

## SECTION 7 SCOUTSAFE

### 7.15 RESUMPTION OF FACE-TO-FACE SCOUTING WITH EASING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

7.15.1.	<p><b>OVERVIEW</b></p> <p>Scouts Queensland has a duty of care for the health and well-being of our Youth Members, Adult Members and to the community whilst operating face-to-face whilst the risk of COVID-19 transmission within the community remains.</p>
7.15.2.	<p><b>REFERENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Queensland Government Chief Medical Officer Public Health Directions</li> </ul>
7.15.3.	<p><b>COVID-19</b></p> <p>SARS-CoV-2 is a new strain of virus in the coronavirus family that had not been previously identified. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was discovered in 2019 when a higher than normal number of people in Wuhan, China, started to get pneumonia after having had an illness like the flu. When doctors tested them, they found these people had a type of coronavirus that had not been seen before. There were already lots of types of coronavirus in the world, but this one was new.</p> <p>COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus. Symptoms include fever, coughing, sore throat and shortness of breath. The virus can spread from person to person, but good hygiene can prevent infection.</p>
7.15.4.	<p><b>NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PREVENTION</b></p> <p>You may acquire novel coronavirus (COVID-19) if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Someone with the virus sneezes or coughs onto you; or,</li> <li>- Someone with the virus coughed or sneezed onto a surface (like a door handle) that you touch, and you get the infected droplets on your hands and then transfer them to your mouth, nose or eyes when you touch your face.</li> </ul> <p>There are five ways we can help stop the spread of viruses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clean your hands regularly with soap or alcohol-based hand rubs. Cleaning your hands often and properly means that you can prevent viruses from entering your body. That means washing your hands when you have been out and about and before you eat and after you go to the toilet;</li> <li>- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissues or bent elbow when coughing or sneezing;</li> <li>- Avoid touching your face, nose or mouth and avoid shaking hands;</li> <li>- Stay home if you are unwell; and,</li> <li>- Social distancing - try to stay 1.5m away from anyone and if social distancing cannot be maintained and a member is required to be in a less than 1.5 metre distance for a period of more than 15 mins then medical face masks should be worn by all members within the space.</li> </ul>
7.15.5.	<p><b>ROADMAP FOR THE RESUMPTION OF FACE TO FACE SCOUTING</b></p> <p>The Queensland Government has published a roadmap for the easing of COVID-19 social restrictions and the Scouts Queensland roadmap is consistent with that.</p> <p>It should be noted that at any time, implementation of Stage 2 and 3 could be delayed and social restrictions could be reapplied either locally or more broadly if there is a flair up of COVID-19 cases. We need to be prepared for that.</p> <p>Strict adherence is required to the type of activity, location of a gathering, distance being travelled, the maximum number of people at the gathering or Scouting event, and social distancing, as the Public Health Directives carry the same weight as the law and Scouting's</p>

