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#Workplace Overview

Policies and Strategies

1. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place that specifically supports gender equality in the following areas?

Recruitment: No

Currently under development

Estimated Completion Date: 2023-06-30

Retention: No

Not aware of the need

Performance management processes: Yes

Strategy

Promotions: No.

Other

Other: Currently no formal progression hierarchy

Talent identification/identification of high potentials: NoNot a priority

Succession planning: Yes

Strategy

Training and development: No

Other

Other: Learning available equally to all employees

Key performance indicators for managers relating to gender equality: NoNot a priority

2. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place that supports gender equality overall?

YesPolicy

4. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to your gender equality policies and strategies, please do so below.

In the past 12 months we have reviewed our Parental Leave arrangements for both primary and secondary carers, uplifting the leave and flexibility provisions for both. Flexible working arrangements are available to all staff regardless of gender. The Mutual Board continues to have a female chair and female representation amongst the board members; two new board members this year are female. Our CEO is Female.

Governing Bodies

Organisation: Avant Law Pty Limited

1.Name of the governing body: Avant Mutual Board

2.Type of the governing body: Board of Directors

3.Specified governing body type:

Number of governing body chair and member by gender:

Chair	Female (F) 1	Male (M) 0	Non-Binary 0
Member	Female (F) 3	Male (M) 5	Non-Binary 0

4.Formal section policy and/or strategy: Yes

Selected value: Policy

6. Target set to increase the representation of women: No

6.1 Percentage (%) of target:

6.2 Year of target to be reached:

Selected value: Governing body has gender balance (i.e. 40% women / 40%men / 20% any gender)

Details:

7. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place to support gender equality in the composition of this organisation's governing body?

No

Selected value: Not a priority

Other value:

Organisation: Avant Mutual Group Limited

1.Name of the governing body: Avant Mutual Board

2.Type of the governing body: Board of Directors

3.Specified governing body type:

Number of governing body chair and member by gender:

Chair	Female (F)	Male (M)	Non-Binary
	1	0	0
Member	Female (F)	Male (M)	Non-Binary
	3	5	0

4.Formal section policy and/or strategy: Yes

Selected value: Policy

6. Target set to increase the representation of women: No

6.1 Percentage (%) of target:

6.2 Year of target to be reached:

Selected value: Governing body has gender balance (i.e. 40% women / 40%men / 20% any gender)

Details:

7. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place to support gender equality in the composition of this organisation's governing body?

No

Selected value: Not a priority

Other value:

Organisation: AVANT SERVICES CO. PTY LIMITED

1.Name of the governing body: Avant Mutual Board

2.Type of the governing body: Board of Directors

3.Specified governing body type:

Number of governing body chair and member by gender:

Chair	Female (F)	Male (M)	Non-Binary

	1	0	0
Member	Female (F) 3	Male (M) 5	Non-Binary 0

4. Formal section policy and/or strategy: Yes

Selected value: Policy

6. Target set to increase the representation of women: No

6.1 Percentage (%) of target:

6.2 Year of target to be reached:

Selected value: Governing body has gender balance (i.e. 40% women / 40%men / 20% any gender)

Details:

7. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place to support gender equality in the composition of this organisation's governing body?

No

Selected value: Not a priority

Other value:

Organisation: Avant Insurance Limited

1. Name of the governing body: Avant Insurance Board

2. Type of the governing body: Board of Directors

3. Specified governing body type:

Number of governing body chair and member by gender:

Chair	Female (F) 0	Male (M) 1	Non-Binary 0
Member	Female (F) 4	Male (M) 3	Non-Binary 0

4. Formal section policy and/or strategy: Yes

Selected value: Policy

6. Target set to increase the representation of women: No

6.1 Percentage (%) of target:

6.2 Year of target to be reached:

Selected value: Governing body has gender balance (i.e. 40% women / 40%men / 20% any gender)

Details:

7. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place to support gender equality in the composition of this organisation's governing body?

No

Selected value: Not a priority

Other value:

2. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to your gender equality policies and strategies, please do so below.

#Action on gender equality

Gender Pay Gaps

1. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on remuneration generally?

Yes

Policy

1.1 Are specific pay equality objectives included in your formal policy and/or formal strategy?

No Non-award employees paid market rate

2. What was the snapshot date used for your Workplace Profile?

31/03/2023

4. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to gender pay gaps in your workplace, please do so below.

Remuneration is reviewed annually, including comparison of gender against market data

Employer action on pay equality

1. Have you analysed your payroll to determine if there are any remuneration gaps between women and men (e.g. conducted a gender pay gap analysis)?

