Initial Safety Alert - Shoulder Injury

Electrix Event Number 14623

The Issue

On 14 August 2014 an Electrix employee was working aloft in a Gum Tree preparing to trim branches to reduce height, as he was repositioning himself a branch gave way.

What Happened

Employee dislocated his shoulder as the branch gave way. He was fully attached and was wearing the correct personal protective equipment.

Initial Findings

As the employee stepped onto the branch, it is thought that the weight of a hanger branch, together with the weight of the employee and the equipment being carried caused the branch to give way.

Immediate Actions Required

- Work was stopped immediately and the employee was taken to the local medical centre for assessment.
- The incident was reported to both the client and the Electrix Management team.
- Incident investigation has commenced.

Gum Tree being height reduced

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