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GUIDELINES for EDUCATIONAL TOURIST VISITS to MACQUARIE ISLAND NATURE RESERVE and WORLD HERITAGE AREA

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2023/2024

Macquarie Island ('the Island') is part of the Australian State of Tasmania. The Island and surrounding waters are protected by several overlapping, but complimentary, reserved area designations. The Macquarie Island Nature Reserve ('the Reserve') covers the Island, the adjacent islets of 'Bishop and Clerk' and 'Judge and Clerk', and includes the ocean surrounding the Island and islets to a distance of three nautical miles. The Island is also listed on the Register of the National Estate. The Macquarie Island World Heritage Area (WHA) encompasses the Reserve, as well as the surrounding waters to a distance of 12 nautical miles. Information about the Reserve can be found at: <http://parks.tas.gov.au/explore-our-parks/macquarie-island-world-heritage-area>. A Commonwealth Marine Reserve covers most of the waters on the eastern side of the Reserve to the 200-nautical-mile Exclusive Economic Zone limit (information about allowable activities in the Macquarie Island Commonwealth Marine Reserve can be obtained at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/marinereserves/south-east/macquarie-island/index.html>). The Reserve is subject to both Tasmanian and Australian Government legislation aimed at protecting its special values. The Australian Antarctic Division ('AAD') operates a scientific station at the northern end of the Island.

Day-to-day management of the Reserve is the responsibility of the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS), a division of the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment (NRET), under the provisions of the *Macquarie Island Nature Reserve and World Heritage Area Management Plan 2006*. The management plan considers that limited educational tourism can provide benefits to promoting support for conservation of the reserve and its values and allows for the establishment of an educational tourist visits quota. The aim of educational tourism is to safely provide a significant educational experience with minimal impact on the reserve values and its wildlife and flora. Controlled commercial educational tourism is allowed to three sites in the reserve (see maps in attachments 1, 2, and 3) that promote the appreciation, understanding and awareness of the values of the reserve, whilst minimising human impacts on the Island.

Macquarie Island Nature Reserve is a restricted area under Regulation 18 of the *National Parks and Reserves Management Regulations 2019* and all visitors must have an Access Authority, or be accompanied by an authorised person, in order to enter or remain in the Reserve. All commercial Educational Tourist Operators must also obtain a Business Licence under the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002* from the Director of National Parks and Wildlife ('the Director') before any visits can be authorised.

Preamble

These guidelines form the basis for the Business Licence conditions and Educational Tourist Visit Access Authority conditions that apply to all visits. The guidelines are reviewed annually.

Under these guidelines:

- 'Crew' means all persons employed or engaged to work on the Ship in any capacity whatsoever;
- 'Ship' means the vessel approved to go to the Reserve, whether commercial or non-commercial;
- 'Shore Visit' means any landing on the Island, whether commercial or non-commercial;
- 'Small Boats' means the type of Ship-to-shore transport and offshore cruising operation vessels used during each Tourist Visit as specified in the application by the Visit Organisers;
- 'Staff' means guiding and support staff employed or engaged by the Visit Organisers to conduct the Shore Visits and who are not part of the Crew;
- 'Tourist Visit' means any non-AAD or PWS visit to the Reserve, whether any Shore Visit takes place or not, whether commercial or non-commercial;
- 'Visitor' means any person, not being Crew or Staff, entering or intending to enter the Reserve, whether making a payment or not;
- 'Visit Organisers' means the person/s that is organising the visit to the Reserve, whether commercial or non-commercial; and
- 'Yacht' means any vessel carrying 12 or fewer Visitors.

Due to continuing uncertainties around COVID-19 risk management protocols on the island, it is possible that visits to the AAD Scientific Station and the full Isthmus Tourism Management Area may not be permitted, and interaction with all island-based personnel may be restricted or prohibited. As a result, Shore Visit logistics and Tourist Visit conditions may be modified or restricted. Visit Organisers must be aware that even approved visits may be restricted or cancelled as part of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic or any other infectious disease management response.

Enquiries about these guidelines should be forwarded to the Macquarie Island Executive Officer, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (Macquarie.Island@parks.tas.gov.au, Ph: +61 3 6165 4051).

