

Rock Climbing Risk Management Plan

Lutanda Yarramundi

School: _____ Year: _____ Dates: _____

Program: _____ Supervising Staff: _____

Activity Context

The rock climbing wall at Lutanda Yarramundi is located next on the side of the Activity tower facing the road. Rock climbing is a fun way to challenge participants in their confidence, teamwork and trust. Participants belay each other as they attempt to climb as high up the wall as possible.

Leader to Participant Ratios

For groups 13yo and above:
1 Activity Facilitator to 17 participants

For groups 8-13yo:
1 Activity Facilitator to 17 participants. An extra supervising adult is recommended

For all groups with participants under 18yo:
Group is required to have a supervising adult present

Higher ratios may be required depending on differing group requirements or circumstances

Participation Requirements

Minimum Age: 8yo

Restrictions may apply under differing circumstances

Equipment

Participants are required to wear/have the following:

- Sun protection (sunscreen, shirt etc.)
- Closed toe footwear
- Adequate water
- Any medication required

The following personal protective equipment is provided and must be worn by participants using the course:

- Harness (worn by all participants when climbing)
- Helmets (worn by anyone in the area between the tower and the belay posts)

Activity Facilitators

Activity Facilitators are trained and signed off as competent to run activity by Activities Manager

Activity Facilitators hold current first aid and CPR certificates

Emergency

- is conducted on site and first aid is located nearby
Ambulance time is 15 minutes

Activity Facilitators carry the following equipment:

- First Aid Kit

Risk Management Plan

Hazard / Risk Description	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating		
		Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating
Activity Specific – Risk factors specifically associated with activity at Lutanda Yarramundi				
Fall from height <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By participant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants attached to a belay line whenever they are climbing Participants wear safety harnesses while climbing Equipment protected from sharp edges with protective equipment Equipment rated and maintained for loads well above actual load placed upon it Belayers are closely monitored by Activities Facilitator at all times when a climber is off the ground Misbehaviour when belaying is never tolerated and participants may be asked to cease the activity 	Rare	Catastrophic	Satisfactory
Slipping/Tripping Around the activity area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area cleared by facilitator prior to activity Ropes a hung up on belay posts when not in use during the session 	Possible	Minor	Satisfactory
Cutting/Scratching On equipment, trees etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment setup to best avoid unnecessary contact with participants Regular inspections of tower for hazards 	Possible	Minor	Satisfactory
Impact Injury caused by hitting wall, caused by slipping Landing on ground too hard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants briefed on and demonstrated proper way to climb Participants briefed on and demonstrated proper way to belay Activity Facilitator provides instruction during climbing to help placement of feet Activity Facilitator monitors belayers at all times throughout the activity 	Unlikely	Moderate	Satisfactory
Entanglement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jewellery Hair Loose Clothing Scarves etc. Fingers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All loose clothing, jewellery and other objects that may become entangled are to be removed for the activity Long hair is to be tied back for the activity in low pony tail or braids Participants briefed on where to place hands on rope / away from equipment Belayers briefed to keep fingers away from belay post to prevent getting stuck 	Possible	Minor	Satisfactory
Falling Objects Causing injury; eg; equipment, objects carried by participant etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loose equipment kept away secured at top of tower Participants briefed on safety near bottom of tower Participants required to wear helmets for activity Helmets required to be worn by anyone between the tower and the belay posts 	Unlikely	Moderate	Satisfactory
Rope Burn For climber or belayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants briefed and instructed on proper technique for climbing Belayers help control descent after participant has finished climbing Belayers are instructed to belay hand over hand and not let the rope slide through their hands 	Unlikely	Minor	Satisfactory
Chafing Caused by harness rubbing on skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of appropriate clothing provided to group prior to camp Participants asked to change into appropriate clothing prior to activity to prevent harness resting on skin Explanation on how to fit harness is given and checked by Activity Facilitator 	Possible	Minor	Satisfactory
People – Risk factors associated with the people using the activity				
Participant Behaviour Inability or decision to not follow directions or cooperate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear behaviour expectations set at start of activity sessions Encouraging supportive environment Maintaining supervision 	Unlikely	Major	Satisfactory

