

CANOE & KAYAK Brookvale Lake

Date of Assessment 23/1/14

	Casual factors, hazards, dangers	Risk management strategies, normal operation.	Site Specifics Brookvale Park/Witton Lakes
People	Bad instruction and poor group management leading to panic, inappropriate and dangerous behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefings, including health & safety and hazards, given before the activity. Instructors trained and experienced in group management skills. 	Brookvale park is open to the general public so care needs to be taken when approaching or being approached by the public. Children should be informed of how to behave in a respectful manner in front of the general public.
	A minor injury, cuts, grazes etc. Panic, hypothermia, possible drowning, and blow to head with boat or paddle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrations given how to use equipment. Buoyancy aids and helmets worn at all times. Instructors are first aid trained. 	
Equipment	Poor head protection. Clothing insufficient or poor or incorrectly used. Inadequate footwear. Damaged buoyancy aids. Capsizing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment checked on a regular basis according to manufactures guidelines. Equipment checked as used and after use. Correct clothing worn, helmet worn and correctly fitted. First aid kits carried and protected. No spray decks for beginners. 	<p>The boats need to be carried from the container to the launch area. The short journey is through the boat yard and across the park road. Care should be taken walking near the yachts and when walking on the park road.</p> <p>Raft building equipment should be placed in the designated places – as described by the instructor, and if carried from the building area to the launch pad the group should be made aware of the hazards to look for during this short journey.</p>



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Environment	Weather conditions. Water temperature. Water volume. Erosion of area. Sharp objects [lake bed boulders etc]. Non-exit areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructors familiar with venue, clients briefed. • Ensure clients in appropriate clothing. • With spare clothing, hot and cold drinks in changing room/kitchen. • Adhere to country code, forestry etc. With special instructions about nesting birds and other wildlife. • Vehicle at site venue. • Match group capability to water volume. • In the event of lightening, the session is to be halted and only recommence once lightening has stopped or moved on. • All paddlers are to come off the water. 	<p>There are several trip fences that people need to be aware of, as well as branches, litter, dog and bird foul. Everyone will be made aware of the foot hazards present.</p> <p>Instructors will also brief the group on appropriate treatment of plants and wildlife, including the swans and geese.</p> <p>The group should also be instructed to stay within the designated areas of operation, as defined by the instructors.</p>

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