




Activity Benefit Risk Assessment

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Activity: Shelter Building		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"> Experiencing a recreational activity as a form of nature connection Ability & Willingness to safely move about a sloping Bush Environment. Awareness of others and safety guidelines relating to the Bush Hut Making Activity 			
Hazards Identified:	Precautions/Control measures:	Who/when:	Risk Assessment after precautions
Back injury from lifting/moving logs	<p>Participants briefed on suitably sized materials for shelters.</p> <p>Participants will be shown correct lifting and carrying techniques and advised to seek help when moving awkward or heavy materials</p>	Boshack Outback	Low
Tripping over and falling	<p>Group told not to run within the area and to watch out for slippery logs especially in wet weather</p> <p>All areas maintained to acceptable conditions for the activity in question (i.e. natural woodland for field study sessions, clear footing where spotting is required etc.)</p> <p>Instructors and participants should wear secure and good soled shoes. i.e. sneakers</p>	Boshack Outback	Low
<p>Being hit on the head by timber, due to a dangerous carrying technique,</p> <p>shelter collapsing.</p> <p>Suffering eye damage from branches or twigs carried at eye level</p>	<p>Participants should be instructed in a safe carrying technique i.e. never carry timber above shoulder height and care taken when turning/placing down the wood to prevent contact with other people.</p> <p>Participants are told not to sit under the structure and if it looks like collapsing to move away.</p> <p>Making participants aware of keeping eyes closed if sticks or dust is raised into the air.</p> <p>Participants are required to take a general care in their actions which is monitored by the instructor and group leader.</p>	Boshack Outback	Low



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 <p>Sunburn</p>	<p>Participants to wear sun smart clothing and apply sunscreen before activity</p>	<p>Boshack Outback</p>	<p>Moderate</p>
<p>Abrasions and lacerations</p>	<p>Participants to be briefed about walking safely around the shelter building site and watching where they are always walking.</p> <p>Participants are only allowed to use provided timber to build shelters, at no times are they allowed to remove logs/branches from trees at the site.</p> <p>Minimum number of staff members, both Boshack and organisational to be trained in first aid.</p> <p>Instructor to be to be First Aid trained HLTAID001, HLTAID002 and HLTAID</p> <p>Instructor to have stocked first aid kit.</p>	<p>Educated by Nature Facilitator</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>Bites and stings</p>	<p>Participants to be vigilant of insect activity, avoid areas where possible.</p> <p>Insect repellent is advised.</p> <p>Stingose or similar is advised to be accessible.</p> <p>First Aid Kit with group at all times</p>	<p>Boshack Outback</p>	<p>Moderate</p>
<p>Equipment</p>			
<p>Provided by Educated by Nature:</p> <p>nil</p>		<p>Provided by Venue:</p> <p>Natural timbers First Aid kit</p>	
<p>Introductory message:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walking only around shelter building site ● Employ safe lifting practices when collecting sticks, work together as a team. ● DO NOT throw anything ● Shelter Making is a Survival Activity that requires patience and persistence ● Demonstrate to the students how to make a Shelter using previously constructed Shelters ● Always survey the area and logs for Insects, spiders, snakes and wildlife prior to collecting timber ● If there is an emergency situation everyone must stop and follow the directions of Boshack staff / group leader / emergency services 			
<p>Supporting Documents: *Department of Education, Outdoor Education and Recreation Activities Policy</p>			
<p>Review Process:</p> <p>Review assessment 1. Annually, 2. After an incident, 3. After a major change Monitor effectiveness of control measures and adjust if necessary</p> <p>Educators/stakeholders sign understanding of assessment</p>			



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Sighted and signed by Director:

Date:

Risk Matrix

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

Likelihood