

Maranatha Recreation Camp - Yandina

Risk Assessment –Bush Craft / Camp Fire

Description

Large outdoor fire circle located on grassed area opposite tennis courts. Large logs provide seating for participants at a safe distance from the designated fire area. The campfire area can seat 50 persons. Day time or night-time activity. This activity can be facilitated by a competent adult or can be facilitated by a Maranatha Bush skills instructor to include making and cooking damper in a camp oven and learning how to start a fire with a flint.

Hazard	Risk	Control measures
Physical Hazards extreme weather conditions, burns, smoke inhalation, flammable clothing etc.	L M	Subject to Rural Fire Authority warnings All campfires must be under direct supervision of a competent person. Only designated adult will stoke the fire. A nominated first aider should be in attendance. Filled water containers to be positioned around fire area. Note location of nearest water hose and extinguishers The fire must not be left unattended and it is the responsibility of the leader in charge to ensure that the fire is damped down. Groups must be instructed not to return to the area after dismissal. Nearest phone in the office 50M away or mobile phone No cans or containers which could explode, no glass, no flammable liquids. Cooking at the campfire must be supervised by a competent adult and with the cooking equipment provided
Biological Hazards Poisonous plants, wildlife, insects	L	Supervision Personal insect repellent Competent person to collect firewood and stack/prepare fire
Chemical hazards	L	Leader in charge should ensure that only fuel provided to be used. For example: no laminates, plastics or treated timber
Personal safety	L	Participants must be supervised at all times by a competent person. Camp fires must be small and not built into bonfire proportions First aid room is located 50M away. Visible First Aid sign If cooking over the fire ensure participants are made aware of smoke hazard to avoid inhalation, stinging eyes Ensure tongs and long sticks are used to cook over the fire and/or to remove cooked items from coals
Environmental impact	L	No green wood, use only fuel provided Participants are asked not to damage plants Participants are asked not to feed wildlife Participants are asked to clean up and not leave rubbish (rubbish bins are located at various points around the camp)
Inclusivity Adaptations		Bush Skills is an inclusive activity. The Damper making, fire lighting, shelter making can all be adapted to be done at elevated heights, on table or benches to increase

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		participation. The activity area is located on a flat area beside the driveway, so is easily accessible. A secondary fire pit can be requested that is on the cement undercover basketball area to increase accessibility.
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