

## A SNAPSHOT OF THE AUSTRALIAN WORKFORCE

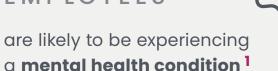
## 1 IN 3 WORKING-AGE AUSTRALIANS

have at least 1 of 8 selected chronic diseases including heart disease, depression, diabetes and osteoporosis<sup>2</sup>













is the annual cost of lost **productivity** to the Australian economy, due to presenteeism 5



In 2014, 39% of businesses said depression, anxiety and stress caused increases in workplace absences in the last year 4



9.87 DAYS/ PERSON

**Absenteeism increased** from: **8.5 days** per person (2006) up to **9.87 days** per person (2010)<sup>3</sup>

## THE EVIDENCE FOR INVESTING IN WELLBEING

\$5.81 SAVINGS PER EMPLOYEE

On average, worksite health promotion programs save \$5.81 for every \$1 invested in employee health and wellbeing 3



We spend **ONE THIRD** OF LIVES AT WORK

and it's a place where we're likely to be influenced to change behaviour and adopt healthy habits 3





**Healthy workers** are more productive at work and have far **fewer short-term absences** than unhealthy workers 3



When employee wellbeing is managed well, the percentage of engaged employees increases from 7% to 55% 3



Corporate wellbeing programs contribute to personal health outcomes and:

- ✓ Enhance employee engagement
- Reduce the costs of absenteeism, presenteeism, disabilities and workers' compensation
- Increase productivity
- ✓ Improve culture and employee retention <sup>2,3</sup>

- yoga
- meditation
- massage





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