

General Risk Assessment - Pine Rivers Heritage Museum year 2 school visit

The information in this document is provided to assist schools in undertaking risk assessments for your group to visit Pine Rivers Heritage Museum and may not cover everything. It is the responsibility of the school / teacher to carry out a risk assessment for the visit.

If an incident occurs on the day at the Museum, Museum staff must be notified. An incident report is required to be lodged.

Museum staff

- All employees at the Museum, paid and unpaid, engaged in child-related activities possess a current Queensland Blue Card Working with Children Check.
- · Museum staff are facilitators only.

Student supervision

- It is the responsibility of the adults bringing groups to the Museum to be aware of, and provide care for, the health and safety for all students in their care. Teachers and accompanying adults are responsible for the ongoing supervision, welfare and behaviour of students at all times.
- Appropriate numbers of supervisors should accompany each group and ensure active supervision of students. The minimum required adult to student ratio is:
 - Under 4 years old 1:5
 - o Kindy and prep (over 4 years old) 1:8
 - o Primary school 1:12
 - o Secondary school 1:15
- Students are not permitted to use the bathrooms without a teacher or accompanying adult. Museum staff cannot supervise students when using bathrooms.
- The lead teacher/supervisor should carry a list of students/numbers, contact phone numbers, medical information and relevant health information for their group.

Expected behaviour

- While visiting the Museum, it is expected that students display responsible behaviour. This includes:
 - Walking in the museum, not running.
 - o No food or drink in the museum, unless approved by a Museum staff member (food and drink is permitted in the Programming Room).
 - Students are to stay in their group at all times.
 - Objects and displays cannot be touched, unless given permission to do so by a Museum staff member.
 - Listen carefully to instructions.
 - o Be respectful of other visitors.

Breaks

- Breaks are to be taken in the Programming Room and the outside area of the museum with 2 x picnic tables. The Museum also has 2 x mats available to use outside on the grass.
- School teachers and accompanying adults are to provide supervision during breaks.
- In the event of inclement weather, breaks will be taken in the Programming Room only, and the door to the outside picnic table area will be locked.

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During breaks, teachers and accompanying adults are requested to leave the area tidy and use provided bins.

First Aid

- Teachers and accompanying adults should be aware of specific medical conditions affecting students and be able to manage and provide treatment as needed.
- The Museum will have at least one First Aid Officers on site.
- First Aid kits are located in the staff kitchen and staff office areas. Please inform a staff member if a first aid situation occurs during your visit, staff will obtain the First Aid kit if required.
- In the unlikely event of a medical emergency, Museum staff will contact 000.

Fire safety and emergency evacuation

- On occasions, emergency evacuation drills are conducted to test personal preparedness and system functions. Museum staff make every effort to ensure drills do not occur during a school visit.
- In case of an emergency, emergency and evacuation alert systems are in place at the Museum.
- The evacuation assembly point is located at the front of the Museum, located in the car park of Old Petrie Town.
- Museum staff will provide direction to the supervisor in charge of the group, and it is this person's responsibility to ensure compliance with all students.
- Teachers and accompanying adults are required to conduct a roll call at the emergency assembly point and advise Museum staff and/or emergency personnel of any missing people from the group.

Accessibility

- The Museum is committed to accessible and inclusive experiences for all visitors.
- A social guide is available for the Museum, to assist visitors to become more familiar and comfortable with the Museum before they visit:
- Public access areas of the Museum are wheelchair accessible, including toilets.
- For other accessibility requirements, please contact the Museum.

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Context								
Task/Activity: Example: A high potential hazard has been reported for the site due to road conditions - driving on heavily corrugated surfaces and steep embankments	School visit program - up to 60 Year 2 students and accompanying teachers and adults participating in rotational activities in and around the Museum.	Persons involved in RA	Nicola Parkes, Ana Reimers, Melissa Burrows.					
Work Order (if applicable)		Prepared by	Nicola Parkes and Melissa Burrows					
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Risk Matrix

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Likelihood	Consequence								
Likelinood	Insignificant Minor		Moderate	Major	Critical				
Almost Certain	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME				
Likely	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	EXTREME				
Possible	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH				
Unlikely	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH				
Rare	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM				

