2023.
- Networking with other nearby Councils about the implementation of new Queensland Codes of Practice.
- Undertook several ICAM incident investigations.

4.2 Corporate Performance Planning & Reporting

Corporate Performance Planning remains a focus for ELT and SLT with the development of 23/24 plans underway and in the final drafting stage.

Time will be set aside for ELT review early next month along with the commencement of the Operational Plan build.

Key outcomes of the 23/24 planning cycle to date include:

- The setting of more meaningful KPIs and consistent use of the SMART methodology, (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound).
- Improved design and format of all Corporate Performance Planning and Reporting documents, through embedding the Corporate Communications Team within the process.
- Improved connections between Program Plans where dependencies between Program goals have been recognised.

4.3 Enterprise Risk Management

The annual review of enterprise risk remains a focus this month, with the majority of reviews now complete. The outcomes to date include improved understanding of controls, their effectiveness and required risk treatments.

Strategic risk in the context of the Corporate Plan 2022-2027 will be a focus with ELT next month.

Risk appetite has also been workshopped with ELT and progressed through to final draft stage. Final review is set to take place next month.

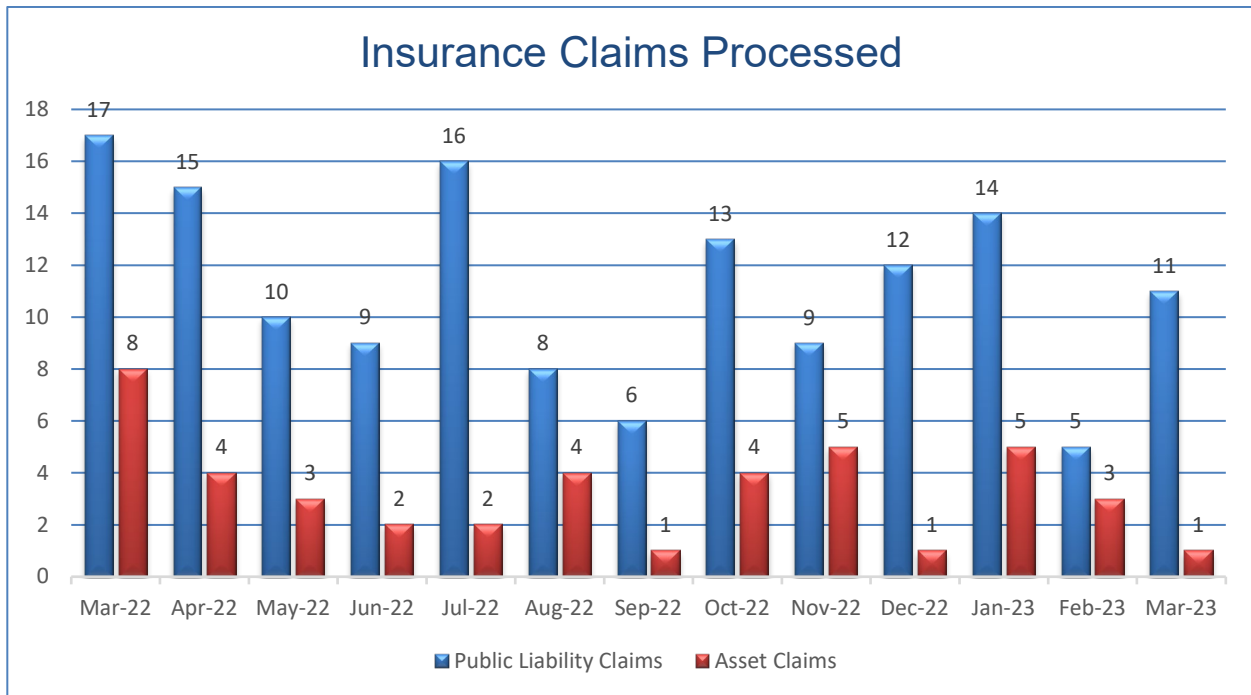
It is intended that undertaking this body of work now will assist in the organisation having an understanding of MRC risk appetite as enterprise risks continue to be reviewed. Additionally, an understanding of MRCs risk appetite will assist in the planning cycle for understanding risks and opportunities that MRC either have appetite for or not as business priorities are considered.