	<p>implied licence to operate could easily be revoked if we are seen to be not abiding by the rules.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px; width: 30%;"> <p><b>Stage 1</b> 15 May – 1 June 2020</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px; width: 30%;"> <p><b>Stage 2</b> 1 June – 2 July 2020</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px; width: 30%;"> <p><b>Stage 3</b> 3 July 2020 -&gt;</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="border: 2px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; width: 30%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Scouting@Home</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Supplemented by outdoor activities* max 150km, <b>no more than 10 people</b>, social distancing, cough etiquette.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outdoors activities - all non-OAS and nominated OAS incl bushwalking, sailing, cycling, mountain biking, kayaking, canoeing, sea kayaking, SUP NO camping, NO Scout Den for activities *Restrictions apply</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; width: 30%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Face to face Scouting with Scouting@Home to limit face to face numbers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All indoor activities* All outdoor activities* Unlimited travel within Queensland, <b>No more than 20 people</b>, social distancing, cough etiquette.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Camping* Use of the Scout Den* *Restrictions apply</p> </div> <div style="border: 2px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; width: 30%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Face to face Scouting supplemented by Scouting@Home</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All indoor activities* All outdoor activities* Unlimited travel within Queensland and some interstate travel <b>50 - 100 people depending on area</b>, social distancing, cough etiquette.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Camping* Use of the Scout Den* *Restrictions apply</p> </div> </div>
7.15.5.1.	<b>STAGE 1 – RESTRICTIONS AND ANY SCOUTING INTERPRETATION</b>
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7.15.5.2.	<b>STAGE 2 – RESTRICTIONS AND ANY SCOUTING INTERPRETATION</b>
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7.15.5.3.	<b>STAGE 3 – RESTRICTIONS AND ANY SCOUTING INTERPRETATION</b>
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7.15.6.	<b>COMMON REQUIREMENTS</b>
7.15.6.1.	<b>GATHERING SIZE</b>
	<p>There is a government defined maximum number of participants at a gathering for each stage of the roadmap. That number in Scouting terms includes Youth Members, Leaders, Youth Program Supporters, Adult Helpers, Youth Helpers and parents who may be participating in a Scouting activity. That number is shown with the diagrams earlier in this document.</p> <p>The maximum number of participants in Stages 1 and 2 will often be less than the number of Youth Members in the Section or Unit. Thought needs to be given about how to comply with the restrictions and an example could include running essentially the same program for two halves of the one Unit, separated in time by 30 minutes and/or separated by location or using a combination of Scouting@Home and face-to-face delivery of the Youth Program each week.</p>
7.15.6.2.	<b>VULNERABLE PERSONS</b>
	<p>Members who are vulnerable (i.e. chronic medical conditions, immuno-compromised, age &gt;70, age &gt;50 if Indigenous) should consider their individual risks regarding planned Scouting activities and seek advice as needed from their individual health care practitioner.</p>
7.15.6.3.	<b>TRANSPORT</b>
	<p>Parents traditionally car-pool to Scouting activities away from the Scout den. The choice to car-pool should be by agreement between parents and in line with QBSI 10 part D4. Adult Members should advise parents to not transport any member with respiratory symptoms.</p>
7.15.6.4.	<b>ILLNESS OF A MEMBER OF THE SCOUTING COMMUNITY</b>
	<p>Any Member who displays any symptoms that could be COVID-19 related, especially respiratory issues, shall not attend a Scout activity and the following steps should be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present to a medical facility for COVID-19 testing;</li> <li>- Inform the Formation Leader that a COVID-19 test has been taken;</li> <li>- Self-isolate until test results are known;</li> <li>- Inform the Formation Leader the results of the COVID-19 test; and,</li> <li>- Follow medical advice until cleared of the virus.</li> </ul> <p>If positive COVID-19 test results, the Formation Leader shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inform all parents/caregivers and Adult Members of the positive test;</li> <li>- Suspend face-to-face of Scouting and advise the District Commissioner;</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact the Scouts Queensland Emergency Line on 07 3870 7000 (Select Option 9) and provide an initial incident report, details of all members who may have been in contact, and the details of the individual diagnosed;</li> <li>- Cooperate with Queensland Health regards contact tracing;</li> <li>- Full clean of any Scout buildings by a contractor that the affected person may have been in over the past 14 days - refer Manager Facilities and Risk on 0417 835 622;</li> <li>- Post incident review and the F18; and,</li> <li>- Reinstate face-to-face Scouting following Health Department and/or Scouts Queensland clearance.</li> </ul>
7.15.6.5.	<b>DEVELOPING SYMPTOMS AT A SCOUTING ACTIVITY</b>
	<p>For any Member who develops symptoms during a Scouting activity that could be COVID-19 related, especially respiratory issues, the following steps should be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Isolate the effected person at that Scout activity and provide the affected person with a disposable medical mask. Persons assisting the affected person should wear gloves and a medical mask whilst providing assistance;</li> <li>- Inform parent/caregiver and request them to provide transport. Inform listed contact where the affected person is an adult;</li> <li>- Transport by parent/caregiver or in the case of an adult, self-drive to a medical facility for testing;</li> <li>- Clean the area and surrounding area where the affected person has been;</li> <li>- Identify other persons who have been close to the affected person and inform parents/caregivers;</li> <li>- Contact the Scouts Queensland Emergency Line on 07 3870 7000 (Select Option 9) and provide an initial incident report, details of all members who may have been in contact, and the details of the individual diagnosed;</li> <li>- Full clean of site by a contractor - refer Manager Facilities and Risk on 0417 835 622;</li> <li>- Post incident review and completion of a F18.</li> </ul> <p>While waiting to go home, Members should be managed with kindness and an awareness that some Members may have a heightened personal concern for their wellbeing during pandemic. The knowledge and understanding of Youth Members regarding risks should not be underestimated.</p>
7.15.7.	<b>STAGE ONE</b>
7.15.7.1.	<b>OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES - STAGE 1 OF THIS PLAN</b>
	<p>Outdoor activities that have been listed within Stage 1 are those where it is easy to maintain the required social distancing of 1.5 metres during the activity and where there is minimal sharing of equipment required to conduct the activity.</p> <p>Paddles and painters on boats should be washed after use.</p> <p>Life jackets shall be cleaned and sanitised according to manufacturer's recommendations between being used by different users.</p> <p>Personal protective equipment such as gloves, knee guards, and helmets used for mountain bike riding shall not be shared amongst participants.</p> <p>Participants shall not share their food or water bottles with any other participant.</p>
7.15.8.	<b>STAGE TWO</b>
7.15.8.1.	<b>STAGE 2 - INITIAL REOPENING OF DENS OR OTHER SCOUTING BUILDINGS</b>
	<p>This Roadmap permits the use of Scout dens for face-to-face delivery of the Youth Program in Stage 2, in alignment with the Queensland Government roadmap.</p> <p>A checklist has been prepared for the initial reopening of Scout Dens and other Scouting buildings. It requires installation of posters and sanitising stations amongst other things. This checklist shall be completed by the Group Leader for discussion with and signature by</p>

