

Australian Aviation Wildlife Hazard Group

Minutes ~ Meeting 20 AAWHG

13:00 ~ 15:00 Tuesday 10 May 2011

62 Northborne Ave meeting room ~ Department of Infrastructure
and Transport (111 Alinga, Canberra City)

1. Attendance and Apologies

In attendance:

Laurie Taylor (chair)	QANTAS
Rebecca Johnson (secretary)	Australian Museum
Darren Angelo	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
Dilip Matthew	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Patricia McDonell	Australian Defence Force
Stephanie Bolt	Adelaide Airport Limited
Michael Wells	Burnie Airport (AAA rep)
David Wilson	Research Analyst, Australian Transport Safety Bureau
Holly Bryant	Senior Ecologist, Nature Call
Phil Shaw	Managing Director, Avisure
Jan Goodhew	Safety Investigator, REX
Ben Elhorst	Canberra Airport

Apologies:

David Drynan (DEWHA), Alex Ananian-Cooper (Virgin Australia), Will Steele,

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting 19

Minutes from previous meeting were accepted with minor changes proposed by Laurie, seconded by Patricia

3. Summary of Action items open after Meeting 20

Item #	Open Action items	Person responsible
18.4	Canvas all AAWHG members to join the google group as a method to post a variety of general interest information and/or products from commercial providers. ACTION: to try to encourage traffic to the google groups page – trial triggering a discussion once per monthfollowing that	Darren/Michael

	the group will investigate starting a facebook page for the AAWHG and/or possibly use of linkedin ACTION: Darren will give the google group info to Michael to promote it to the AAA.	
20.5	ACTION: Phil Shaw (Avisure) to draft a formal GAP analysis for submission to the group.	Phil Shaw (Avisure)
20.6	ACTION: Michael Wells (AAA representative) to update the group on AAA new directions regarding research	Michael Wells (Burnie Airport/AAA representative)
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4. Membership of AAWHG

Membership is encouraged to all interested people from the industry, possibly via joining the google group or being added to the mailing list.

There was a question about how the composition of the executive was decided. It originated as part of an ATSB recommendation to cover government departments, airlines, etc. The AAWHG charter is due to be updated in the future.

5. Website and Legal (Darren)

New "media section" has been added, is due to be loaded live to the website.

The group has recently been given a formal position in the federal framework (including secretariat support). There was discussion and agreement that this letter would be uploaded to the website.

6. Correspondence (Darren)

The 'info@aawhg.org' email is receiving an increasing amount of traffic.

There was discussion about increasing traffic through the google groups site and how this might best be achieved.

7. Meeting dates for 2011 (all)

November meeting was changed from Tuesday 8th November to Friday 18th November from 1100 to 1300 to coincide with AAA meeting (but will clash with the Friday RICOM meeting). This was agreed by all in attendance.

8. 'National guidelines for wildlife hazard management in the vicinity of airports' (Dilip)

- Dilip gave an update on the National Airport Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG) draft national guidelines and his recent presentation to the NASAG.
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- The AAWHG has been given a formal status by the portfolio agencies and as part of that they sought advice from the group on the draft "Safeguarding" guidelines to ensure that land use is compatible with airport planning guidelines.
- The next step is that the draft guidelines will be circulated to a pilot group of councils (one from each state) for more detailed comment.
- The group agreed that airports will play a very active role in land use planning in their local vicinities.

9. Flying fox risk assessment (Steph)

There was general discussion about the possibility of leveraging off other work already done at other ports.

New technology on the horizon (ie radar and infrared viewing).

The group encouraged the airports that have a flying fox problem or new flying fox problems – that distinctive behaviour/physiological information is available in the form of fact sheets and risk assessment tools for each problem flying fox species and could be shared between ports.

10. Update on AC 139 Wildlife Hazard Management at Aerodromes (Darren)

- The Advisory Circular is still in DRAFT form but is currently being commented on by key government bodies (incl ATSB), specifically about WHAT is to be reported (ie near misses, suspected strikes etc) and WHO is to report. The goal is to avoid confusion within the industry around reporting.
- Further feedback will be sought from the group on any further drafts.

11. Defence Bird/Wildlife Report (Patricia)

- Patricia presented 12 month snapshot May 2010 to April 2011.
- Strikes: 22 bird (damaging), 138 bird (no damage), 1 bat (no damage), 1 wallaby (damage), 1 hare (no damage).
- Near misses: 2 aborted takeoffs, 2 avoidance actions on final
- Assorted terrestrial mammals (wallabies, kangaroos, dogs, mice, cats) also reported on various airfields.
- Overall, the group was very supportive of the commitment to reporting both strikes and near misses.

12. AAA Update (Michael)

- New executive director for AAA, some new positions are being advertised also.
 - Michael encouraged non-members to join up as there are many benefits to people in the industry.
 - AAA are sending out diary notes to members such as E+I forum and other events.
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- It will eventually function as an electronic noticeboard and post job adverts etc.
- New website is soon to be launched.
- AAWHG will have a speaking slot (on days 1 and 2) AND a panel session at the next technical workshop section (days 3 and 4) at the next AAA meeting in November.

13. General Business

The group agreed to change the date of November meeting to 18th November in BNE (offices of Virgin Australia – Bowen Hills) to maximise attendance and coordinate it with the AAA conference so that participants can attend both.

Avisure offered to write a formal GAP analysis for submission to the AAWHG group for consideration and endorsement – recommendation to be sent to the secretariat of the department to advocate for a policy position specifically highlighting the gaps that exist in the current system.

ACTION: Phil Shaw (Avisure) to draft a formal GAP analysis for submission to the group.

There was general discussion about the importance of stimulating ideas in the group for research relevant to the AAWHG charter – there was positive feedback regarding the proposal that the industry offer \$\$ that could be leveraged off for larger research grants. This was also discussed in the context of the new leadership of the AAA placing greater emphasis in this area. **ACTION: Michael Wells (AAA representative) to update the group on AAA new directions regarding research**

Air Services representation on the AAWHG was raised and the group agreed it is a priority to have AirServices representation on the group.

Steph Bolt (ADE) gave an update on the plans for the E+I forum:

- o General flyer sent to all AAWHG members by 20th May to 'save the date'
- o Call for speakers will be sent out
- o List of speakers will be sent out.

14. Next meeting Tuesday 16th August, 2011 Education and Information Forum – 0900 to 1600 hours in Adelaide, hosted by Adelaide Airport

15. Final meeting for 2011:

Friday 18 th November 2011 Exec meeting 0900 – 1100 hours (Qld – Virgin Australia offices Bowen Hills)	Bowen Hills Qld, (changed meeting date by 10 days to correspond with the AAA meeting held in Brisbane)
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