Cinder Hill Fly Fishing - RISK ASSESSMENT

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POTENTIAL HAZARD	WHO WOULD BE HARMED	EXISTING CONTROLS	FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED
Tripping hazard Due to uneven ground and drainage ditches around the lakes	Members and their Guests	 Members are advised that to a great extent access to the lakes is over farm/forest land which at times is difficult rough ground even in dry conditions for the able bodied. Suitable footwear should be worn at all times as well as exercising care. Guests should be advised accordingly. 	None
Injury hazard There is a possible hazard of injury from the fly line, particularly during the back cast	Members and their Guests	 Members are advised to wear a hat and safety glasses to protect eyes from injury. Members should advise their Guests to take similar precautions. Members should ensure that they allow a suitable distance between themselves and other Anglers to prevent injury to others fishing nearby and walking past from their back cast. Constant vigilance should be exercised to ensure the safety of the member and their Guest. A first aid box and injury book are provided in the Huts in the event of an accident. 	None
Drowning hazard There is a possible hazard from people entering the lake.	Members and their Guests	 Public access to the lakes is prohibited. Signs attached to the access gates clearly state, "Private Property. No Public Access or Right of Way. Members are advised to take care to ensure they and their Guests remain a safe distance from the water's edge as there are some steep slopes/high banks and do not take any unnecessary risks. As members are often fishing alone with no public passers-by, it is unlikely that any additional assistance could be provided. Note: Provision of Life Rings has been considered. However, it is quite likely that there would be no one else around to assist, and with the high levels of rural crime, the life rings could not be relied upon to be available. Members are advised to use long handled landing nets such that they do not need to lean over the banks. Constant vigilance should be exercised by members in the event that another angler accidentally enters the water. The Syndicate does not provide supervision of all waters and care should be taken if a member &/or guest find themselves fishing alone If tuition/courses are being conducted for novices, the throwing buoys provided in the huts should be made available at the bank-side. The syndicate rules ask members to check the returns sheet is complete when signing out, and if not to please make a quick check of the water to see that no harm has come to anyone. 	None
Injury from moving vehicles	Members and their Guests	 Members and their Guests are advised to exercise due care when driving onto the site and parking so that pedestrian Members and Guests are not put at any risk 	None
Injury/damage from falling tree branches	Members and their Guests	 Members and their Guests are advised to exercise care when parking and walking to avoid any obvious dead or insecure tree branches. 	None
Injury from lightning	Members and their Guests	 Members and their Guests are advised not continue to fish when there is any likelihood of lightning evident or forecast. 	None
Injury from overhead power lines	Members and their Guests	 Members and their Guests are advised to exercise care to ensure they do not cast near to or under any power lines. 	None

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Injury from hand and power tools	Members and Volunteer Guests	 Members and guests should be competent in the use of hand and power tools and exercise all necessary care and to wear appropriate protective clothing and equipment. A separate Risk Assessment has been produced specifically for Work Parties. 	None
Lifting injury	Members	 Members are advised to exercise due care before attempting to lift any heavy items and should consider requesting appropriate help. 	None
<u>Mobile Coverage</u>	Members and their Guests	 Members and their guests are advised that there is no effective mobile coverage in and around the lake venues. If any emergency assistance is required, members are advised to try the emergency number and if there is no response to move to higher ground until a signal is obtained. Locations for the gates are provided as "What3Words" on the rules and provided in the huts. 	None
<u> Bridges – Cinder Hill</u>	Members and their Guests	 Under NO circumstances should members or their guests attempt to drive over or beyond the bridge between the middle lake (Hurstwood) and the bottom lake (McArthurs) Members and their guests are advised that there is no handrail on the track bridge at Cinder Hill top lake or the bridge between the middle lake (Hurstwood) and the bottom lake (McArthurs). Members and their Guests are advised to exercise care. 	None
All Bridges	Members and their Guests	All bridges to be maintained and covered with chicken wire to provide a non-slip surface	Work Party
Minor Cuts/Bruises	Members and their Guests	First Aid Kits located in both huts BUT no First Aid staff on site	None
Weil's Desease	Members and their Guests	Information located in both huts and on the syndicate web site	None
Acessability/Wet Weather Conditions	Members and their Guests	 Members and their guests are advised that parts of the tracks and parking areas are subject to becoming very muddy and could result in slips or slippage when driving to the lakes during wet weather. This is caused partly by underground springs. Members and guests are advised to exercise all necessary care and to wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Only 4x4 vehicles or those members with special permission should drive beyond the car parking area in wet conditions. After heavy rainfalls, it is advised that even 4X4 vehicles do not park beyond the pylon area at Cinder Hill lakes, to prevent the track getting churned up, which then takes longer to recover. Members and their guests are advised to take extra caution around the banks of the lakes after wet weather as the banks may be slippery. 	None
Acessability – All Lakes	Members and their Guests	 Due to rough nature of the land, high banks, sometimes wet conditions, absence of permanent supervision of facilities, the lakes are not deemed suitable for wheel chairs or mobility scooters. 	None
Hazards associated with Tuition/Courses	Members and Guests	 In addition to the hazards listed in this Risk Assessment, a separate specific Risk Assessment for Tuition/Courses will be produced based on the nature of the course. 	None