

This Risk Assessment covers the following activity:

Canoeing: Participants will learn how to paddle a canoe and work together to steer and travel around/across the dam.
Ratio: 1 Qualified Instructor per 10 participants on the water. 1 Attending Group Staff per 18 Participants.
Age suitability: Year 4+
Location: Ewen Maddock Dam
Benefit of activity: Water confidence, balance, coordination, teamwork, personal and social learning, adventure

Risk Assessment- Programming Overview								
Hazard	Hazard Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	Action and Control Measures	New Likelihood	New Consequence	New Risk Rating
Equipment Equipment Safety and Use					These hazards are covered in the GENERAL Risk Assessment			
Environment Weather Conditions and Onsite Hazards	High winds	Possible	Minor	Medium	Destination of the paddle will be dependent on the direction/strength of wind and the age/ability of the participants. Except for occasional gusts, a maximum wind speed of 12 knots will apply, based on wind speeds measured through the Bureau of Meteorology. In the event of high winds, the swimming dam onsite may be utilised as an alternate location for the activity.	Unlikely	Insignificant	Low
	Injury due to capsizing	Possible	Minor	Medium	Participants are instructed not to intentionally capsize. Prior to launching canoes, Instructor will brief what to do in the event of a capsize; sequentially check the '3 B's': body, buddies, and boat. An Instructor will assist participants getting back into their canoe and provide any other help needed.	Unlikely	Insignificant	Low
	Drowning	Possible	Critical	High	Every participant will be fitted with a PFD to be worn for the whole duration of the time on the water.	Rare	Critical	Medium
					Other hazards are covered in the GENERAL Risk Assessment			

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People Pre-Existing Injuries and Significant Medical or Behavioural Problems	Allergy to water and/or plants	Possible	Minor	Medium	Participants with manageable allergy levels will be advised to dress appropriately to prevent exposure eg: full length rash vest and pants. Participant can join leader's group/canoe to help prevent exposure. Participant will have the option not to participate to minimise risk. Attending Group Staff will have appropriate first aid measures ready.	Rare	Minor	Low
					Other hazards are covered in the GENERAL Risk Assessment			