4.4 Business Continuity

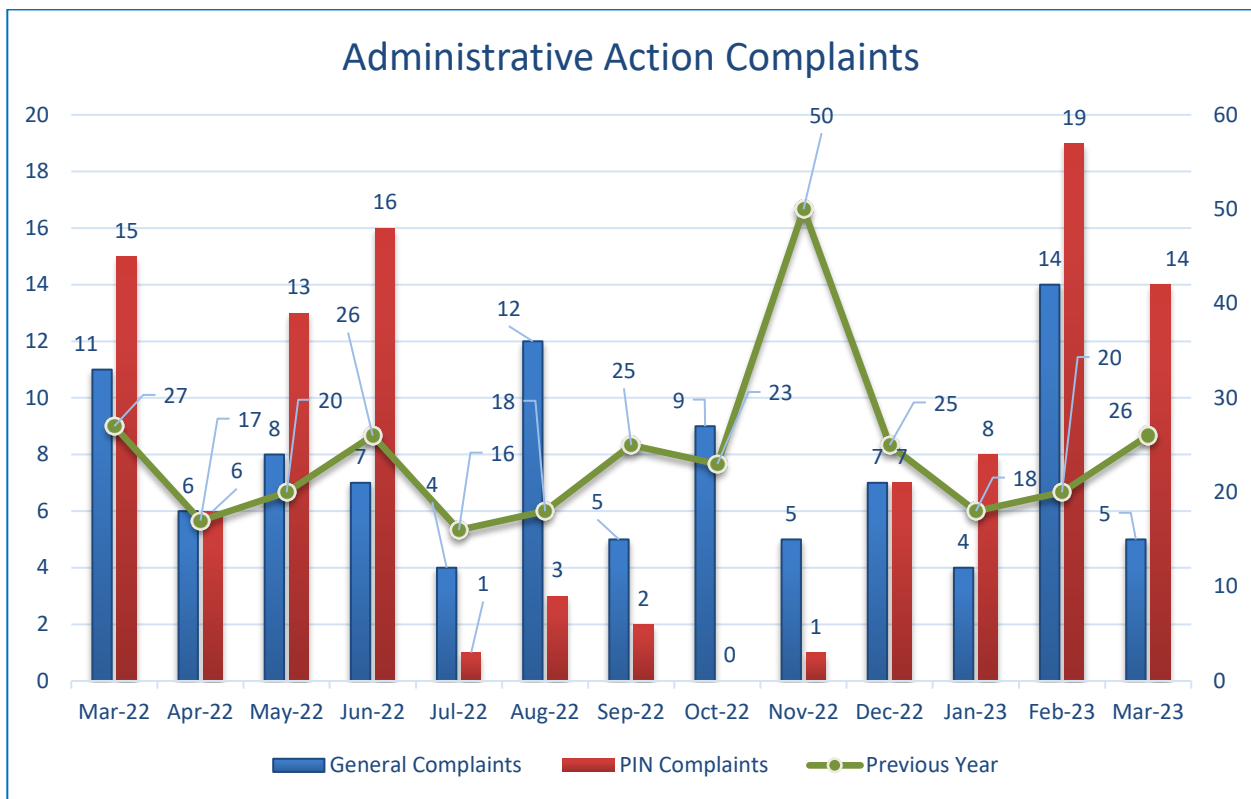
This month draft materials to guide review activities with MRCs critical function owners and ELT have been prepared and key stakeholders engaged, ensuring the proposed approach is aligned.






The outcomes of this exercise will be workshopped with ELT in May and will form a precursor to the planned organisational review of MRC existing business continuity framework.



4.5 Corporate Governance











*Public Liability Claims (include Personal Injury, Public Liability Plant, Public Liability & Professional Indemnity.
Asset Claims (include Motor Vehicle, Water Damage, Theft, Malicious Damage, Other)*






Right to Information (RTI) Applications Processed in March 2023	Documents Requested	Status
8 of 22/23	Information regarding a property at Freshwater Point.	
9 of 22/23	Information regarding a dog investigation.	
10 of 22/23	Information regarding property at Slade Point	
11 of 22/23	Information regarding consultation regarding property at Slade Point	
12 of 22/23	Information regarding infringement issued for a dog matter	

 In Progress	 Complete
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4.6 Internal Audit