Selecting Commercial Operators

In allocating rights for commercial Educational Tourist Visits to the Reserve, the Director takes into account each company's capacity to deliver desirable outcomes against the following weighted criteria. Operators must **demonstrate their capacity** to deliver desirable outcomes against each of the following criteria:

1. Minimisation of environmental impacts both offshore and on land. (An independent environmental impact statement for all new operators will be required). (15%);
2. Adherence to strict safety guidelines, including the degree of self-reliance in such matters. (15%);

3. Tangible benefits to the management and protection of the MINRWHA (for instance, assistance with the transport of personnel and equipment, or with programs). (15%);
4. Benefits to the State of Tasmania (for instances, employing Tasmanians or re-supplying in Tasmania). (15%);
5. Clear communication to the company's clients, crew and staff of appropriate messages about the natural and cultural values of the island, including the role that visitors play in protecting those values. (10%)
6. Forms of tourist operator accreditation and relevant qualifications held by your company and your regular staff members. (10%);
7. Flexibility of operating timetables (for instance if weather or AAD Program shipping changes causes delays). (10%).

A Parks and Wildlife Service evaluation panel will rank applications based on the weighted selection criteria listed above.

Taking into account the protection of the wildlife and environment, and the quality of experience expected by Visitors:

- Ships carrying more than two hundred (200) Visitors will not be allowed to enter the Reserve;
- The following quotas for Educational Tourist Visits to the Reserve apply for the 2023-2024 season, however these may be reduced in response to COVID-19 risk management requirements and/or PWS operational constraints:
 - Up to 18 Ships, with up to 1,500 Visitors in total, can enter the Reserve per financial year for the purpose of undertaking commercial Shore Visits;
 - Out of the 18 commercial Shore Visits, only 12 visits may be made to the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) Scientific Station per financial year;
 - Up to two Ships can enter the Reserve per financial year for the purpose of conducting small boat cruising only visits (no Shore Visits); and
 - Up to two Yachts can enter the Reserve per financial year for the purpose of undertaking Shore Visits.

The Educational Tourist Visits quota is subject to periodic review and may change for future seasons. Establishment of the quota takes into account: the results of island environmental impacts monitoring; changes to visitor quotas for the New Zealand subantarctic islands; and impacts of Educational Tourist Visits on AAD operations and the AAD scientific station.

The following applies to all approved Educational Tourist Visits to the Island, whether commercial or non-commercial:

1. Protection of the Environment

- 1.1. All Visitors, Staff and Crew entering the Reserve are bound by the *Tasmanian National Parks and Reserves Management Regulations 2019* and the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021*. Visitors, Staff and Crew shall comply with any direction given by the PWS Ranger-in-Charge (the Ranger-in-Charge) and/or an authorised person (including any ship-based PWS authorised representative), under the above regulations.

- 1.2. Visit Organisers must ensure that Visitors, Staff and Crew are briefed on the Reserve status of the Island and surrounding waters and any requirements, set by the Director, to protect the environment and wildlife as a condition of authorising the Tourist Visit.
- 1.3. No collection or disturbance of flora, fauna, historical sites, artefacts, geological specimens or objects is permitted.
- 1.4. No fishing is permitted within the Reserve.
- 1.5. Except during an emergency, helicopters may not be used from a Ship within three (3) nautical miles of the Island without written permission of the Director. Any emergency operations must be reported to the Director as soon as possible and included in the company's end of season report.
- 1.6. Ship lighting must be minimised at night in order to reduce the possibility of bird strikes. Records of bird strikes must be maintained and included in the company's end of season report.
- 1.7. Any requests for variations to the conditions of Tourist Visit authorities must be referred, in writing, to the Macquarie Island Executive Officer. Records of any variation must be included in the company's end of season report.

2. Biosecurity

Visit Organisers must ensure that Visitors, Staff and Crew are aware of, and observe all of the following biosecurity procedures designed to prevent exotic species being taken ashore in landing transport, equipment, materials or clothing:

- 2.1. No animals, live plants or soil may be brought into the Reserve, and all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure that any clothing or equipment or materials brought onto the Island are free of rodents, soil, seeds, plant material, invertebrates or pathogens.
- 2.2. No food (other than the required emergency food as per 6.1) is to be brought ashore.
- 2.3. No food items are to be given to wildlife.
- 2.4. Any biosecurity issues must be included in the company's end of season report.

