



Activity Benefit Risk Assessment

Name of Educator: Chrissy Brockhurst			
Activity: Maron and Net Fishing		Location: Boshack Outback, Bolgart	
Date of initial assessment: 30 March 2017		Date of latest revision: March 2024	
Benefits of the activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to adventure around the lake and experience peace on the water. • Using gross motor body strength and coordination to pull Maron nets from the water and throwing them back. • Learning and applying safe practices when around water. • Experiencing a recreational activity as a form of nature connection • The water at Boshack is in shallow, closed water from a fixed location 			
Hazards Identified:	Precautions/Control measures:	Who/when:	Risk Assessment after precautions
Injury from pulling, maron nets out of the water	<p>Facilitator to supervise pulling Maron nets from water, ensuring that students do not pull weight beyond their strength and ability, are communicating and working as a team and are mindful of other students around them</p> <p>Ensure path of Maron net is free from obstruction that could cause the Net to get stuck on while being pulled from the water.</p> <p>Demonstrate how to hold the marron and how not to get nipped.</p>	<p>Facilitator</p> <p>Boshack Outback</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>Moderate</p>
Participant falls into water	<p>Facilitator to be First Aid trained HLTAID001, HLTAID002 and HLTAID003</p> <p>An equipped first aid kit to be available with emergency contact directions in the Boshack office space in dining hall</p> <p>Participants to remain on dry land when Maron fishing. Wading is not permitted at Maron ponds.</p> <p>Participants can wade in water while net fishing (in the Lake), in water no deeper than the participant's knees</p> <p>Students that are behaving recklessly or unsafe are not allowed to return to the activity</p> <p>Regularly conduct head counts to ensure all students are present at activity.</p>	<p>Boshack Outback</p> <p>Boshack Outback</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Boshack Outback</p> <p>Boshack Outback</p>	<p>Low</p>



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		Facilitator Boshack Outback Facilitator Facilitator	
Bacteria infection (from contact with stagnant water)	Students discouraged from swimming or splashing water	Facilitator	Low
Sunburn	Students asked to wear water activity clothing and apply sunscreen before activity	Boshack Outback	Low
Hypothermia	Time in water limited in winter as necessary. Warm showers available after activity. Space blanket available in first aid kit	Facilitator	Low
Abrasions and lacerations	Edges of nets and Maron traps to be maintained and in good repair to avoid sharp edges, broken plastic and exposed metal/rust	Boshack Outback	Low
Bites and stings	Nets to be sprayed before activity to remove red back and other spiders and insects from storage container.	Boshack Outback	Low
Equipment			
Provided by Educator: nil		Provided by Venue: Maron traps, pull ropes Fishing nets First Aid Kits	
<p>Introductory message: (See Script for more specific instructions)</p> <p>Maron Pond behaviour expectations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pull ropes, work together to pull in. • Never handle Maron without Boshack Leader's supervision and instruction. • Boundaries for the activities. <p>Net Fishing behaviour expectations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundaries for the Net fishing activity. • Correct use of the Nets. • Correct and respectful handling of any fish caught in the lake. • Maximum depth participants are allowed to go to in the Lake. 			
<p>Supporting Documents: *Department of Education, Outdoor Education and Recreation Activities Policy</p>			
Review Process:			



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Review assessment 1. Annually, 2. After an incident, 3. After a major change
 Monitor effectiveness of control measures and adjust if necessary

Educators/stakeholders sign understanding of assessment

Assessment prepared by: Chrissy Brockhurst Date: March 2024

Sighted and signed by Director: Date:

Risk Matrix

	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
	Consequences				
Almost certain	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
Likely	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
Possible	Low	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	High

Likelihood