

Risk register

Sheepdog Events, Training days and Trials

Bungendore & Districts Sheepdog Association Inc

IDENTIFY (Inherent risk assessment)							ANALYSE (Current risk assessment)				
Ref #	Risk category	Risk description	Inherent rating (no controls)			Risk owner	Current (C)ontrols and Control Descriptions (CD)	Current rating			Report risk upwards ?
			Likelihood	Conseq.	Rating			Likelihood	Conseq.	Rating	
1	Dogs	Handling, working or exercising dogs results in bite, fight or collision (with each other, sheep, people or structures)	Likely	Moderate	High	Trainers, Judges, committee members	1. Dogs to be on lead in areas of high human and dog density. 2. Dogs must be under effective control of a handler when working stock and during off lead exercise	Possible	Minor	Medium	No
2	Dogs	Weather impacts health of dogs whilst working or when restrained, causing illness / stress	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Handlers	Dogs in vehicles are the responsibility of their owners. They should have access to water, adequate space, shade and ventilation both in the vehicle and outside it. Dogs on tie out chains provided with adequate water and shelter. Trough or container of water to be provided for dogs to cool off after run at trial	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium	No
3	Dogs	Dog in poor health / on heat attends training leading to potential spread of disease or increased agitation between dogs	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Handlers	All members notify the club if their dogs are 'ill' (i.e. with kennel cough) and they must not attend events, training, trials. Bitches on heat are the responsibility of the owner. All dog faeces to be picked up in all main public areas of the venue.	Unlikely	Minor	Low	No
4	Public	Members of public enter working areas, approach restrained dogs or cause distress to sheep leads to injury of person or animal	Likely	Moderate	High	trainers, committee, judges	Adequate signage displayed to - warn public from approaching and patting restrained working dogs - prohibit entry into working areas - keep distance from sheep Public to be advised not to interact with dogs unless handler has provided consent.	Possible	Moderate	Medium	No
5	Livestock	Working of sheep or uncontrolled movement around sheep causes stress resulting in injury from collision with fence / slip or trip on uneven surface	Possible	Major	High	Trainers, instructors / judges, committee	Sheep to be handled with care and consideration avoiding excess stress. Keep dogs away from sheep and on lead when not working. Ensure gates to working areas are closed, and sheep are penned if not being worked and water provided. Second person (experienced handler or instructor) must be present within each yard when working a dog.	Unlikely	Major	Medium	No

6	livestock	Working of sheep in poor / hot weather causes stress resulting in impact on health of sheep	Possible	Major	High	Trainers, instructors / judges, committee	Sheep to be rotated/rested throughout the day. Ensure sheep are penned when not being worked undertake exercises with sheep in pens to avoid excessive movement ensure water is provided particularly on warm days	Unlikely	Major	Medium	No
7	Buildings	Persons attending training days, trials or events sustain injury from slip / trip / burn / electrocution when accessing buildings or using appliances (canteen, hall, amenities)	Possible	Minor	Medium	Committee, handlers.	Prior to each event , training day or trial, committee and supporters to inspect buildings for obstacles, wet floors, uneven surfaces etc and isolate / block or post signage as required ensure power outlets are not overloaded and appliance cords in good condition (no frayed cords) ensure heating items (urn, toasters etc) are placed on stable surface and away from other items	Unlikely	Minor	Low	No
8	Equipment	Set up / moving / lifting of equipment results in injury to club members from heavy objects (manual handling), crush / pinch / cut injuries	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Committee, volunteers, club members	1. Large equipment to be lifted by 2 people and assembled by an experienced person. 2. The assembled equipment to be inspected before using it. 3. The equipment to be maintained to a safe standard	Unlikely	Minor	Low	No
9	Grounds	Use of grounds leads to encounters with wildlife - snakes, spiders, kangaroos resulting in injury to dog, sheep or person	Likely	Moderate	High	Committee	Inspect grounds (particularly training areas) for snakes or kangaroos before releasing sheep or dogs into area Ensure first aid kit stocked for snake bite treatment wear gloves when lifting debris to prevent spider bite	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium	No
10	Grounds	Movement of traffic / increased traffic due to event / trial attendance leads to collision between vehicles or with person /animal resulting in damage or injury	Possible	Moderate	Medium	All attendees, committee, instructors / volunteers	Ensure dogs are restrained when moving through traffic areas. Follow traffic signs within grounds display additional signage during events if required Ensure gates to working areas are shut and sheep penned when not being worked	Unlikely	Minor	Low	No
11	Grounds	Use of grounds by other community groups / members of public leads to disruption to event / training day resulting in clash of activities or incident between competing groups (e.g. archery, pony club)	Possible	Minor	Medium	Committee, showground trust	Grounds bookings to be confirmed through Trust Communicate with other groups if on site at same time to ensure all activities carried out safely (segregate areas where possible)	Unlikely	Minor	Low	No

