



# Bushwalking Risk Management Plan

Lutanda Toukley

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Activity Context

Bushwalking is a traditional outdoor activity, encouraging participants to explore nature and be active. Bushwalking as a facilitated activity at Lutanda Toukley is usually conducted in the nearby Wyrabalong National Park.

This document contains the specific risks, control measures and grading for the bushwalking activity. Please refer to the document **General Activity RMP – Lutanda Toukley** for a list of general risks and control measure relevant for all Lutanda Toukley activities, as well as risk rating information.

## Risk Management Plan

Hazard / Risk Description	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating		
		Likelihood	Consequence	Control Effectiveness
<b><i>Bushwalking Specific – Risk factors specifically associated with the bushwalking activity at Lutanda Toukley</i></b>				
<b>Getting Lost</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants are required to walk as a group</li> <li>Activity is conducted on clearly marked and defined trails</li> <li>Activity is to have Instructor and/or supervising adult present</li> <li>Instructor carries map of trails</li> <li>Participants are briefed on what to do if they are separated from group</li> <li>Communication equipment carried by instructor</li> </ul>	Rare	Major	Low
<b>Fatigue / Over-exertion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants instructed in proper walking technique</li> <li>Bushwalk length amended according to group ability</li> <li>Participants encouraged to carry water bottles, drink plenty of water prior to activity</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Minor	Low
<b>Bite / Sting</b> Snake; spider; other insect / organism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants required to stay on designated tracks</li> <li>Participants are required to stay together as a group</li> <li>Instructors carry first aid kits with snake bite bandages</li> <li>Insect repellent available</li> </ul>	Rare	Major	Low
<b>Slip – Trip – Fall</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times</li> <li>Participants instructed to walk</li> <li>Trip hazards are identified to the group on the walk</li> <li>Instructor carries first aid kit</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Minor	Low

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<b>Toileting</b> In the bush...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants are encouraged to use bathrooms at camp site prior to bushwalk</li> <li>• Participants are briefed on appropriate toileting procedures in the bush</li> <li>• Instructor carries trowel and paper for toileting in pack</li> </ul>	Rare	Moderate	Low

### 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 Toileting	4 Bites/stings, lost	5
2 - Unlikely	2	4 Slip-trip-fall, fatigue	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

<b>1-4 Low Risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Risk generally may be accepted.</li> </ul>	<b>10-14 High Risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk is unacceptable, risks must be further treated or removed to bring rating to medium</li> <li>Risks are to be re-assessed by Activities Manager</li> </ul>
<b>5-9 Medium Risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk needs to be regularly monitored for any changes and control/treatment effectiveness.</li> <li>Risk may be accepted after consideration.</li> </ul>	<b>15+ Extreme Risk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unacceptable risk, urgent attention is required to treat or remove risks</li> <li>Management to consider elimination of activity</li> </ul>

Risk Assessment Conducted by: *Program Manager, Lutanda Toukley*

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