



BROOKFIELD – EXPEDITIONS - MAPLETON – NOOSA - TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

Health Management Plan: Noosa Outdoor Education Centre

Organisation completing the Plan:

Noosa Outdoor Education Centre operated by Queensland Conference and Camping Centres. Address: 759-761 McKinnon Dr, Cooribah QLD 4565

Summary of service type and activity provision:

Budget, short stay accommodation and catering, primarily for school groups, augmented by limited Outdoor Education activities.

Site Description:

Noosa Outdoor Education Centre (NOEC) provides budget accommodation for group bookings, primarily school groups on 120 acres near Lake Coroibah. The venue has cabin accommodation separately interspersed around several acres on the property, an outdoor dining area, camp kitchen and a large and modern meeting hall. It also has a separate and isolated 4 ensuite room and self-contained retreat. Tent camping is available for group bookings. Outdoor education activities are provided on the property by staff seconded from QCCC Mapleton.

Communication and notification to group organisers and screening precautions for incoming groups:

All guests are part of a group booked by a third party, such as domestic school groups. Where school-aged children are guests there are additional Child Safety and Privacy expectations which means group organisers need to be pro-active to work with QCCC for the minors in their care. Our advice to group organisers for all groups is as follows:

1. Group organisers are responsible to ensure they obtain a written (either paper based or electronic) declaration that is completed by anyone who attends their group booking at QCCC that they:
 - a. Are NOT experiencing cold or flu like symptoms
 - b. Do not have a temperature
 - c. Have not been in contact with someone that is confirmed to have COVID-19
 - d. Have NOT returned from overseas in the past 14 days
2. In information sent participants it must be clear that if they, or a minor they're responsible for, are sick or exhibiting symptoms of illness, they should not attend camp.

3. Group organisers must monitor the health and may choose to confirm the temperature of camp attendees prior to boarding transport to the venue.
4. A touchless thermometer will be available to assist group organisers, if required, to monitor the temperature of their group during their stay at the venue.

All visitors and contractors to the property are required to immediately report to the caretakers at the front boundary of the property to record their name and contact details before they are allowed access to the property.

Measures to reduce the impact of COVID-19 at NOEC:

Record Keeping & logging guests:

Child Safety and Privacy provisions apply to minors. Contracted groups keep all contact and medical information for all children they will bring to camp. QCCC will have names of each guest onsite for room-specific fire registers. Tracing will be possible using both the room specific fire registers and individual student details held by the contracted group organiser.

Health & Hygiene:

QCCC has cleaning staff capable to conduct effective routine cleaning, with a focus on increased frequency of cleaning of high contact surfaces and communal facilities. A best-practice COVID -specific cleaning regime has been developed. Prior to the arrival of any new group, and during their stay, QCCC will ensure the Venue is cleaned following the guidance provided by:

https://www.health.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0033/959910/guideline-risk-mitigation-for-accommodation-transport.pdf

Space and social isolation management:

1. Capacity for each indoor space has been clarified and signed at point of entry. It is the responsibility of both QCCC staff and group organisers and staff to ensure group numbers do not exceed signed capacity.
2. The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) has provided guidance that physical distancing (i.e. 4sqm per person in an enclosed space) is not necessary for school-aged students. School-aged children from the same client group may exceed the base density of one person per four-square metres, however, should maintain physical distancing protocols where possible. This arrangement applies to school-aged children in sleeping arrangements of bunk style and tent accommodation, dining, and bathroom facilities.
3. Some accommodation is ensuited.
4. The dining area is a large outdoor pavilion where social distancing is easily enforced.
5. Where required, it is proposed to observe, as much as is practically possible, 1.5m spacing and/or separation in accommodation rooms adopting the "Pillow to Pillow"/"top-to-toe" approach to maximise distance between participants' heads.

6. Accommodation and room capacity for adults (including teachers accompanying school groups) will be adjusted to meet the social distancing (eg: 4m²) requirement for them.
7. Once allocated to a Tent or Bunk participants and staff will only use that resource for the entirety of the program.
8. QCCC's Fire Register will be the record of people allocated to each resource.
9. At the conclusion of each camp the sleeping quarters will be appropriately cleaned between change-over of guests (refer to health and hygiene above). A minimum of half an hour will be observed between a group departing a zone and another entering following cleaning.

Food preparation and service:

There are several options for food service at the venue:

1. Some groups will self-cater in the camp kitchen with daily cleaning their responsibility, supervised by onsite QCCC staff.
2. Some groups will cook their own meals individually, or in small, assigned family groups, using methylated spirit fuelled Trangias.
3. Some groups will receive catering from a mobile food kitchen licenced with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, utilising the Sunshine Coast Regional Council Food Safety Plan.

With each option the following measures will be undertaken:

1. Self-service buffet style service has been removed from QCCC venues until allowed by Queensland Health authorities. Guests will be required to be seated during their allotted meal sessions.
2. Tables and chairs will be set up to encourage 1.5m separation and 4m² per diner where required;
3. Where there is food service, group supervisors will be responsible to sequence service groups by table and serving areas have been marked to ensure separation.
4. Hand sanitizer is available at each food service area;
5. Where there is food service provided by QCCC or its contractors, food will be served by catering staff where practical to minimise potential for cross-contamination from shared use of utensils and serving implements;
6. Guests will be told to bring their own water bottle to camp and all communal cups removed from access
7. All re-usable cutlery and crockery will be washed using hot soapy water. Cutlery could also be single-use and/or menu items will be eaten by hand.
8. Meals could be packed meals which can be eaten remotely and outdoors if required to minimise site movement for meals.
9. Condiments should be single-serve packets unless served by dedicated server.
10. Camp participants will be required to conduct a thorough clean of their food service area and dining space at the conclusion of each meal.
11. QCCC staff will conduct a full clean at the conclusion of each group booking and/or use.