Likelihood Category	Descriptors (Chances of Risk Happening)	Event Frequency
Almost Certain	Is expected to occur in most cases	>75%
Likely	Will probably occur in most circumstances	>50% - 75%
Possible	Might occur at some time	>25% - 50%
Unlikely	Could Occur at some time	>5% - 25%
Rare	May only occur in exceptional circumstances	<5%

	Risk Category						
Consequence	Health and Safety	Plant (including Motor Vehicles) and Property Damage					
Critical	Fatality	Major damage to a plant or a facility resulting in potential costs >\$1m					
Major	Lost time injury Disabling injury	Serious damage to a major plant or a facility cost \$100,000 to \$1m.					
Moderate	Medical treatment injury / Restricted Work Injury	Significant damage to plant, equipment or a facility costing \$10,000 to \$100,000					
Minor	First aid treatment	Minor plant and equipment damage requiring repairs or replacement \$1000 to \$10,000					
Insignificant	No treatment injury	\$1000 damage to plant and equipment. (This does not include damage to IT equipment.)					

Risk Ranking Legend						
Extreme	EGM / CEO or delegated authority					
High Risk	GM / Department Manager or delegated authority					
Medium Risk	Branch Manager / Coordinator					
Low Risk	Supervisor/Team Leader					

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Hazard	Risk	Consequence	Existing Control	Effectiven ess E = Effective I = Ineffective	С	L	R	Accept Risk Yes = Monitor & Review No = Treat	Proposed controls (Including hierarchy of control)	Risk owner	Due date
Roads and vehicles	Injury to body from a vehicle	Moderate	Clear pathways around the museum.	E	Mode rate	Unlik ely	Med	Yes	 Teachers and accompanying adults must supervise students at all times and ensure that students avoid the road and car park areas. Barriers placed from ramp to garden and garden to main building, to discourage access to road and cordon off outdoor break area. Advise students, teachers and accompanying adults to avoid the road and car park areas, and if teachers are taking students to the grassed areas in Old Petrie Town during breaks to be mindful around roads. 	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying adults.	Due Date
Museum open to the public	Students getting lost	Minor	Students are required to wear school uniform to be easily identifiable as part of a group during	Е	Minor	Rare	Low	Yes	Teachers and accompanying adults must supervise students at all times and ensure that students avoid the	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying adults.	Due Date

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			their visit to the Museum.						road and car park areas. Teachers and accompanying adults must ensure students stay with their group at all times. Advise students if they become lost they should go to the front desk and inform a Museum staff member that they are lost. Teachers to conduct a head counts at the start and end of each new activity to ensure all students are accounted for. Lost students must be reported to a Museum staff member as soon as possible. If required, Museum staff will contact 000.		
Museum open to the public	Inappropriate conduct from a museum visitor	Moderate	Prior to the visit, booking teacher is advised that the Museum will remain open to the public on the day, and that students must be supervised at all times by teachers and accompanying adults, including	E	Mode rate	Rare	Med ium	Yes	 Teachers and accompanying adults must supervise students at all times and ensure that students avoid the road and car park areas. Teachers and accompanying adults must ensure students stay with their group at all times. 	Museum staff, teachers, accompanying adults.	Due Date

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			for bathroom visits.						If there are contractors on site, during school break times the museum staff will ask contractors not to use the bathrooms until after student break time.		
Front stairs	Slips, trips and falls	Moderate	 Non-slip edges on front stairs, non-slip coating on exterior timber floors, handrails on stairs. There are stairs and a ramp to access the front of the Museum. Museum staff regularly check and monitor for potential hazards. 	E	Mode rate	Unlik ely	Med ium	Yes	 Instruct students, teachers and accompanying adults to use the stairs to go up, and ramp to come down. Advise the group to follow this instruction at the start of the day. Teachers and accompanying adults must supervise students at all times and ensure they adhere to the requirement of going up the stairs and down the ramp. 	Museum staff, teachers, accompanying adults.	Due Date
Wet floor surfaces inside and outside museum during wet weather	Slips, trips and falls	Moderate	 Permanent non-slip edge on front stairs, non-slip coating on exterior timber floors. Mats at entrances to building. Museum staff regularly check and monitor for potential hazards. 	E	Mode rate	Unlik ely	Med ium	Yes	 Umbrella bin to be made available beside the front door during wet weather for visitors to stow their wet umbrellas. 'Caution slippery surface' signs to be placed out when necessary. 	Museum staff, teachers, accompanying adults.	Due Date