Visitor, Staff and Crew Biosecurity Screening:

- 2.5. Visit Organisers should ensure that Staff are given training and practice in clothing, footwear and equipment biosecurity screening procedures prior to any Staff, Visitor and Crew biosecurity screening taking place. Discussion with the on-board PWS authorised representative about the screening protocols and procedures are to be held prior to conducting the screening.
- 2.6. Prior to arriving at the Reserve, all Visitors, Staff and Crew intending to go ashore must have all of their Shore Visit clothing, footwear and equipment (daypacks, camera bags, tripods, walking poles, etc) undergo biosecurity screening (and cleaning if required) to ensure that it is free of rodents, soil, seeds, plant material, invertebrates or pathogens. Special attention must be given to ensuring that no soil, seeds or invertebrates are lodged in velcro fixtures or in pockets, cuffs or crevices.
- 2.7. Visit Organisers must record attendance at all Visitors, Staff and Crew biosecurity screening sessions and provide such records to PWS upon request.

- 2.8. A fit-for-purpose biosecurity screening area is to be provided on the Ship. This area should: have good lighting; not be carpeted (so that any potentially contaminated materials such as seeds or insect frass/eggs can be identified and retrieved); not be used for other purposes during biosecurity screening sessions.
- 2.9. The following biosecurity inspection equipment must be provided for all screening sessions: tweezers (for picking seeds from fabrics and mesh), fine-toothed metal combs (for removing seeds and dirt from Velcro fixtures), plastic zip-lock bags (for specimen collection), and vacuum cleaners (for sucking dirt and other material from pockets and cuffs).
- 2.10. Footwear and equipment washdown stations (equipped with scrubbing brushes to remove all dirt and a disinfectant bath using a broad-spectrum disinfectant such as: 'F10SC'[™]; 'Virkon'[™]; or 'Trigene'[™] to kill soil pathogens) must be provided and be used by all Visitors, Staff and Crew going ashore prior to, and after, each Shore Visit. The disinfectant bath must be refreshed daily.

Ship and Small Boat Biosecurity:

- 2.11. All Ships intending to visit the Reserve must provide the Director, prior to departing for the Reserve, with a copy of a current 'Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate' and with evidence acceptable to the Director of Ship hull cleanliness demonstrating that the Ship is free of marine invasive species.
- 2.12. Effective rat guards must be fitted to mooring lines when alongside at any port prior to entering the Reserve.
- 2.13. Mooring lines or any other lines cannot be run to the shore at any time and Ships should anchor at least 1,000m offshore whenever possible, and must be anchored so as to prevent any approach closer than two hundred (200) metres to the shore at any point of the Ship's swing.
- 2.14. A network of rodent (either poison bait and/or break-back trap) stations must be installed in high-risk areas of the Ship (in close proximity to ambient food storage areas, food preparation, serving and dining areas, and passenger cabins). Records of station inspection and servicing should be kept and made available to PWS on request. Inspection of this network by the on-board PWS authorised representative may be required prior to a landing at the island being approved.
- 2.15. The interior and exterior areas of the Ship must be checked for the presence of any exotic species (such as rodents, invertebrates or birds) or organic material (such as dirt or leaves) prior to entering the Reserve.
- 2.16. Visit Organisers must ensure that invertebrate trapping and response materials are installed and maintained on board the Ship as follows:
 - a) insect traps and/or stations (sticky traps, fly traps, bug zappers) targeting flying (such as blowflies) insects and crawling insects must be installed and maintained in close proximity to food preparation and dining areas for at least 48 hours prior to entering the Reserve and then be checked just before entry to the Reserve;
 - b) there must be at least two cans of aerosol insect spray and two cans of surface insect spray available on-board Ship to dispatch any invertebrates observed on-board before entering the Reserve;
 - c) on-board environmental briefings for passengers should include information about invertebrate risks, detection and reporting;

- 2.17. Small Boats used for ship-to-shore operations must be checked for the presence of rodents, soil, seeds, plant material, invertebrates or organic material prior to the commencement of any Ship-to-shore operations.
- 2.18. If any exotic species or organic materials posing a biosecurity risk are detected, an elimination or containment response must be initiated, and the Ranger-in-Charge and the Macquarie Island Executive Officer must be advised as soon as possible. This information must be included in the end of season report to the PWS.
- 2.19. All rubbish is to be returned to the Ship. No Ship-borne rubbish, including food items, is to be disposed of in the Reserve, and no ballast water may be exchanged or disposed of within the Reserve.
- 2.20. All Commonwealth legislation in regard to the prevention of pollution from Ships within the Australian Exclusive Economic Zone must be complied with.

3. Shore Visits

- 3.1. All Educational Tourist Visits will be Ship-based with no overnight stay on the Island except in an emergency. Shore Visits will only be authorised between the times of 0700 hrs and 1900 hrs local station time.
- 3.2. In order to minimise Educational Tourist Visit impacts on island personnel:
 - a) each Educational Tourist Visit will be allocated a period of up to two days during which Shore Visits may take place.
 - b) each Educational Tourist Visit to the Reserve will be separated, where possible, by a period of at least one day from the next visit;
 - c) Shore Visits proposed for Sundays may be refused or rescheduled.
- 3.3. The landing and pick-up of Visitors, Staff and Crew will only be authorised at Sandy Bay and the Isthmus. The shore areas where access is authorised are shown on the attached maps of those locations. Shore Visits may only occur at one site at a time, and are not allowed unless PWS staff (or PWS approved representatives) are present on-site.
- 3.4. Shore parties are to be organised into groups of no more than 15 people, each of which must include one Staff guide. Not more than 100 people may be ashore at any one time at the Isthmus, and not more than 60 people may be ashore at any one time at Sandy Bay (at the discretion of the Ranger-in-Charge (or delegate), shore parties at Sandy Bay may be ungrouped provided that the ratio of one Staff guide for every 14 Visitors, and overall limit of 60 people, is not exceeded). These numbers do not include Visitors, Staff or Crew involved in landing/departure operations in the immediate vicinity of the landing point.
- 3.5. Shore Visits by Crew or Staff not directly involved in guiding or Small Boat handling are entirely at the discretion of the Ranger-in-Charge and the Station Leader. The number of Crew and non-guiding Staff to be brought ashore during any landing must first be approved by the Ranger-in-Charge and the Station Leader. When ashore, Staff and Crew will be subject to the same conditions as apply to Visitors, and are to be organised into groups of no more than 15 people, each of which must include one designated Staff guide.
- 3.6. The Ranger-in-Charge or the Station Leader may cancel Shore Visits at any time.

4. Australian Antarctic Division Liaison

- 4.1. Only with the written permission of the Director of the AAD may an Educational Tourist Visit take place within five days of an AAD ship visiting the Reserve for management purposes. Educational Tourist Visits shall not coincide with an Australian public holiday (such as Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day or Australia Day), except with approval in writing by the Director and the AAD. Visit Organisers should make themselves aware of changes to the AAD's shipping schedule by accessing the AAD website <http://www.antarctica.gov.au/> or the AAD shipping information number (+61 3 6232 3269).
- 4.2. Contact must be made with the Station Leader and the Ranger-in-Charge (Macquarie.Island@parks.tas.gov.au) at Macquarie Island at least 48 hours before the estimated time of arrival at the Island. The Macquarie Island Communications Centre can be contacted on 0011 672 13 9909 or macca.comms@aad.gov.au. The Macquarie Island Communications Centre will advise which radio frequencies to use during the visit. The Station Leader must also be advised at least one hour prior to the commencement of landing operations and within one hour of all Visitors, Staff and Crew returning to the Ship.
- 4.3. In the case of any accident and/or incident to any person, animal or the environment the Station Leader and the Ranger-in-Charge must be advised at the earliest opportunity.
- 4.4. Shore Visits to the scientific station are subject to a quota set for each season, and in any event remain entirely at the discretion of the Station Leader. As the station will be undergoing a major renovation in coming years and due to Covid19 protocols, access to the station may be restricted during the 2023-2024 season. All Shore Visits to the Station will be limited to the exterior of buildings unless entry is permitted at the absolute discretion of the Station Leader.
- 4.5. The telephone and radio services of the Macquarie Island Communication Centre will not be made available to Visitors, Crew or Staff and only limited postal services may be available, by prior arrangement with the Station Leader. Philatelic services may be restricted at the discretion of the Station's Postal Agent.
- 4.6. Visitors, Crew or Staff shall not enter field huts, nor use supplies from field huts except in an emergency. Any supplies used shall be reported promptly to the Station Leader and details included in the end of season report to the PWS.
- 4.7. No cargo, mail or any other goods (except for the accompanied personal effects of approved Australian Antarctic Program expeditioners) may be taken to the Island without the prior written approval of the AAD.

5. Small Boat Operations

The following have been developed in order to ensure safe Small Boat operations and to minimise disturbance to wildlife.

Boating Safety

- 5.1. The type of Small Boats used during each Educational Tourist Visit may only be varied with the prior written authority of the Macquarie Island Executive Officer.
- 5.2. At least two operable Small Boats of the type agreed to in 5.1 must be in the water while Ship/shore and/or offshore cruising operations of any sort are under way. Visit Organisers must comply with all statutory requirements of Marine and Safety Tasmania whilst conducting operations in Tasmanian waters. No

Ship/shore or Small Boat offshore cruising operations will be permitted during the period between sunset and sunrise.

- 5.3. All Visitors, Crew and Staff taking part in Ship-to-shore or off-shore cruising operations must wearing at a minimum a Personal Flotation Device that meets Australian Standard AS4758 or the International Standard Organisation equivalent.
- 5.4. All refilling of fuel tanks for Small Boats must take place on-board the parent Ship.
- 5.5. Small Boats shall not exceed a speed of 5 knots when within 60 metres of the shoreline or another Small Boat or Ship.
- 5.6. While beach landing/loading operations are underway, Visit Organisers must provide sufficient experienced Staff or Crew at the site to ensure the safety of the operation and must not rely upon assistance by PWS or Australian Antarctic program (AAP) Expeditioners.

Wildlife Disturbance

- 5.7. Small Boats must at all times regulate their course and speed so as to minimise disturbance to wildlife and to avoid any collisions with wildlife. Small Boats should avoid travelling through groups of rafting or porpoising seals or seabirds where possible and may only do so at speeds below five knots, except when necessary for safe navigation or in an emergency.
- 5.8. The *Australian National Guidelines for Whale and Dolphin Watching 2017* will apply.
- 5.9. At Lusitania Bay: Small Boats are not to approach closer than 50 metres to any part of the shore; Small Boats must endeavour to stay clear (preferably 20m either side) of the main penguin access channel, and if crossing it, should do so at right angles to the main movement of the birds.

Transport of Australian Antarctic program Expeditioners

- 5.10. The following maximum allowable parameters for Small Boat operations will apply when AAP Expeditioners (including PWS Staff) are being transported:

PARAMETER	Inflatable Rubber Boat / Rigid Inflatable Boat
¹ Average wind speed	Macquarie Island - not exceeding 25kts (in IRB/RIBs 19' or greater) - not exceeding 20kts (in IRB/RIBs 19' or less)
Maximum Wave face height at beach	Not exceeding 2m - (in IRB/RIBs 19' or greater) Not exceeding 1.5m - (in IRB/RIBs 19' or less)
Rise and fall of swell at Ship	Not exceeding 3m - (in IRB/RIBs 19' or greater) Not exceeding 2.5m - (in IRB/RIBs 19' or less)
Single IRB/RIB operations	Only when Ship is stationary and directly off the operational area and only with a standby vessel available to assist within 5 minutes

¹ Average wind speed is deemed to have been exceeded when the average on the bridge of the Ship exceeds the above maximums in two consecutive 10 minute periods. If the anemometer is not present or not working on the Ship the reading should be taken from the station.

Note that non-AAP IRB/RIB Skippers that skipper AAP expeditioners in their vessels at Macquarie Island should have extensive and recent experience with transfer of passengers in surf on sub-Antarctic islands or similar.

Operations can be conducted outside these conditions at the discretion of the Macquarie Island Station Leader. The Station Leader will only authorise such operations after conducting an assessment of relevant risks.

6. Safety of Visitors and Australian Antarctic Program Personnel

- 6.1. Emergency equipment (tents, emergency clothing, first aid supplies, sleeping gear, cooking equipment and pre-packaged processed food), sufficient to cater for up to 15 people for up to 24 hours, must be put ashore at Sandy Bay prior to any Visitors or Crew landing there. This equipment must be kept ashore for the duration of each Shore Visit.
- 6.2. At least one Staff member from each shore party must be qualified in remote or wilderness first aid and hypothermia management techniques.
- 6.3. Visit Organisers must ensure that Visitors, Crew and Staff are suitably briefed on safety requirements and are appropriately clothed and shod.
- 6.4. All shore parties are to be in two-way radio communication with the Ship and to the PWS Ranger-in-Charge (or delegate).
- 6.5. Visit Organisers must at all times be capable of returning the number of Visitors, Crew and/or Staff they put ashore at any one time to their Ship within one hour.
- 6.6. No diving activities will be conducted within the Reserve during Educational Tourist Visits except in emergencies. All proposals for snorkelling activities require the prior approval of the Director.
- 6.7. All Ships which land any people on the Island must at all times retain onboard sufficient competent personnel to work the Ship if it has to leave the Island hurriedly with people still ashore.

