

# THE QUARRIES SCOUT CAMPSITE



## THE QUARRIES CAMPSITE MINI HAWK THROWING RISK ASSESSMENT

Name of activity, event, and location	The Quarries Scout Campsite – Mini Hawk Risk Assessment	Date of risk assessment	14 August 2023	Name of person doing this risk assessment	KEVIN SHEEHAN
		Date of next review	14 August 2024		

What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
<b>A hazard</b> is something that may cause harm or damage. <b>The risk</b> is the harm that may occur from the hazard.	For example: young people, leaders, visitors	<b>Controls</b> are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk. For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.	Keep <b>checking</b> throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even <b>stop</b> the activity.  This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.
<b>Competence of the Instructor</b>	All	Instructor must be competent to lead the session and deemed competent by a training course in accordance with POR and approved by the campsite.	
<b>Level of pastoral care</b> inc First Aid	All	Along with the instructor the group will provide a responsible adult with a valid First Aid certificate. This adult will be responsible for the behaviour of the young people. Expected behaviour to be covered in instructors briefing. Instructor to be made aware of medical or additional needs in advance of the day. Sessions will not start until the responsible adult is present.	
<b>Weather</b>	All	Instructor to check weather in advance (48 hours). Appropriate clothing to be worn including <b>CLOSED TOE SHOES</b> . The activity may be stopped if not appropriately closed or adverse weather conditions.	
<b>Fallen trees / debris</b>	All	Instructor to make visual assessment of the area and amend risk assessment or area if needed.	
<b>Unfamiliarity of equipment and equipment failure</b>	All	Instructor must be familiar with the equipment. Inspections <b>MUST</b> be done before and after each activity. Damaged / broken equipment must be reported immediately.	
<b>Injury due to incorrect footwear / clothing</b> Inc. loose hair, fingers, jewellery and equipment	All	Instructor and responsible adult are responsible for ensuring everyone is appropriately clothed including <b>CLOSED TOE SHOES</b> . Spectators to be appropriately dressed too. Hair must be tied back, loose clothing inc neckers removed. Jewellery removed or made safe. Participants briefed on equipment.	

<b>Slips / Trips</b>	All	Instructor vigilance in making participants aware of hazards of the environment.	
<b>Wildlife</b>	All	Instructor to be made aware of any wildlife by the camp and instructor to accommodate any wildlife risks.	
<b>Being hit by an axe</b>  Inc. axe being let go at wrong point / dangerous throwing style.  Ricochets from targets  Injuries when collecting axe	All	Trained and competent instructor to lead activity. Range design and rules in place. No more than 3 targets on range with a max of 8 people per group.  Instructor to brief the group and to demonstrate at beginning of the session and assist those struggling.  Range design and throwing line at set distance (both feet behind the line). Targets checked regularly.  Instructor to coach and brief participants.	
<b>Non participants being hurt of interfering with the session</b>	All	Range design to be adequate to prevent interference with instructors.	
<b>Poor behaviour leading to accidents</b>	All	Instructor to brief expected behaviours prior to activity starting. Poor behaviour will result in activity being stopped and if needed person removed from the activity.	
<b>Manual handling of targets</b>	Instructor	Instructor to do dynamic risk assessment to lift and move targets.	
<b>Unauthorised use</b>	All	Equipment is only to be used once safety briefing has been given by a qualified instructor. When not in use / no instructor present, axes and other equipment to be kept in a locked box	

**RISK ASSESSMENTS TO BE VERBALLY RELAYED DURING SAFETY / BEHAVIOUR BRIEFING AT START OF ACTIVITY. DYNAMIC RISK ASSESSMENT TO BE DONE AT ALL TIMES AND ANY AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO BE ADDED AT THE END OF THE ACTIVITY.**

**REVIEW – PRIOR TO EACH ACTIVITY OR 12 MONTHS – WHICH EVER IS SOONER.**