

# PAXMAN'S ANGLING CLUB



## OVERVIEW

Paxman's Angling Club has created this risk assessment and will distribute by means of a Facebook post to the group page, and permanent posting to the club website, to ensure as the health and safety of its members as far as is reasonably practicable.

This Risk Assessment was prepared by **Jack Davison (Chairman & Fisheries Officer)** and **Steve Cook (Treasurer & Assistant Fisheries Officer)**. The committee have reviewed this risk assessment and approved its suitability for distribution to club members as of **14/11/2022**. This risk assessment shall be reviewed annually, or if there are changes to the activity assessed.

## RISK ASSESSMENT

Activity	Who is at Risk?	What is the Hazard?	Control Measures?	Follow Up Required?
Use of Hand Tools	Member(s)	Impact injury to Eye and/or Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ensure operative is competent in the use of the specific hand tool.</li><li>- Select the correct hand tool for the task.</li><li>- Use any handheld tool correctly and always inspect before use.</li><li>- Do not operate equipment out of its design parameters.</li><li>- Ensure enough room in all directions to swing tool (ie: hammer) and that no one is in the vicinity of the swung arc – mark off an area behind you.</li><li>- Keep body away from tool / equipment interaction area especially as tool breaks through material.</li><li>- For most hand tool works EN166 1F safety glasses are recommended as a minimum.</li></ul>	N/A
Use of Hand Tools	Member(s)	Slip Trip and Falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ensure that all hand tools are placed in a safe area when not been used.</li><li>- If using hand tools at height, they must be secured to the operator or equipment being used to prevent them falling.</li></ul>	N/A

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Use of Hand Tools	Member(s)	Cuts and Abrasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cover all exposed sharp hand tool bits or blades immediately on completion of use and ensure any exposed sharp edges on material from the use of hand tool are smoothed or covered.</li> <li>- Do not undertake any other task while still holding hand tool.</li> <li>- Any cuts with hand tool to be made away from the body.</li> </ul>	N/A
Use of Hand Tools	Member(s)	Damage to property services. Gas, water and Electrical.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not applicable at time of assessment, a specific risk assessment should be carried out for any future works that pose these hazards.</li> </ul>	N/A

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General Manual Handling	Member(s)	<p>Abrasions Cuts Strains / Sprains Crushes Muscular Skeletal Fracture/Break Concussion Contusion Damage to Load Damage to Property Injury to 3rd Party</p>	<p><u>Where possible:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eliminate the need for manually handling completely.</li> <li>- Use suitable and sufficient mechanical aids to transport load.</li> <li>- Reduce distance of travel.</li> <li>- Reduce load weight and size.</li> <li>- Increase number of persons lifting (one person to take charge of the operation).</li> </ul> <p><u>Task:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inspect route of travel, is it excessive, greater than 10m, if so incorporate rest break.</li> <li>- Keep load close into the body – Move any restrictions that keep handler away from the load.</li> <li>- Reduce stress to lower back - Do not twist while holding load.</li> <li>- Do not stoop or bend - To lift load bend at knees.</li> <li>- Reduce the height the load has to be lifted too – heavy items to be stacked near floor.</li> <li>- Keep pushing or pulling of load to a minimum - Keep extremities clear of obstructions reducing entrapment.</li> <li>- Precise positioning may require the operative to be in a more awkward position, use additional person to assist.</li> </ul> <p><u>Load:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where possible heavy loads are to be kept to a minimum or reduced in overall weight. HSE guidance on max loads to be lifted per person states; Man = 25kg Woman = 20kg.</li> <li>- Is the load bulky / unwieldy – Seek assistance.</li> <li>- If handler cannot see route of travel or load larger than 750mm square – Seek assistance.</li> <li>- Is the load difficult to grasp due to no handles, sharp, slippery, rounded – wear gloves to aid grip.</li> <li>- Ensure the load will not shift or move inside its packaging.</li> <li>- If the load is unevenly distributed – Lift with heavier side to body.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Good Manual Handling Techniques Guide:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Think before handling - Plan lift / access load.</li> <li>- Adopt a stable position – feet apart.</li> <li>- Bend at knees – slight bend of back may be required.</li> <li>- Take good hold of load.</li> <li>- Lift using leg muscles.</li> <li>- Keep load close to body.</li> <li>- Avoid twisting and leaning.</li> <li>- Keep head up.</li> <li>- Move smoothly.</li> <li>- Do not lift beyond personal means.</li> <li>- Put load down then adjust position.</li> </ul>	N/A
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Hedge Trimming (Petrol/Battery Operated)	Member(s)	Impact from ejected debris and foreign objects. Cuts and abrasions. Amputation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restrict access to area by the use of barrier tape (or similar) and signage.</li> <li>- Do not encroach on operator space when using work equipment in case inadvertent movement injures another person.</li> <li>- Prior to task inspect hedge area that will be cut for loose or foreign objects and remove.</li> <li>- Stop work when any other operatives approach area of operation.</li> <li>- Do not cut hedge material (branches) that has a larger diameter than the work equipment is designed for.</li> <li>- Ensure all work equipment guards and interlocks are fitted and serviceable.</li> <li>- Kick back – do not cut branches of hedge where blades will get trapped or where they will hit any obstruction.</li> <li>- Cut hedge in a chronicle order top to bottom.</li> <li>- Operator to be behind the blade of the work equipment at all times and be stood in a balanced position to prevent lacerations from blade.</li> <li>- PPE suitable should be used; Safety Glasses, Gloves, Face Shield etc. Each operator should satisfy themselves the PPE being used is suitable for the given scenario.</li> <li>- Only those 'competent' to operate such work equipment may do so. In all cases these persons shall be: &gt;21years of age, able to evidence experience using such equipment previously, and following any manufacturers supplied operating instructions for the work equipment.</li> <li>- Never by-pass or override an interlock or guard.</li> <li>- Never use equipment one-handed.</li> </ul> <p><i>See also 'Refuelling' section.</i></p>	
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## RISK ASSESSMENT – FISHERIES MAINTENANCE

