

## Cardiff Linen Service: Looking after yourself and others

Dear Member,

Given today's expected weather conditions and the summer forecast ahead, late last night the HSU contacted HealthShare to ask what steps management were putting in place to reduce heat related illness and injury. Management responded with the following:

*Our site has extensively evaluated the upcoming heat related challenges and following actions have been identified:*

- 1. Staff are reminded not to wait for the break time each hour but to approach Team Leader when feeling heat stress and go to air-conditioned room for comfort and hydration;*
- 2. Ice blocks have been purchased and available to all staff for rest breaks as needed;*
- 3. Ice blocks containing electrolytes have been purchased and available to all staff for the rest breaks as needed;*
- 4. Large storage containers and ice are available in each section;*
- 5. Staff members will be pushing a small tub filled with ice and towels so that staff can cool themselves;*
- 6. Our Maintenance department is adjusting fans to provide air flow for the operator on the machine.*

The HSU would like remind members of the above commitment from HealthShare and acknowledge their commitment to this. If you have any concerns, please see your local delegates or contact Matt Ramsay if your delegates are not available.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes  
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD