



Venue Benefit Risk Assessment – The Fox Guild

Activities:

- Little Foxes Nature Play Group
- School Holiday Family Bush Club

Locations:

- You Yangs Regional Park, Lower Picnic Ground
- Frank Mann Reserve, Ceres
- Victoria Park, Inverleigh

Types of activity:

Include but not limited to: Walking, running, exploring, walking in bare feet, playing with sticks, making and playing with mud, playing in the dirt, climbing on rocks, making pretend food, painting with mud, making potions out of found objects, loose parts play, exploration of local environment, bark rubbings, small tree climbing, teepee construction and other imaginative nature play activities.

Benefits of these activities:

Activity	Developmental Benefits include
General participation	Gross motor, fine motor, social, language and communication, sensory development Pre kinder and school skills
Playing imaginative games using the resources nature provides	Open ended learning allows children to explore at their own pace and with their own challenges
Role Play	Using shared imagination, drama, working with others, sharing ideas, recollection of models of behaviour
Building shelters or other large structures from branches, with the help of peers and adults.	This requires setting goals, planning, engineering, teamwork and perseverance.
Counting found objects, categorising found objects, finding patterns in nature	Explores mathematical concepts and visual discrimination
Observing changes in nature	Predicting patterns and outcomes
Arranging items to make an ephemeral picture or installation	Using natural materials creatively; creating with an emphasis on the “doing” rather than the outcome
Walking on logs and rocks, exploring the bush, rolling down slopes	Gross motor co-ordination; body awareness in space and movement; understanding risk and considering actions