	<p>the District Commissioner in the case of Scout Dens and the relevant Region Commissioner, District Commissioner or Group Leader or their nominee for Region, District or Group campsites.</p> <p>The District Commissioner has the right to not authorise commencement of face-to-face Scouting on the basis of an incomplete or poorly completed checklist of activities.</p> <p>Completed checklists are to be sent to <a href="mailto:facilities@scoutsqld.com.au">facilities@scoutsqld.com.au</a>.</p>
7.15.8.2.	<b>STAGE 2 - EACH USE OF A SCOUT DEN OR OTHER SCOUT BUILDING DURING THE LIFE OF THIS PLAN</b>
	<p>From Stage 2 onwards, for the duration of the COVID-19 risk, Section Leaders shall provide a list of Youth Members and Adult Members present at each face-to-face meeting, to the Group Leader who shall retain that record for a period of 56 days.</p> <p>This record will assist in tracing contacts if a member of the Scout community tests positive for COVID-19.</p>
7.15.8.3.	<b>STAGE 2 - ADULT MEMBER MEETINGS</b>
	<p>The maximum gathering size limits within Stages 1 and 2 do not lend themselves to formation Annual Report Presentations and so alternatives such as Zoom or MS Teams should be used. As a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group and Sectional reports be circulated electronically to parents. Those reports could be videos of youth talking about what they have done;</li> <li>- Audited financials with a brief explanatory covering paper circulated to parents;</li> <li>- Parents asked to vote on a recommendation re auditor for 2021/2022 and acceptance of the audited financials. This could be done using SurveyMonkey or JotForm or using the tools embedded in MS Teams and Zoom; and,</li> <li>- GL announcement about Group Support Executive members going forward.</li> </ul> <p>There is a risk in holding Adult Member face-to-face gatherings (meetings or conferences or training) that involve people travelling from separate communities where a person who is carrying the COVID-19 virus but not displaying any symptoms, could, despite social distancing, infect other attendees who carry the virus back to their communities. We need to delay such gatherings until the risk of any potential attendees carrying the virus is remote.</p> <p>There is a lower risk in gatherings of Adult Members who live and work within the same community (including Groups Councils, Group Support Committees) and use of Zoom or MS Teams should continue as a prudent approach until the risk of COVID-19 is remote.</p>
7.15.8.4.	<b>STAGE 2 - OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES</b>
	<p>This stage includes all those activities from Stage 1 plus all those activities that require harnesses and climbing ropes. Harnesses and climbing ropes are to be cleaned on a daily basis according to the manufacturers' recommendations.</p>
7.15.8.5.	<b>STAGE 2 - CAMPING</b>
	<p>Camping can resume in Stage 2 of the roadmap.</p> <p>It is envisaged that resumption of camping will start with overnight light-weight camping consistent with the requirement that there be no more than one person per tent – except where a 1.5 metre separation can be maintained or if there are multiple members of the same family and strict food preparation hygiene and no sharing of food or utensils.</p> <p>Multiple camping groups may be at a campsite provided that each group is less than 20 people and there is minimal interaction between different camping groups.</p>