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline consequences of inappropriate behaviour Removal of individual from activity or cancellation of activity 			
Participant Ability Unable to complete activity due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fear / Anxiety Complacency / Overconfidence Physical Ability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive environment encouraged Participants briefed according to age, ability, experience Participation is based on meeting requirements Demonstration of understanding and/or skills must be shown prior to undertaking activity Participants are guided through activity supportively by Activity Facilitator Activities are challenge by choice - participants are positively challenged but not forced to participate in activity 	Possible	Moderate	Satisfactory
Activity Facilitator Unsafe practices leading to an injury to a participant caused by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor supervision by Activity Facilitator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity Facilitators must follow Standard Operating Procedures at all times Activity Facilitators are trained and signed as competent, by a qualified Activities Instructor. Vigilant supervision required by Activity Facilitators at all times Communication equipment available readily at activity sessions 	Unlikely	Major	Satisfactory
Group Leader Unsafe practices including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor supervision by group leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups briefed on requirement to provide supervising adult for participants under 18 years old prior to camp and activities Activity Facilitators will stop or cancel activity without adequate supervision from Group Leader 	Unlikely	Major	Satisfactory
Observers Injury to... Guests or others observing activity while it is running	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observers not allowed to participate in activity without activity briefing 	Unlikely	Major	Satisfactory
Unsupervised Users Injury to...Guests on site when activity is not running; Members of public accessing camp land (unauthorised)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups briefed on not using facilitated activities without Activity Facilitators Activity equipment locked away when not in use Equipment not left out after of before activity 	Unlikely	Major	Satisfactory
Equipment – Risk factors associated with the equipment used for the activity				
Structure Failure Safety of the Activity tower, end pole and anchors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities tower built by advanced rigger Regular inspections of structure and anchors performed by activity staff Yearly inspections by external assessor performed 	Rare	Catastrophic	Satisfactory
Equipment Failure Due to improper use, faulty / damaged equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity Facilitators trained in selection, use, inspection, care & maintenance of activity equipment Activity Facilitators perform check of equipment prior to each activity Participants briefed on proper use of equipment All equipment clearly stored and labelled for activity intended for Equipment regularly inspected and maintained Equipment stored, maintained and retired according to manufacturer instructions Equipment used certified by manufacturer as suitable for use 	Rare	Major	Satisfactory
Environment – Risk factors associated with the environment including weather				
Exposure to UV rays Causing sunburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun smart strategies are encouraged 	Possible	Minor	Satisfactory
Exposure to Heat Causing dehydration, heat stroke etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sun smart strategies are encouraged Participants are encouraged to drink water, carry water bottles 	Unlikely	Moderate	Satisfactory

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guests are briefed on location of water filling locations on arrival • Activities modified / cancelled if necessary or alternative activities arranged 			
Cold / Wet Weather Causing hypothermia etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather conditions regularly monitored for adverse conditions • Participants briefed on wearing suitable protective clothing • Activities modified / cancelled if necessary or alternative activities arranged 	Rare	Moderate	Satisfactory
Lightning Strike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather conditions regularly monitored for adverse conditions • Activities delayed / cancelled during lightning storm, participants moved to safe area • Activities modified / cancelled if necessary or alternative activities arranged 	Rare	Catastrophic	Satisfactory
Injury or Allergic Reaction caused by organism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups briefed on arrival on appropriate actions for sighting/be bitten by snakes • Activity area regularly monitored for organisms commonly causing allergic reaction and treated accordingly • Suitable medication and first aid to be readily available (user group must provide first aid) • Communication equipment readily available • Medical assistance within 15 minutes 	Unlikely	Major	Satisfactory
Injury caused by contact with natural features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular checks of activity area carried out and appropriate maintenance performed (sticks removed etc.) • Participants briefed on safe areas 	Unlikely	Minor	Satisfactory

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Risk Ratings

This risk assessment is measured according to the following risk ratings:

Likelihood Ratings

Likelihood is the description of the probability and frequency. The likelihood of the risks occurring as outlined in Lutanda Mt Yarramundi risk management plans is determined after the control measures have been implemented.

