



## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

14<sup>th</sup> November 2006

<b>GM3</b>	<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION</b>
<b>FILE: 271 AVB</b>	<b>{ Folio No. * }</b>

### SUMMARY:

To advise Council of the results of the review of workers' compensation claims.



### DESCRIPTION:

Council's workers' compensation insurance cover is with StateCover, a mutual established by Local Government.

Each year Council has its claims reviewed by Oxley Insurance Brokers. Oxley negotiates on Council's behalf with StateCover the estimates that are placed on claims. Premiums are based on the estimates that may need to be paid.

As a result of the current review, Council's premiums have been reduced from \$883,005 to \$709,261. Council provided for the payment of a premium in 2006/07 of \$810,000 resulting in a budgetary saving of \$100,739. This saving has been made possible by effective management by Council of current claims brought about through the implementation of our safety programs. The total savings in premiums over the past two years amount to \$284,768.

### REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

*Nil*

- *Social*

***The adoption and implementation of staff safety programs is reducing the number and severity of claims resulting in a healthier workplace.***

- *Economic (Financial)*

*The reduction in the budget provision of \$100,739 will improve our working funds position.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Nil*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the information be noted.**

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**GENERAL MANAGER**