Yes

- 1.1 When was the most recent gender remuneration gap analysis undertaken?

Other

Other: We have done analysis of remuneration vs market data for males and females within the last 12 months

- 1.2 Did you take any actions as a result of your gender remuneration gap analysis?

Yes

Reviewed remuneration decision-making processes

- 1.3 What type of gender remuneration gap analysis has been undertaken?

A like-for-like gap analysis

3. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to employer action on pay equity in your workplace, please do so below.

Employee Consultation

1. Have you consulted with employees on issues concerning gender equality in your workplace during the reporting period?

Yes

- 1.1 How did you consult employees?

Survey

- 1.2 Who did you consult?

ALL staff

2. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy in place on consulting employees about gender equality?

No

Other

Other: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as a whole is a focus for us, gender forms one element of this

3. On what date did your organisation share your last year's public reports with employees and shareholders?

Employees:

Yes

Date:07/06/2022

Shareholder:

No

4. **Have you shared previous Executive Summary and Industry Benchmark reports with the governing body?**

No

5. **If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to employee consultation on gender equality in your workplace, please do so below.**

#Flexible Work

Flexible Working

1. **Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on flexible working arrangements?**

Yes

Policy

- 1.1. **Please indicate which of the following are included in your flexible working arrangements strategy or policy:**

A business case for flexibility has been established and endorsed at the leadership level

Yes

The organisation's approach to flexibility is integrated into client conversations

No

Not aware of the need

Employees are surveyed on whether they have sufficient flexibility

Yes

Employee training is provided throughout the organisation

No

Not aware of the need

The impact of flexibility is evaluated (e.g. reduced absenteeism, increased employee engagement)

No

Other

Other: Has been reviewed at a high level but no formal evaluation has been undertaken

Flexible working is promoted throughout the organisation

Yes

Targets have been set for engagement in flexible work

Yes

Metrics on the use of, and/or the impact of, flexibility measures are reported to the governing body

Yes

Metrics on the use of, and/or the impact of, flexibility measures are reported to key management personnel

Yes

Leaders are held accountable for improving workplace flexibility

No

Leaders are visible role models of flexible working

Yes

Manager training on flexible working is provided throughout the organisation

No

Other

Other: When flexibility was initially introduced we trained leaders

Targets have been set for men's engagement in flexible work

No

Not a priority

Team-based training is provided throughout the organisation

No
Not a priority

Other: No

2. Do you offer any of the following flexible working options to MANAGERS in your workplace?

Carer's leave: Yes

SAME options for women and men Formal options are available; Informal options are available

Compressed working weeks: No

Not a priority

Flexible hours of work: Yes

SAME options for women and men Formal options are available; Informal options are available

Job sharing: Yes

SAME options for women and men

Formal options are available

Part-time work: Yes

SAME options for women and men Formal options are available

Purchased leave: Yes

SAME options for women and men Formal options are available

Remote working/working from home: Yes

SAME options for women and men

Time-in-lieu: Yes

SAME options for women and men

Formal options are available; Informal options are available

Unpaid leave: Yes

SAME options for women and men Formal options are available

3. Are your flexible working arrangement options for NON-MANAGERS the same as the options for managers above?

Yes

5. Did you see an increase, overall, in the approval of FORMAL flexible working arrangements for your workforce between the 2021-22 and the 2022-23 reporting periods?

No

7. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to flexible working and gender equality in your workplace, please do so below.

#Employee Support

Paid Parental leave

1. Do you provide employer-funded paid parental leave in addition to any government-funded parental leave scheme?

Yes, we offer employer funded parental leave using the primary/secondary carer definition

- 1.1. Do you provide employer funded paid parental leave for primary carers in addition to any government funded parental leave scheme?

Yes

- 1.1.a. Please indicate whether your employer-funded paid parental leave for primary carers is available to:

All, regardless of gender

- 1.1.b. Please indicate whether your employer-funded paid parental leave for primary carers covers:

Birth; Adoption; Stillbirth

- 1.1.c. How do you pay employer funded paid parental leave to primary carers?

Paying the employee's full salary

- 1.1.d. Do you pay superannuation contribution to your primary carers while they are on parental leave?

Yes, on employer funded parental leave

- 1.1.e. How many weeks (minimum) of employer funded paid parental leave for primary carers is provided?

16

- 1.1.f. What proportion of your total workforce has access to employer funded paid parental leave for primary carers, including casuals?

91-100%

- 1.1.g. Do you require primary carers to work for the organisation for a certain amount of time (a qualifying period) before they can access employer funded parental leave?

Yes

How long is the qualifying period (in months)?