Score	Description	Broad description of frequency	Time framed description of frequency
1	Rare	The event may occur, but only in highly exceptional circumstances	Not expected to occur for years
2	Unlikely	Could occur at some time	Expected to occur at least annually
3	Possible	Might occur at some time	Expected to occur at least monthly
4	Likely	Will probably occur in most circumstances	Expected to occur at least weekly
5	Almost certain	Is expected to occur in most circumstances	Expected to occur at least daily

Consequence Ratings

The outcome of an event or situation expressed qualitatively or quantitatively, being the human impact, damage to infrastructure, disruption to public or financial loss.

Score	Description	Injury or impact details
1	Insignificant	Little or no injury requiring no medical attention; Minimal impact on environment; Insignificant adjustments to program; Insignificant damage to property, normal wear; Some difficulty in retaining competent staff; Expected running costs incurred
2	Minor	Minor injuries requiring first aid / some medical attention; Minor impact to plants / animals, no disruption to ecosystems; Rescheduling / replacement of program activities to client satisfaction; Damage requiring small repairs, low cost; Some difficulty in attracting, developing, resourcing and retaining competent staff; Minor costs incurred (<\$250)
3	Moderate	Serious injuries requiring hospitalisation / ongoing medical attention; Ecosystem / landscape self repairs within 12mo; Significant disruption / cancellation of program events; Damage requiring moderate repairs or replacement, moderate cost; Significant difficulty in attracting, developing, resourcing and retaining competent staff; Moderate costs incurred (<\$1,000)
4	Major	Injuries that are life threatening or causing long term disability; Ecosystem / landscape self repairs within 36mo; Program disruption causing loss of program; Damage requiring high cost/projects for repair/replacement; Guest experience and program is majorly affected by lack of competent staff; Major costs incurred (<\$15,000)
5	Catastrophic	Fatality; Irrecoverable loss of ecosystem / landscape; Program disruption causing broad loss of reputation; Massive damage, significant replacement of infrastructure required; Programs unable to be fulfilled due to lack of competent staff; Massive costs incurred (>\$15,000)

The consequence of an incident occurring may vary greatly depending on the individual circumstances of each incident.

Example – A student trips and falls – a detailed analysis of falls might show that although falls occur weekly, more serious injuries from falls only occur once or twice a year. In the main most of the other falls have relatively minor outcomes. Therefore the incident could be scored either according to the severity of the actual outcome, or according to the most likely or typical outcome for that type of incident.

Both approaches are valid, however to ensure consistency Lutanda Yarramundi has adopted an approach to record the most likely or typical outcome for all incidents.

Risk Rating Matrix

All identified risks are recorded in the following risk matrix according to likelihood and consequence. The purpose of this matrix is to provide a snapshot of all identified risks and establish the level of risk to determine if further treatment is required.

Likelihood	Consequences				
	1 - Insignificant	2 - Minor	3 - Moderate	4 - Major	5 - Catastrophic
1 - Rare	1	2	3	4	5
2 - Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
3 - Possible	3	6	9	12	15
4 - Likely	4	8	12	16	20
5 - Almost certain	5	10	15	20	25

Risk Treatment

1-4 Low Risk

- Risk does not generally need to be managed any further (current controls are adequate), however the risk needs to be monitored for changes in circumstances and current control effectiveness.
- Risk generally may be accepted.

5-9 Medium Risk

- Risk needs to be regularly monitored for any changes and control/treatment effectiveness.
- Risk may be accepted after consideration.

10 -14 High Risk

- Risk is unacceptable, risks must be further treated or removed to bring rating to medium
- Risks are to be re-assessed by Activities Manager

15+ Extreme Risk

- Unacceptable risk, urgent attention is required to treat or remove risks
- Management to consider elimination of activity

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