



AAWHG 2009 Update

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Presentation Overview

AAWHG Purpose

History of activities 2003 – 2008

AAWHG activities in 2009:

- Changes to executive
- Meeting summary
- External Correspondence
- Website
- Projects

Group Membership

Future Direction and Projects

Questions



AAWHG Purpose

History:

- Recommended as one of the safety actions from the 2002 ATSB Research report: “The Hazard Posed to Aircraft by Birds”
- Began from a meeting between the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) and the Australian Aviation Ground Safety Council (AAGSC)
- This initial meeting agreed that a national group dealing with national issues concerning bird and animal hazards to aviation was needed.
- Working group was formed and continued to meet three times a year
- Name change occurred in March 2007 to the “Australian Aviation Wildlife Hazard Group”



AAWHG Purpose

Aim:

- Provide a reference base for the collection, storage and dissemination of reference material on wildlife hazards to aircraft
- Provide a consultative forum to all levels of government
- Facilitate a free exchange of information
- Provide guidance in developing new research to reduce wildlife strike risks
- Provide training, advise and guidance to industry
- Liaise with other similar groups worldwide



History of Activities 2003 - 2008

Bird and Animal Hazard Management Plan Template (issued Nov 2005)

Report released on the Forensic Identification of Aviation Birds Strikes in Australia, produced jointly by the Australian Museum and Museum Victoria (June 2006)

First Fauna Management Forum (Sept 2006)

Development of National Framework for Wildlife Hazard Management

Development of Bird strike Risk Model



History of Activities 2003 - 2008

Launch of AAWHG Website

Statement of Purpose - Communications Strategy

Standardisation of terms

Development of Wildlife Report Form

Alignment of group policies with ICAO

Facilitated improved multi-agency coordination with respect to bird strike reporting

Annual AAWHG forums

AAWHG Activities in 2009:

Changes to Executive

Chair

- Resignation of previous Chair (Anthony Rohead)
- Appointment of Darren Angelo to Chair (late 2008 – 2009)
- Chair for 2010

Secretariat

- Resignation of previous Secretariat (Julie Parsons)
- Secretariat 2010

New executive members



AAWHG Activities in 2009: Meeting Summary

23 March 2009

General Meeting

12 May 2009

Special Executive Meeting

29 June 2009

General Meeting



AAWHG Activities in 2009: External Correspondence

Letter to John Mc Cormack CASA - Request for additional Website Support

- Sent and acknowledged by CASA
- Representative from the 'Director of Aviation Safety' currently facilitating website improvements

"Safeguards for airports and communities around them"
Discussion Paper

- Sent and acknowledged by DOITRD LG
- Can be reviewed on DOITRD LG website:

<http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/airport/files/AustralianAviationWildlifeHazardGroup.pdf>



AAWHG Activities in 2009:

Website

Current Challenges:

- AAWHG executive does not have direct access to update site
- Site information requires update
- Group does not have a generic email address(s)

Progress to date:

- Preliminary training provided on website content update
- Content has been updated (on draft site only – due to go live shortly)
- Group email addresses have been established (due to go live shortly)

www.aawhg.org



AAWHG Activities in 2009:

Projects

Bird Strike Risk Assessment Tool

National Template

Wildlife Meeting Calender



Group Membership

Members to be contacted shortly to confirm ongoing membership

Membership review to follow (gap analysis followed by invitations to new members)

Finalisation of executive members



Future Direction and Projects

Raise AAWHG profile

Update AAWHG Communications strategy

Finalise website updates

Identify and support future research projects

Update AAWHG group policies

Support new CASA Advisory Circular

Questions?