2022/23 Internal Audit Plan – Progress Update			
Venue Management of MRC Aquatic Facilities (<i>Outsourced</i>)		Information & Communications Technology (ICT) – Cloud Management – (<i>Outsourced</i>)	
Asset Management – Acquisitions – (<i>Outsourced</i>)		Customer Request Management	
Venue Management – The Stadium Operations		Management Requests (<i>ad hoc requests as required</i>)	
Data Analytic Report Development		Follow Up of Previous Internal Audits	
The development of the Internal Audit Plan 2023/24 is in progress. The next Audit Committee is 11 May 2023			

 Review has commenced and is in progress.	 Review is awaiting commencement.	 Review has been completed and has been / to be presented to the Audit Committee
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REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS

5.1 Greater Whitsunday Council of Mayors (GWCoM)

Joint group in conjunction with the Councils of Isaac and Whitsunday.

Membership involves the Mayor and CEO of each of the three (3) Councils, supported by various staff.

A CEO's Group has been established as part of the GWCoM's. The intent of this group is to handle the 'business' matters and look for possible synergies between Councils at CEO level and allowing focus on higher level and strategic issues for the region by the wider group.

The last CEO's Group meeting was held on 23 March 2023 as a precursor to the GWCoM's meeting with discussion on key agenda items.

The latest GWCoM's meeting was held on Thursday 30 March 2023 in Mackay and attended by the Mayor of Mackay, Mayor of Isaac, Mayor of Whitsunday, the CEO's of Mackay, Whitsunday and the CEO of Isaac via Teams.

GW3 attended the meeting in order to provide an activity update.

Professor John Rolfe attended the meeting via Teams to provide an update on the Regional Drought Resilience Plan.

A representative of the LGAQ attended the meeting and provided their briefing report including key topics of –

1. Policy Executive Meeting Update
2. The LGAQ Advocacy Action Plan (AAP)
3. Federal and State Budget Submissions
4. Youth Crime
5. First Nations Voice Project
6. Regional Connectivity Program (RCP)
7. State Government responds to OIA Parliamentary Inquiry
8. Rural and Remote Councils Compact
9. Housing Advocacy and Campaign Update
10. Recent Planning Regulation 2017 Changes
11. Local government electoral expenditure caps
12. 2022 Community Attitudes Survey
13. Changes to WHS law – Psychosocial Hazards
14. Crime and Corruption Commission report: Examination of influencing practices in the public sector
15. Natural Resources and Environment Update
16. Waste Update
17. Water and Wastewater Update
18. Animal Management – Targeted review of the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008
19. Works for Queensland: #BackTo100Mill
20. Renewable Projects - Webinar – Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner
21. Energy Transformation of Queensland - Queensland's Energy and Jobs Plan

22. LGAQ Submissions Update

The next GWCoM's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 18 May in Mackay.

5.2 Regional Queensland Council of Mayors (RQCoM's)

The Regional Queensland Council of Mayors Inc (RQCOMs) is focused on representing and ensuring the whole of Regional Queensland is heard and receives its fair share of recognition.

The following have been adopted by the executive –

Purpose – A Council of Mayors representing Regional Queensland

Mission – Influence Government policy to promote growth in Regional Queensland through investment in infrastructure and social development

The last meeting was held on Thursday, 16 February in Brisbane with Mayor Williamson joining the meeting via Teams.

The Executive remain focussed on making the most of the opportunities for input into the Reform Implementation Taskforce arising out of the release of the *Independent Review of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services* (the SES Report).

Planning is underway for QPS Deputy Commissioner Gollschewski (the Reform Implementation Taskforce lead) to meet with the Executive to hear from it of the need for Regional Queensland to be represented on these taskforces. It is intended that member Council Mayors and CEOs will also be invited to attend that forum.

Our executive has agreed on these policies:

- Drive the State's Olympic 2032 position to ensure benefit for all of Qld – not just the SE.
- Do all we can to ensure the State and Federal Governments promote regionalisation.
- Promote access to public health services for all Queenslanders, regardless of location.
- Champion the review of insurance so regional Queensland can access affordable cover.
- Promote education initiatives and pathways on a par with those in the SE Corner.
- Fight for equitable access to digital infrastructure and high-speed broadband.
- Promote a whole-of-government approach to labour shortages, migration, and housing.
- Ensure a compassionate approach to managing the reconciliation process.

RQCOM will actively support the LGAQ in several of their policy areas where these benefit Regional Queensland, but our policies outlined above are unashamedly aligned to the councils of regional Queensland, particularly in those areas that are not on the radar for decision makers in the South East.