7. General

- 7.1. All new commercial operators to Macquarie Island, must submit an independent environmental impact statement for their commercial educational tourism activities.
- 7.2. The Director reserves the right to limit the number of Educational Tourist Visits, number of Visitors and duration of each Educational Tourist Visit to the Island each season and/or Shore Visits in any one day. Visit conditions may be modified and visits may be restricted or cancelled at any time as part of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic or any other infectious disease management response.
- 7.3. Only one Educational Tourist Visit will be permitted to visit the Island at a time. If proposals for two or more Educational Tourist Visits on the same day are received, Visit Organisers will be asked to re-arrange their schedules to avoid such clashes. If this cannot be achieved, then the Director will determine which Educational Tourist Visit/s must be re-scheduled.
- 7.4. A Visitor Impact Management Fee will be levied for each Visitor allocation (even if that allocation is not used) aboard any Ship, whether commercial or non-commercial. The 2022-2023 season Visitor Impact Management Fee was AUD \$425.04 per person (inclusive of GST). Note that the Visitor Impact Management

Fee is indexed annually in line with movements in the Consumer Price Index for Hobart for June. The Director may require that Visitor Impact Management Fees are paid prior to any visits taking place.

- 7.5. The Visitor Impact Management Fee revenue is used for the management and promotion of the Reserve. This may include the provision of additional staff, facilities to protect the environment, visitor impact monitoring programs, interpretation materials and facilities, management orientated research and the application of that research, administration costs, or other management and promotional programs related to the Reserve as necessary.
- 7.6. As a condition of the Educational Tourist Visits approval, the Director reserves the right to require that PWS authorised representatives may travel onboard (at no cost to the Director) the Ship for guiding, biosecurity training and/or audit purposes.
- 7.7. Tasmania's State Tourism Strategy emphasises the need for Visitors to the State to have the best possible quality holiday experience. Consistent with that strategy, commercial Visit Organisers must demonstrate that the Staff guide accompanying each party is competent in the areas of: customer contact and interpretation skills; and with scientific expertise relating to the Reserve/region in at least one of the following areas: fauna, flora, geology or cultural heritage.
- 7.8. Visit Organisers will be required to expressly accept responsibility for any costs incurred by the Tasmanian Government and the Australian Government relating to provision of search and rescue or emergency assistance for Visitors, Crew or Staff to the Reserve. Visit Organisers are required to take out insurance cover, as specified by the Director, indemnifying the State and the Australian Government from any liability. A public liability insurance cover of a minimum AUD \$20,000,000 will apply to all Ships (commercial and non-commercial) conducting Educational Tourist Visits irrespective of the number of Visitors they carry.
- 7.9. All Australian Government biosecurity (<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity>), customs and immigration (<http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>) requirements are to be met.
- 7.10. Foreign companies wishing to conduct tours to Macquarie Island must provide a Certificate of Registration of a Foreign Company as per the Corporations Act 2001 (Commonwealth) before a Business Licence for visits can be issued under the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002*. Under Part 5B.2 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), a foreign company may only carry on a business in Australia if it is registered or has an application pending. Failure to obtain and provide to the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service all the necessary business registration certificates by 1st September 2023 may result in forfeiture of visitor quota.
- 7.11. Visit Organisers must supply a copy of the Visitor, Staff and Crew list for each voyage to the Macquarie Island Executive Officer prior to the departure of that voyage for the Reserve.
- 7.12. The Director will require a written report on the Educational Tourist Visits from the Visit Organisers within two months of the Educational Tourist Visits taking place (or final Educational Tourist Visits if multiple Educational Tourist Visits are undertaken in a season). The report must include:
 - 7.12.1. Summary of visitors, guides and crew landed on each voyage;

- 7.12.2. Any biosecurity issues identified through the season;
 - 7.12.3. Any safety incidents relating to Macquarie Island;
 - 7.12.4. Any environmental issues identified during the season; and
 - 7.12.5. Any other reporting requirements mentioned in these guidelines.
- 7.13. These guidelines apply to all Ships (commercial and non-commercial) conducting Educational Tourist Visits irrespective of the number of Visitors they carry.