	<p>Within bunk huts, sleeping arrangements must be such that the 1.5m separation is met and these sleeping arrangements will be site specific based on aisle width, room size etc. Use the risk assessment F31 to work through the issue.</p>
7.15.8.6.	<p><b>STAGE 2 - FOOD PREPARATION</b></p> <p>Cooking areas should have a high level of hygiene, regular surface cleaning with soap-based cleaner and hot water before, during, and after use.</p> <p>Assigned cooks in shared cooking arrangements should be identified as low risk (i.e. no respiratory symptoms, committed to surface cleaning pre, during and post cooking, able to social distance in kitchen area).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cooks to wear food safe gloves when preparing and serving food</li> <li>- Only cooks to distribute food to members of the Unit/Patrol - no smorgasbords or sharing of serving utensils</li> <li>- Tea towels are not to be shared</li> </ul> <p>Those assigned to cooking duties must wash hands and use hand sanitiser before commencing and at completion of duties. Regular handwashing is to be carried out throughout the preparation of the meal.</p>
7.15.8.7.	<p><b>STAGE 2 - DEN HIRE - WITH EASING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS</b></p> <p>The Scouting Roadmap does not permit the use of Scout dens until Stage 2. This may also change at any time given advice from Chief Health Officer Public Health Directions.</p> <p><b>Group Leaders and committees must carefully consider the risk and additional cleaning requirements which may be imposed by allowing external hire of their facilities.</b></p> <p>However, from Stage 2, and after authorisation has been granted to commencement of face-to-face Scouting within a Scout den, that Scout den and associated buildings are then available for hire. In addition to normal hire arrangements, external hires must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide written advice on how they will be managing the risk around COVID-19;</li> <li>b. Be responsible for cleaning and sanitising the area of their use before, during and on completion of their activity;</li> <li>c. Keep accurate record of who attends their event and be prepared to provide them on request to assist Health Department contact tracing; and,</li> <li>d. Provide immediate notice to Scouts Queensland should anyone attending our site as part of the hirer's activities develop systems or test positive for COVID-19.</li> </ol> <p><b>External hires must be held to the same standard at Scout Groups and meet all the requirements of QBSI 7.15.</b></p> <p><b>General Den Hire Principles</b></p> <p>It is also timely to reinforce general principles around den hire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- External hire arrangements must be in harmony with QBSI 5.5 (<a href="https://scoutsgld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/QBSI-5.5-Use-of-Scout-premises-by-other-organisations.pdf">https://scoutsgld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/QBSI-5.5-Use-of-Scout-premises-by-other-organisations.pdf</a>);</li> <li>- Must be allowed under the terms of the head lease; and,</li> <li>- Groups must use the Form F19 Property Hire Agreement for all hires and send a copy to <a href="mailto:facilities@scoutsgld.com.au">facilities@scoutsgld.com.au</a> (<a href="https://scoutsgld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/F19-Hire-Agreement-with-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf">https://scoutsgld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/F19-Hire-Agreement-with-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf</a>).</li> </ul>
7.15.9.	<p><b>STAGE THREE</b></p>
7.15.9.1.	<p><b>STAGE 3 - INITIAL REOPENING OF DENS OR OTHER SCOUTING BUILDINGS</b></p>

	<p>A checklist has been prepared for the initial reopening of Scout Dens and other Scouting buildings. It requires installation of posters and sanitising stations amongst other things. This checklist shall be completed by the Group Leader for discussion with and signature by the District Commissioner in the case of Scout Dens and the relevant Region Commissioner, District Commissioner or Group Leader or their nominee for Region, District or Group campsites.</p> <p>Our checklist supports the central completion by Scouts Queensland of the <a href="#">COVID Safe Checklist: Voluntary</a></p> <p>The District Commissioner has the right to not authorise commencement of face-to-face Scouting on the basis of an incomplete or poorly completed checklist of activities.</p> <p>Completed checklists are to be sent to <a href="mailto:facilities@scoutsgld.com.au">facilities@scoutsgld.com.au</a>.</p>
7.15.9.2.	<b>STAGE 3 - INDOOR ACTIVITIES</b>
	<p>For spaces that are greater than 200 sq metres, indoor activities are limited to one person per 4 sq metres with no limit on the number of people.</p> <p>For buildings of less than 200 sq metres in size, indoor activities are limited to 2 sq metres per person to a maximum of 50 people.</p> <p>Physical distancing should be observed to the extent possible. This means avoiding participant huddles, handshaking and high fives.</p>
7.15.9.3.	<b>STAGE 3 - EACH USE OF A SCOUT DEN OR OTHER SCOUT BUILDING DURING THE LIFE OF THIS PLAN</b>
	<p>From Stage 2 onwards, for the duration of the COVID-19 risk, Section Leaders shall provide a list of Youth Members and Adult Members present at each face-to-face meeting, to the Group Leader who shall retain that record for a period of 56 days.</p> <p>This record will assist in tracing contacts if a member of the Scout community tests positive for COVID-19.</p>
7.15.9.4.	<b>STAGE 3 - ADULT MEMBER MEETINGS</b>
	<p>There is a risk in holding Adult Member face-to-face gatherings (meetings or conferences or training) that involve people travelling from separate communities where a person who is carrying the COVID-19 virus but not displaying any symptoms, could, despite social distancing, infect other attendees who carry the virus back to their communities. We need to delay such gatherings until the risk of any potential attendees carrying the virus is remote.</p> <p>There is a lower risk in gatherings of Adult Members who live and work within the same community (including Groups Councils, Group Support Committees) and use of Zoom or MS Teams should continue as a prudent approach until the risk of COVID-19 is remote. Consider the use of MS Teams or Zoom either for all participants or for some participants.</p>
7.15.9.5.	<b>STAGE 3 - OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES</b>
	<p>This stage includes all outdoor activities. with organisers required to adhere to the Queensland Health Approved <a href="#">COVID SAFE PLAN for Outdoor Recreation Activity Providers</a>.</p> <p>Page 1 of this plan provides a list of applicable activities. The plan does not cover Camping which is addressed separately in this QBSI.</p> <p>Physical distancing should be observed to the extent possible. This means avoiding participant huddles, handshaking and high fives. Outdoor activities are limited to 500 people.</p>
7.15.9.6.	<b>STAGE 3 - CAMPING</b>