Grass-Cutting (Strimmer/Mower)	Member(s)	Entanglement Entrapment Impalement Impact Cuts/Abrasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carry out any pre-use inspection with the strimmer/mower whilst isolated.</li> <li>- Operator is not to undertake any unauthorised repairs.</li> <li>- Strimmer/mower must be suitable for the task and used within the design parameters of the equipment.</li> <li>- Ensure the partial guarding of the strimmer cord is acceptable and secure.</li> <li>- Isolate when changing any parts or setting of the mower.</li> <li>- Ensure no loose clothing can get entangled in the strimmer when being used.</li> <li>- Isolate the strimmer/mower when not in use to eliminate accidental starting remove the keys from ignition if applicable.</li> <li>- Restrict access to area by the use of barrier tape (or similar) and signage if practicable.</li> <li>- When approached or passing close to pedestrians the operator is to stop the cord rotation so as to reduce the chance of items being ejected into the pedestrian or being struck by the cord.</li> <li>- When strimming avoid large items of debris on the grass.</li> <li>- Ensure any parts fitted are correctly adapted and suitable for the make / model of strimmer. Ensure when approaching and dismounting mower the ground area is flat.</li> <li>- On sloped ground only work on a slope with an incline less than 10 degrees.</li> </ul>	N/A
		Muscular Skeletal Injury. (Strimmer Use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operator to use the correct harness and attach the strimmer to it.</li> </ul>	N/A
		Hand Arm Vibration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use mower to cut grass where possible.</li> <li>- Should pins and needles be experienced stop work immediately report condition to committee.</li> </ul> <p><i>See also 'Refuelling' section.</i></p>	N/A

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Use of Excavators and Dumpers	Member(s)	Entanglement Entrapment Impalement Impact Cuts/Abrasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carry out any pre-use inspection with the machine isolated.</li> <li>- Operator is not to undertake any unauthorised repairs.</li> <li>- Ensure no loose clothing can get entangled in the machine when being used.</li> <li>- Restrict access to area using barrier tape (or similar) and signage if practicable. Ideally close the water completely to all those not associated with the works.</li> <li>- Only those 'competent' to operate such work equipment may do so. In all cases these persons shall be: &gt;25years of age, able to evidence experience using such equipment previously, and following any manufacturers supplied operating instructions for the work equipment.</li> <li>- Seatbelts should be worn (where fitted) at all times.</li> <li>- A watchman MUST be present if working near the waters edge in either machine.</li> </ul>	N/A
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Chainsaw (Petrol/Battery Operated)	Member(s)	Impact from ejected debris and foreign objects. Cuts and abrasions. Amputation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restrict access to area by the use of barrier tape (or similar) and signage.</li> <li>- Do not encroach on operator space when using work equipment in case inadvertent movement injures another person.</li> <li>- Prior to task inspect material/tree that will be cut for loose or foreign objects and remove.</li> <li>- Stop work when any other operatives approach area of operation.</li> <li>- Only use to cut wood and tree's.</li> <li>- Ensure all work equipment guards and interlocks are fitted and serviceable.</li> <li>- Kick back – do not cut branches where blades will get trapped or where they will hit any obstruction.</li> <li>- For tree's cut in sections where possible.</li> <li>- Operator to be behind the blade of the work equipment at all times and be stood in a balanced position to prevent lacerations from blade.</li> <li>- Chainsaw specific PPE should be used. Each operator should satisfy themselves the PPE being used is suitable for the given scenario.</li> <li>- Only those 'competent' to operate such work equipment may do so. In all cases these persons shall be: &gt;25years of age, able to evidence experience using such equipment previously, and following any manufacturers supplied operating instructions for the work equipment.</li> <li>- Never by-pass or override an interlock or guard.</li> <li>- Never use equipment one-handed.</li> </ul> <p><i>See also 'Refuelling' section.</i></p>	Acquire Chainsaw PPE J. Davison
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Refuelling (Work Equipment)	Member(s)	Burn(s)	<p>Only take to site quantity of fuel needed for the task.</p> <p>Use a non-spill container to transport the fuel.</p> <p>Refuel, if possible, on hard concrete surface.</p> <p>Use a funnel when pouring.</p> <p>Decant from container slowly.</p> <p>Do not overfill fuel tank on the trimmer.</p> <p>Ensure a fire extinguisher is to hand when refuelling.</p>	<p>Acquire fire extinguisher(s) for refuelling.</p> <p>J.Davison</p>
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*In all cases, members use the waters associated with Paxman's Angling Club at their own risk. This control measures detailed in this risk assessment are intended to be the guidance on the minimum control measures to be applied by club members. Members should satisfy themselves with the hazards present and should notify the club committee should they encounter anything not identified in this risk assessment.*