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Wet floor surfaces inside museum around water fountain area and bathrooms	Slips, trips and falls	Moderate	Staff monitor water fountain and check bathrooms regularly throughout school visit. Museum staff regularly check and monitor for potential hazards.	E	Mode rate	Possi ble	Med ium	Yes	 Advise students, teachers and accompanying adults to report any spills to staff, so that it can be attended to immediately. Museum staff will monitor water fountain throughout the day. If any spills or leaks are identified, the area will be cordoned off and the cleaned immediately. 'Caution slippery surface' signs will be placed out when necessary. 	Museum staff, teachers, accompanying adults.	Due Date
Terrain inside and outside Museum	Slips trips and falls	Minor	Museum staff regularly check and monitor for potential hazards.	E	Minor	Possi ble	Med ium	Yes	 Outdoor areas have some uneven surfaces. Teachers and accompanying adults to supervise and monitor for hazards while walking. Teachers and accompanying adults are to actively supervise students at all times. Instruct students at the start of the day that all visitors are to walk in the museum, running is not permitted. 	Museum staff, teachers, accompanying adults.	Due Date

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									If any students are running or behaving irresponsibly staff will remind students to walk. If students cannot follow direction they will be asked to stay with their teacher for the remainder of the session.		
School bags on the floor	Slips, trips and falls	Minor	Port racks are placed in the Programming Room for school bags to be stored on, when not in use.	E	Minor	Possi ble	Med	Yes	 Instruct students, teachers, and accompanying adults that bags must be stored on the port racks when not in use, and not on the deck in front of the port racks. Students are to access school bags in their groups, to avoid overcrowding and risk of tripping. Teachers, accompanying adults and Museum staff to check port racks throughout day and place any bags on the floor onto the port racks. 	Museum staff, teachers, accompanying adults.	Due Date
Display objects - sharp edges	Injury to body	Minor	Bollards and other exhibition furniture to discourage visitors from getting too close	Е	Minor	Unlik ely	Low	Yes	 Advise students, teachers and accompanying adults to be mindful moving around space, and not to touch any of 	Museum staff, teachers, accompanying adults.	Due Date

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			to objects. • Museum staff regularly check and monitor for potential hazards.						the displays or objects unless it advised otherwise by Museum staff. Teachers and accompanying adults must supervise students at all times. For any student struggling to follow instructions, the teacher must remain with and supervise this student, at all times.		
Objects on display	Damage to Museum property	Minor	 School teachers and accompanying adults are required to provide adequate supervision and to actively supervise during the groups visit to the Museum. Teachers are to anticipate and manage student behaviours. 	E	Minor	Unlik ely	Low	Yes	 Teachers and accompany adults must supervise students at all times. Teachers are to anticipate and manage student behaviour. Any damage is to be reported to Museum staff immediately. 	Museum staff, teachers, accompanying adults.	
Climbing on or walking into displays	Fall, injury to body	Minor	Bollards and exhibition furniture to discourage visitors from climbing on displays, and designed to ensure visibility.	E	Minor	Unlik ely	Low	Yes	 Instruct students, teachers and accompanying adults not to climb on displays. Instruct students to walk in the Museum at all times. Teachers and 	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying adults	Due Date

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			Museum staff regularly check and monitor for potential hazards.						accompany adults must supervise students at all times. • For any student struggling to follow instructions, museum staff will ask the teacher to remain with and supervise this student, at all times during the excursion.		
Wringer use	Injury to fingers	Minor	Museum staff regularly check and monitor for potential hazards.	E	Minor	Rare	Low	Yes	 Museum staff monitor and supervise wringer use during activity, at all times. Teachers and accompanying adults to supervise students at all times, under instruction of a museum staff member. Clear direction will be provided by Museum staff member before starting the activity. Only the Museum staff member is to feed the fabric into the wringer, all students must await instruction before proceeding to turn the handle. Students approach the wringer one by one and always have 	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying adults.	