6

- 1.1.h. Do you require primary carers to take employer funded paid parental leave within a certain time period after the birth, adoption, surrogacy and/or stillbirth?

Yes

Within 12 months

- 1.2. Do you provide employer funded paid parental leave for secondary carers in addition to any government funded parental leave scheme?

Yes

1.2.a. Please indicate whether your employer-funded paid parental leave for secondary carers is available to:

All, regardless of gender

1.2.b. Please indicate whether your employer-funded paid parental leave for secondary carers covers:

Birth; Adoption; Stillbirth

1.2.c. How do you pay employer funded paid parental leave to Secondary carers?

Paying the employee's full salary

1.2.d. Do you pay superannuation contribution to your secondary carers while they are on parental leave?

Yes, on employer funded parental leave

1.2.e. How many weeks (minimum) of employer funded paid parental leave for secondary carers is provided?

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1.2.f. What proportion of your total workforce has access to employer funded paid parental leave for secondary carers, including casuals?

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Yes

How long is the qualifying period (in months)?

6

1.2.h. Do you require secondary carers to take employer funded paid parental leave within a certain time period after the birth, adoption, surrogacy and/or stillbirth?

Yes

Within 12 months

2. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to paid parental leave and gender equality in your workplace, please do so below.

Support for carers

1. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy to support employees with family or caring responsibilities?

Yes

Policy

2. Do you offer any of the following support mechanisms for employees with family or caring responsibilities?

2.1. Employer subsidised childcare

No

2.2. Return to work bonus (only select if this bonus is not the balance of paid parental leave)

No

Not aware of the need

2.3. Breastfeeding facilities

Yes

Available at SOME worksites

2.4. Childcare referral services

No

Not aware of the need

2.5. Coaching for employees on returning to work from parental leave

No

2.6. Targeted communication mechanisms (e.g. intranet/forums)

No

2.7. Internal support networks for parents

No

2.8. Information packs for new parents and/or those with elder care responsibilities

No

2.9. Parenting workshops targeting fathers

No

2.10. Parenting workshops targeting mothers

No

2.11. Referral services to support employees with family and/or caring responsibilities

No

2.12. Support in securing school holiday care

No

2.13. On-site childcare

No

2.14. Other details: No

3. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to support for carers in your workplace, please do so below.

Sexual harassment, harassment on the grounds of sex or discrimination

1. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy on the prevention and response to sexual harassment, harassment on the grounds of sex or discrimination?

Yes

Policy

- 1.3 Do you provide a grievance process in your sexual harassment policy and/or strategy?

No

2. Do you provide training on the prevention of sexual harassment, harassment on the ground of sex or discrimination to the following groups?

All Managers:

Yes

At induction

Annually

Other

Provide Details: Occasional ad-hoc training provided if there is a need. Face to face and online training will be rolled out to all staff this year following changes in legislation

9. If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to measures to prevent and response to sexual harassment, harassment on the grounds of sex or discrimination, please do so below.

Family or domestic violence

1. Do you have a formal policy and/or formal strategy to support employees who are experiencing family or domestic violence?

Yes

Policy

2. Other than a formal policy and/or formal strategy, do you have the following support mechanisms in place to support employees who are experiencing family or domestic violence?

A domestic violence clause is in an enterprise agreement or workplace agreement

No

Other

Provide Details: Not operating under enterprise agreement
Confidentiality of matters disclosed

Yes

Protection from any adverse action or discrimination based on the disclosure of domestic violence

Yes

Employee assistance program (including access to psychologist, chaplain or counsellor)

Yes

Emergency accommodation assistance

No

Other

Provide Details: Draft policy being updated may include this provision
Provision of financial support (e.g. advance bonus payment or advanced pay)

No

Other

Provide Details: Draft policy being updated may include this provision
Flexible working arrangements

Yes

Offer change of office location

Yes

Access to medical services (e.g. doctor or nurse)

No

Not a priority

Training of key personnel

No

Not a priority

Referral of employees to appropriate domestic violence support services for expert advice

Yes

Workplace safety planning

Yes

Access to paid domestic violence leave (contained in an enterprise/workplace agreement)

No

Other

Provide Details:Not under enterprise agreement

Access to paid domestic violence leave (not contained in an enterprise/workplace agreement)

Yes

Is the leave period unlimited?

No

How many days are provided? 10

Access to unpaid domestic violence leave (contained in an enterprise/workplace agreement)

No

Other

Provide Details:Not under enterprise agreement

Access to unpaid leave

Yes

Is the leave period unlimited?

No

How may days are provided?

Other: No

Provide Details:

2. **If your organisation would like to provide additional information relating to family and domestic violence affecting your workplace, please do so below**