8. Commercial Filming

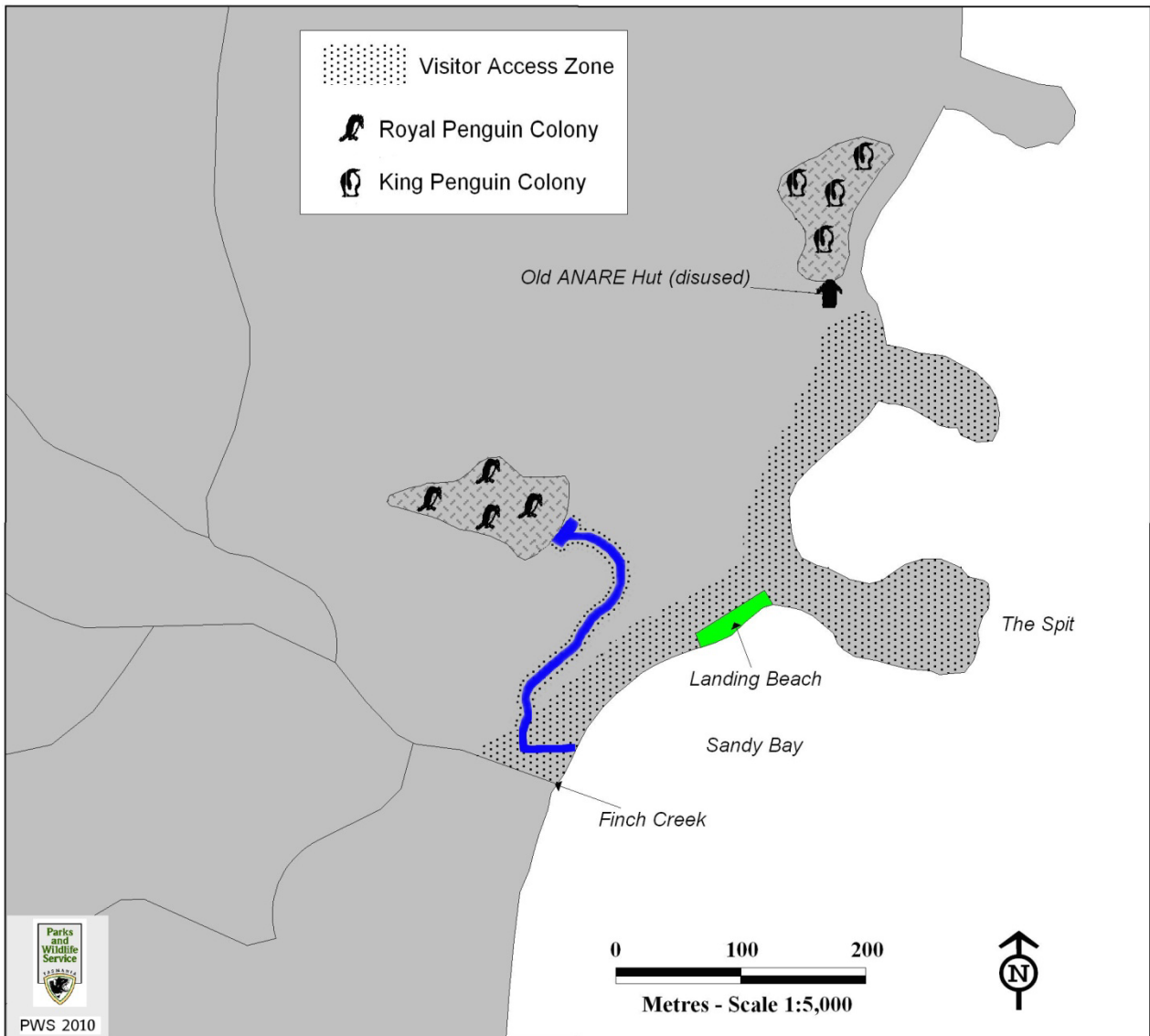
The Director on a case-by-case basis will consider any applications for filming or media-related activities. Commercial filming is not allowed without prior approval under the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002*. All enquiries about commercial filming must be addressed to the Macquarie Island Executive Officer.

9. Tourism Management Areas (TMAs)

There are three TMAs in the Reserve, located at the Isthmus, at Sandy Bay, and offshore at Lusitania Bay. These TMAs provide Visitors, Staff and Crew with the opportunity to view wildlife, vegetation, geological formations, natural landscapes and historic sites.