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									two hands on the handle. If a student is not following instructions they will lose their turn and teachers and accompanying adults will be requested to provide assistance. Museum staff must have first aid and CPR qualifications up to date. Museum delivery staff to have a handheld UHF with them and call staff inside venue for assistance as required.		
Pre- existing medical conditions	Injury from a pre-existing medical condition such as asthma, diabetes	Minor	Teachers are requested to advise the museum prior to arrival of students with any relevant medical conditions. Teachers are to ensure students have the correct medication with them, and teachers must manage and treat medical conditions as needed.	E	Minor	Rare	Low	Yes	 Museum staff to be made aware of the presence of a student with medical condition on the day. Museum first aid kits are stocked at all times. Museum staff to keep first aid and CPR qualifications up to date. Museum delivery staff to have a handheld UHF with them when delivering activities outside the museum building and call staff inside 	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying adults.	

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									venue for assistance as required.		
Insects	Bites and stings from insects	Minor	 Museum staff to ensure regular requests for lawn mowing and garden maintenance are actioned. Museum staff to regularly check for wasp nests and bee swarms, and action accordingly. Ice packs available in freezer for first aid treatment. 	E	Minor	Possi ble	Med	Yes	 Teachers and accompanying adults are responsible for using insect spray for themselves and students, as well as relevant medication for students. Teachers and accompanying adults that they must supervise students at all times. Museum first aid kits are stocked at all times. Museum staff to keep first aid and CPR qualifications up to date. For delivery that takes place in museum outbuildings, staff will have a handheld UHF at all times and call staff inside venue for assistance when required. 	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying adults.	Due Date
Sun exposure during break times	Sunburn	Minor	 Students are recommended to bring hats and wear sunscreen on the day. 	E	Minor	Unlik ely	Low	Yes	 The Museum has sunscreen on hand if required. 		
Inclement weather	Getting wet	Insignificant	 Permanent non- slip edge on front stairs, non-slip coating on 	E	Insign	Possi ble	Low	Yes	 In the event of inclement weather, breaks will be taken in the Programming 	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying	Due Date

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			exterior timber floors. • Mats at doors at entrances to Museum.						room, with the door locked. • Museum staff will assess on the morning of the visit if the weather is likely to impact students, teachers and accompanying adults moving from the museum to Yebri House and if needed this activity will be relocated inside the museum if needed.	adults.	
Hot weather	Heat stress	Minor	 Venue is airconditioned. School program does not run during term 1 or term 4 to minimise the risk of hot weather. Teachers are responsible for ensuring that children are appropriately dressed for weather. 	E	Minor	Unlik ely	Low	Yes	 In the event of hot weather, breaks will be taken ins the Programming room, with the air conditioner on. Museum staff will assess on the morning if the weather will impact groups moving from between the Museum and Yebri House and if needed this activity will be relocated inside the museum. Heat stress calculator will be used by staff to monitor and react to heat stress risks. 	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying adults.	Due Date
Wood school chairs/	Fingers may get caught when lifting or lowering	Minor	 Museum staff regularly check and monitor for potential hazards. 	E	Minor	Possi ble	Med ium	Yes	Before entering the school room space, Museum staff ask children to wait	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying	Due Date

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desks	the seat.								behind desks and not touch the chairs. Once in the space, Museum staff instruct students to be careful when lowering and lifting the chairs to ensure their fingers are not in the way, and to lower and lift holding the seat from the front edge only. Museum staff will instruct students to stay seated during the class session. Students are not permitted to stand up or change seats during lesson. Teachers are to provide direct assistance to any student requiring help lifting or lowering their chair, or if a	adults.
									student needs to leave their chair.	
School room historical punishment tools	Distress at some items in Museum	Insignificant	Teachers to advise students prior to their visit that there will be some interesting historical school room punishment items that they will be able to have a look at	E	Insign	Rare	Low	Yes	 If a child becomes distressed, remove the child immediately. Museum staff to discuss and demonstrate punishment tools with sensitivity, aim to encourage curiosity, and take cues from 	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying adults.

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			during their visit. • Museum staff are trained to discuss and demonstrate punishment tools with sensitivity						the students.		
			and aim to encourage curiosity.								
Terrain	Slips, trips and falls	Minor	Museum staff regularly check and monitor for potential hazards.	E	Minor	Unlik ely	Low	Yes	 Teachers and accompanying adults are to actively supervise students at all times. Museum staff will instruct students at the start of the day that running is not permitted in the museum, that all people must walk. If any students are running or playing around museum staff will remind students to walk. If students cannot follow direction they will be asked to stay with their teacher for the remainder of the session. 	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying adults.	Due Date
Illness	Spread of illness	Minor	 Adhere to all QLD Health directives regarding Covid- 19. 	E	Minor	Unlik ely	Low	Yes	If a student becomes unwell during the visit to the Museum, teachers must make arrangements to take the child off site.	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying adults.	