Outdoor Education Activities:

A COVID-audit of all Outdoor Education activities has been conducted and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) adjusted to account for Covid Safe requirements.

Measures include:

1. Where identified the risk of COVID-19 infection is high and difficult to be controlled, the activity has removed from activity selection until it is able to be run within future Covid easing advice.
2. Where the risk of infection can be managed with the provision of an appropriate sanitising process (adhering to equipment manufacturer guidelines and/or industry best practice guidance) and a modification to SOPs, then updated changes should be documented appropriately.
3. Group Leaders are to be given inductions for COVID SAFE SOPs for activities and assessment of compliance included in the normal observation and inspection processes for staff.
4. Outdoor Education activities will observe and operate within the prevailing protocols and distancing required under the Industry COVID SAFE Plan for Outdoor Recreation Activity Providers.
5. Sanitising of point of contact (eg hands, feet etc) both before and after contact with activity equipment (eg harnesses, helmets, and ropes) where appropriate.
6. Sanitise activity equipment between groups (at least 60% alcohol) where appropriate.
7. Outdoor Education will take place in groups of no more than twenty per group (Stage Two) or 100 per group (Stage Three). Instructors will be assigned to an individual group and, where possible, remain their instructor for the duration of the camp. QCCC will maintain records of activities operated and QCCC/provider's staff who were in contact with each group at any point in time.

Swimming Pool Complex:

Use of the Outdoor Swimming Pool area is guided by the Swimming Pool and Aquatic Centre Industry Plan (last update 24 July 2020) which advises that for Outdoor Pools and areas:

- capacity to be based on physical distancing requirements (1.5m per person);
- Physical distancing while in the water is not required;
- The above capacity requirements include children accompanying parents as spectators;

The total area of the Outdoor Pool Complex at NOEC is 275 square metres. Therefore, capacity is established at a maximum of 100 people at any one time. Where possible the gate entry, which is a high touch point, will be sanitised between uses by different groups. Signage will indicate capacities and conditions of use and hand sanitiser will be available at the entry gate.

Transport:

Transport arrangements are not made by QCCC. QCCC's obligations commence when groups arrive at the venue. However, we remind guest groups of their social distancing obligations to ensure they are guided by the expectations. Adult groups generally arrive in their own transport. Current advice for school groups is physical distancing requirements are exempt for public transport (including buses). Transport operators will ensure that buses and surface touch points are cleaned according to COVID-19 cleaning and disinfection recommendations.

Onsite physical distancing guidelines will be followed at bus interchange locations, pick-ups and drop-offs. This will be achieved by:

1. Requesting group organisers attempt to stagger the arrival and departure times of buses so each bus can be met by QCCC staff, unloaded and guests taken to their appropriate facilities before the arrival of the next one.
2. Change in arrival and departure times and incoming/outgoing meal arrangements, arranged on a bespoke basis with individual groups to limit contamination between groups whilst maintaining an excellent guest experience.

Emergency Management Plan:

In the event of an emergency (eg fire) the normal emergency procedures will be implemented with the use of large congregation areas or, if safe to do so QCCC staff will direct guests to relocate to the designated outdoor emergency area (grassed area near the water tanks and cross). QCCC staff will direct guests to socially distance if possible – safely negotiating the immediate emergency will take priority until the emergency is over.

Guest Isolation and illness (suspected case response):

Where a guest shows symptom of COVID, or general sickness:

1. QCCC will work with the group organiser to facilitate either COVID Testing and/or the pick-up of the guest as soon as practically possible;
2. The guest will be isolated in a designated room/facility which will be activated as a quarantine and isolation area for guests exhibiting signs of infection.

Confirmed COVID Case Response:

A designated facility can be activated as a quarantine and isolation area for guests exhibiting signs of infection. In the event a guest is subsequently identified as COVID positive:

1. QCCC staff will report confirmed cases to the Department of Housing and Public Works and follow direction of authorities
2. QCCC staff will liaise with group coordinators to prepare attendance information and provide to health authorities to support contact tracing
3. QCCC staff will request Group Coordinators onsite at the time of the COVID infected person to advise their group's guests to seek medical attention if symptoms are shown
4. Clean - Infectious control clean to be completed
5. Stand-Up – Return to business once it is safe to do so.

Workplace health and safety for Employees:

The following measures and guidelines have been implemented:

1. Workers have undertaken COVID-SAFE Return to work training and individual departments (eg hospitality, cleaning etc) instructed in COVID-relevant information required for their workplaces.
2. Staff have been provided a "Toolbox" of Covid Safe practice and signed their understanding and commitment of compliance.
3. Posters around the workplace on keeping at least 1.5 metres distance between everyone at the workplace.
4. Signs at building entrances and workspaces to ensure the maximum safe capacity is not exceeded. Office furniture and rosters reconfigured to ensure social distancing of employees.

5. Workers instructed to advise management and stay home if they are sick, and if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 ask them to call the National Coronavirus hotline (1800 020 080).
6. Workers instructed to inform management if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, have been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19 or have been tested for COVID-19.
7. Workers will minimise use of kitchen space while utilised by the attending group, and consume meals at outdoor spaces, ensuring social distancing measures are met.