	<p>In addition to light weight camping, heavy-weight patrol and troop camping is permissible but limited to a maximum of 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup> of tent floor space and with strict food preparation hygiene which the Leader must be very confident will be adhered to.</p> <p>Multiple camping groups may be at a campsite provided that there is minimal interaction between different camping groups, total campers on the site is less than 500 people and the 4 sq metres per person rule is met.</p> <p>Within bunk huts, sleeping arrangements must be such that the 1.5m separation and the 2 sq metres per person within the bunk hut is met. These sleeping arrangements will be site specific based on aisle width, room size etc. Use the risk assessment F31 to work through the issue.</p> <p>Physical distancing should be observed to the extent possible. This means avoiding participant huddles, handshaking and high fives.</p>
7.15.9.7.	<b>STAGE 3 - FOOD PREPARATION</b>
	<p>Cooking areas should have a high level of hygiene, regular surface cleaning with soap-based cleaner and hot water before, during, and after use.</p> <p>Assigned cooks in shared cooking arrangements should be identified as low risk (i.e. no respiratory symptoms, committed to surface cleaning pre, during and post cooking, able to social distance in kitchen area).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cooks to wear food safe gloves when preparing and serving food</li> <li>- Only cooks to distribute food to members of the Unit/Patrol - no smorgasbords or sharing of serving utensils</li> <li>- Tea towels are not to be shared</li> </ul> <p>Those assigned to cooking duties must wash hands and use hand sanitiser before commencing and at completion of duties. Regular handwashing is to be carried out throughout the preparation of the meal.</p>
7.15.9.8.	<b>STAGE 3 - EVENTS (SUCH AS PERFORMING ARTS)</b>
	<p>A Framework for COVID Safe Events will be a new addition to the COVID Safe Framework from 3 July. This will be available from covid19.qld.gov.au from 3 July.</p>
7.15.9.9.	<b>STAGE 3 - DEN HIRE - WITH EASING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS</b>
	<p>The Scouting Roadmap does not permit the use of Scout dens until Stage 2. This may also change at any time given advice from Chief Health Officer Public Health Directions.</p> <p><b>Group Leaders and committees must carefully consider the risk and additional cleaning requirements which may be imposed by allowing external hire of their facilities.</b></p> <p>However, from Stage 2, and after authorisation has been granted to commencement of face-to-face Scouting within a Scout den, that Scout den and associated buildings are then available for hire. In addition to normal hire arrangements, external hires must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Where required under <a href="#">Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction (No. 3)</a> external hirers must provide the Group with evidence they are operating under a COVID SAFE Framework;</li> <li>f. Be responsible for cleaning and sanitising the area of their use before, during and on completion of their activity;</li> <li>g. Keep accurate record of who attends their event and be prepared to provide them on request to assist Health Department contact tracing; and,</li> <li>h. Provide immediate notice to Scouts Queensland should anyone attending our site as part of the hirer's activities develop systems or test positive for COVID-19.</li> </ul>

**External hires must be held to the same standard at Scout Groups and meet all the requirements of QBSI 7.15.**

**General Den Hire Principles**

It is also timely to reinforce general principles around den hire:

- External hire arrangements must be in harmony with QBSI 5.5 (<https://scoutsgld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/QBSI-5.5-Use-of-Scout-premises-by-other-organisations.pdf>);
- Must be allowed under the terms of the head lease; and,
- Groups must use the Form F19 Property Hire Agreement for all hires and send a copy to [facilities@scoutsgld.com.au](mailto:facilities@scoutsgld.com.au) (<https://scoutsgld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/F19-Hire-Agreement-with-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf>).