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Unattended items and school bags	Theft of personal items	Insignificant	Students are not to bring valuable items unless absolutely necessary. Property is left at owner's risk.	Е	Insign ificant	Unlik ely	Low	Yes	 Teachers, accompanying adults and students are to keep valuable items with them at all times during the visit to the Museum. 	Museum staff, teachers and accompanying adults.		
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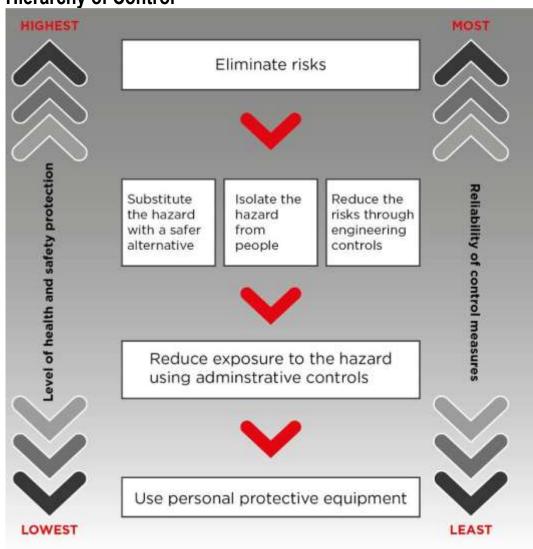


Hazard List					
Use this table to help you identify hazards and to complete Secti	on 2. 7	There may be others that do not appear on this list.			
Situational	Tick	Physical/ Chemical	Tick	Health	Tick
Assault by person		Chemical/dangerous goods use, process or storage		Disease causative agent	
Attacked by animal		Communication issues/ difficulty		Infection	
Breathing compressed gas		Contact with cold liquid/ vapour		Lack of food/ water	
Cold environment		Contact with cold surface		Lack of oxygen	
Confined space		Contact with hot liquid/ vapour		Physical fatigue	
Crush by load		Contact with hot surface		Repetitive action	
Difficult access or egress		Crane/ EWP use		Static body posture	
Difficult rescue		Electric shock/ hazards		Stress	
Drowning		Explosive blast		Venom Poisoning	
Engulfment		Explosive release of stored pressure/ energy			
Entanglement in moving machinery		Fire			
High winds		Flammable materials		Environmental	Tick
Hot environment		Hazardous substance		Flora/ fauna hazards	\boxtimes
Intimidation		Ionising radiation (UV, gamma, x-rays)		Litter	
Manual Handling		Inhalant dust/ fibre		Nuisance noise/ vibration	
Moving Plant/ machinery		Ladder use		Physical damage	
Object falling, moving or flying	\boxtimes	Laser light		Soil erosion	
Obstruction/ exposed feature		Lightning strike		Waste substance released into air	
Poor lighting/ visibility		Noise		Waste substance released into soil/ water	
Restrictive work environment		Non-ionising radiation (microwave, infrared, radio waves)			
Remote area		Poisonous / explosive gas present			
Sharp object/ material		Pressurised fluids (air/oil)		Managerial/ Organisational	Tick
Shot by firearm		Underground services		Management factors	
Slippery surface	\boxtimes	Stroboscopic light		New/ junior / inexperienced workers	
Suspended load		Steam		Language/ physical restrictions	
Trap in moving machinery		Tool & equipment			
Trip hazard	\boxtimes	Vibration			
Vehicle movement/ impaction/ collision	\boxtimes				
Working at height					
Working near traffic, moving plant, pedestrians					
Working on, near, over water					

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Hierarchy of Control



Methods of controlling the risk (Hierarchy of Control) – commence with 1 and move down the options if necessary:

- 1. Eliminate: Could the hazard be eliminated altogether?
- 2. Substitute: Could something else be done instead?
- 3. Engineer/Isolate: Could equipment or structural changes help?
- **4.** Administration: Would training help to reduce the risk?
- **5.** PPE: What personal protective clothing should be provided?

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