

Ballaarat Astronomical Society Inc (BAS)
Ballarat Municipal Observatory and Museum
Risk Evaluation

BAS is committed to providing its employees, contractors and visitors with a safe and healthy environment in which to operate.

There are no risks associated with a visit to the observatory.

Visitors are advised that a small forested area to the North has ground cover which is uneven and has debris from trees such as small branches, pine cones etc.

The radio telescope has antenna poles which are not to be touched or swung on.

Pipehenge is a scientific instrument similar to a celestial sphere, located near the flagpole. Pipehenge looks like a climbing frame. Children can climb on it but it is up to teachers to supervise them / advise students if they can climb.

Site Information:

1. There is full phone coverage for the duration of the activity.
2. The nearest medical facility is Ballarat Health Services Corner of Drummond and Sturt Street.
3. No trained first aid officer will be available on the day. A First Aid Box is available in Brittain House near the entrance to the disability toilet. A defibrillator is also available.
4. It is recommended that warm clothing be worn for outside activities.
5. Formal emergency management process:

Evacuation plan and procedures are available on the wall in each building in case of a Fire or other emergencies.
6. There have been no OHS incidents/injuries in the past 60 years.
7. Buildings are equipped with fire extinguishers.
8. Full Public Liability Insurance cover.
9. For outside activities at Pipehenge or during solar observing with the telescopes, UV protection in the form of hats is mandatory. Pipehenge activity.
10. The radio telescope and several other buildings have steps. Radio Telescope activity
11. Care with equipment such as lens kits, materials such as scissors and split pins should always be a priority.

Telescopes must not be touched casually by visitors, only where directed by Observatory staff.

Name:

Signature:

Title:

Date: