RISK ASSESSMENT

ESTABLISHMENT: Croyde Surf Club
ACTIVITY/ENVIRONMENT: Monday Night Grom Club
OBJECTIVES: Beginner Surfing lessons, Beach safety

ASSESSMENT DATE: 1st February 2017
COMPLETED BY: Rob Whitney

Getting to the beach

1. Hazard List significant hazards which may result in serious harm of affect several people.	**2. Who might be harmed?** List groups of people who are especially at risk from the significant hazards identified	**3. Is the risk adequately controlled?** List existing controls or note where the information may be found. (e.g Information, instruction training, systems or procedures)	**4. What further action is needed to control the risk?** List the risks which are not adequately controlled and proposed action where it is reasonably practicable to do more.
Pathways to and from the beach	Surfers and staff	Group to be briefed about procedure to and from the beach. Group to be made aware of current conditions of pathways and routes taken. Ensure appropriate footwear is worn at all times	Staff to maintain visual of the group at all times. Staff to lead at the front and bring up the rear of the group.
Falling, slipping, tripping Cuts and bruises	Surfers and staff	Group to be briefed about procedure to and from the beach. Group to be made aware of current conditions of pathways and routes taken. Ensure appropriate footwear is worn at all times	Use of recognised pathways to the beach
Sand dunes, flora and	Surfers and staff	Groups are made aware of possible encounters	Use of recognised pathways to the

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fauna		and appropriate response action	beach

The Beach

Injury in the se a caused by surfer / surfboard	Surfers and staff	Full safety training will be included in all surf lessons. Boards used by beginners will be foam boards (much softer), surfers will be very well supervised by staff including myself (qualified beach lifeguard and surf instructor). First aid kit will be left with rescue board on the beach.	All staff experienced surfers plus my relevant qualifications. First aid kit always close by. Lifeguards on the beach will be informed and consulted before every session.
Hypothermia in or out of the sea	Surfers and staff	Full wetsuits used and of good quality and suitable thickness for the time of year. Dry towels on the minibus, relatively short sessions in the sea and session length will be weather dependent.	
Being caught in rips and currents	Surfers and staff	Surfers will receive full safety training which includes beach and sea hazards such as rips and how to spot them and what to do if your in one. Surfers kept only at waist depth. Rescue board on the beach if necessary to be used when all other surfers are out of the water and supervised.	Lifeguards on the beach will be informed and consulted before every session. Very good staff to student ratio mobile phone with first aid kit for emergencies.
Drowning	Surfers and staff	All surfers will be required to be able to swim 50m unaided. Surfers briefed on how to attract attention, lifeguards watching, staff in the water, wetsuits will give buoyancy, surfers attached to boards via leashes.	Lifeguards on the beach will be informed and consulted before every session. Very good staff to student ratio mobile phone with first aid kit for emergencies.
Rocks	Surfers and staff	Minimal rock dangers on this beach, surfers will not be near to them.	Consult lifeguards to particular dangers, all staff have very good knowledge and experience of this location.
Stings from sea	Surfers and staff	Very low risk, surfers have option of wearing	Lifeguards available to assist with

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creatures		boots (provided), surfers will have stated if they are allergic on their consent forms. Anaphylactic shock – Lifeguards available for assistance, mobile phone with first aid kit for emergencies.	hot water etc.
Rough weather conditions	Surfers and staff	Dangers associated with high winds, hail, snow and rain etc	Check weather report before setting off on the journey. Make suitable beach selection else postpone event.

Location Specific: Croyde

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Rocks at northern and southern ends with adjacent tidal rip currents	Surfers and staff	Lessons conducted in safe area away from identified hazards	Instructors to monitor throughout the lesson for deteriorating conditions
Small stream in the centre of the beach containing debris	Surfers and staff	Group to avoid crossing rocky or debris cluttered areas	Instructor to lead a direct safe passageway to and from the beach
Other beach users	Surfers and staff	Surfers made aware of other beach users	Instructors to maintain group integrity and safe operating area
Weather/ocean conditions Absence of lifeguard service	Surfers and staff	Instructors to maintain awareness of changing weather conditions and proceed or cancel lesson as necessary	Pre-check weather conditions. In the case of cancelling a lesson due to dangerous ocean or atmospheric conditions, ensure adequate time necessary to clear clients from the beach

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On review, check that the precautions for each hazard still adequately control the risk. If not, indicate what you need to do. Note the outcome.

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