

ID 1277

Andy Bay Air Rifle Incident

General Incident Information

Business Group

M&O - National Practice & Programmes
Transport Services: Maintenance & Operations

Location

Dunedin

Event Type

Incident

Specific Location of Incident

Barnes Drive

Event Date/Time

11 Dec 22 / 09:32 AM

Hazard Category

Harmful Interactions

Event Owner

section 9(2)(g)(ii)

Potential Consequence

3. Moderate

Reported By

section 9(2)(g)(ii)

13 Dec 22

Witnesses/Other

The TMC subcontractors for Downer were affected in this incident

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Details of the Event

Description

On night shift at approximately 10:30pm on Sunday 11 December 2022 a Downer (Coastal Otago NOC) TTM crew staffing a closure point at SH1/Barnes Drive towards Andersons Bay Road asphalt site in Dunedin report that 2 air rifle pellets were discharged towards them. One pellet has struck one of our traffic management trucks (minor dent resulted). STMS who was at the closure point believes he was struck by one of the pellets, which has been described as likely a ricochet. Luckily he was not seriously harmed (injury to be confirmed).

Immediate Actions Taken

- Staff retreated behind the vehicle and called Police who attended but were unable to locate any offending party.
- An Armed Offenders Squad (Police) call out did not eventuate due to the lack of details to trigger their response ie. specifics about offenders/vehicle/house or source/location of origin.
- **section 9(2)(g)(ii)** & **section 9(2)(g)(ii)** visited the Police this morning to make a formal report to the dayshift Police Sergeant.
- **section 9(2)(g)(ii)** requested more support in the form of focused visits or drive-by presence should the teams be out again tonight.
- **section 9(2)(g)(ii)** has also had an opportunity to discuss the incident with another Police contact who has alerted the Acting Area Commander.
- Police confirmed that an internal alert with all the details of the work Downer are doing has been sent out.

Actual Consequences and Severity of the Event

Actual Event Consequence

No Consequence

Description of Consequences

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Investigation Details

Investigation Leader

section 9(2)(g)(ii)

Date Completed / Closed

01 Mar 23 / 01 Mar 23

Investigation Findings

An indiscriminate incident where Downer TTM staff had 2 air rifle pellets discharged towards them or their truck while implementing checks at their road closure site.

Causation Analysis

follow up with staff directly and the Police checks conducted the next day and night onsite.

Summary of Recommendations

- Staff welfare check in post incident and following day.
- Downer Management follow up with staff
- Police follow up and communication of actions to staff
- Consider specific lesson learned action from this incident (completed)
- Review of management of site closure points and how routine site checks are conducted

Review

| Review Date | Reviewer | Review Comments |
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| 1 Mar 23 | section 9(2)(g)(ii) | section 9(2)(g)(ii) has worked closely with section 9(2)(g)(ii) and Downers H&S Management to put a set of recommendations for the safety of crews especially on night works. This event has been highlighted in harmful interactions critical risk to Transport Services. |

Causation Analysis

| Category | Factor | Type | Description |
|-------------------------------|---|------|--|
| Task/Environmental Conditions | Workplace Conditions (e.g. Lighting, Noise) | | Absolutely no control measures to manage an incident such as this. A member of the public has taken it upon themselves to go ahead and take these thoughtless actions. |

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Attached Documents

| Document | Note |
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| RE_ Action Required_ Korero Mai Event 1277 Assigned to You | |

Questionnaire

Report Reviewed By: _____

Signature: _____

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