Attachment 1

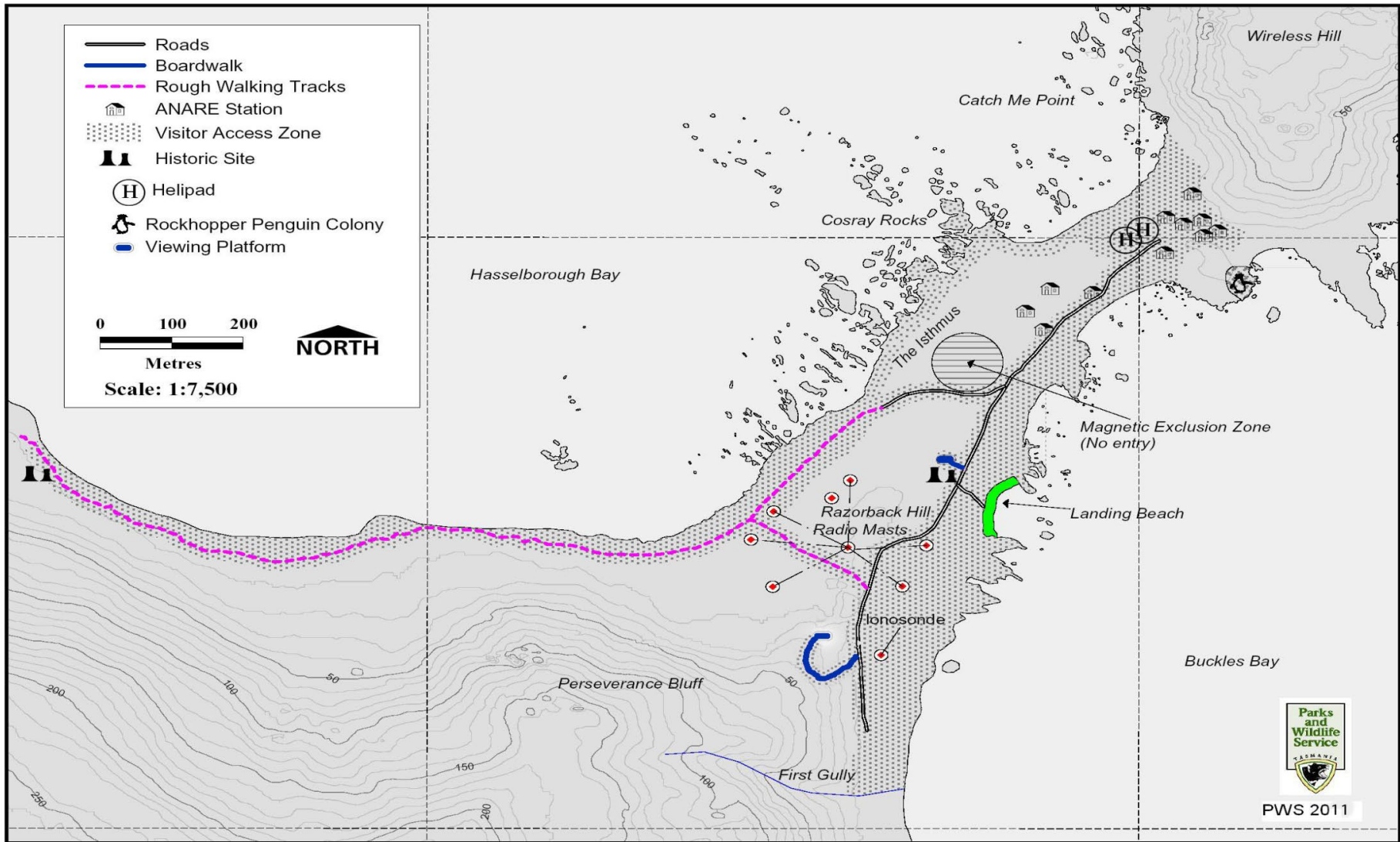
Sandy Bay Tourism Management Area



Note that, subject to seasonal wildlife constraints, the Ranger-in-Charge may authorise access to some of the beach area south of Finch Creek

Attachment 2

The Isthmus Tourism Management Area



Note that, in the event of conditions precluding landings at the landing beach or Hasselborough Bay, the Ranger-in-Charge may authorise landings in either Garden Cove or the beach area south of First Gully.

Attachment 3

Lusitania Bay Tourism Management Area

