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Wildlife Hazard Management**

**SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIAN AVIATION WILDLIFE HAZARD GROUP (AAWHG)
FORUM – 14-15 SEPTEMBER 2022, ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA**

(Presented by Chair AAWHG/Australia)

SUMMARY

This paper presents a summary of the outcomes of the two-day WHM forum facilitated by AAWHG in Adelaide, Australia on 14-15 September 2022.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Australian Aviation Wildlife Hazard Group's (AAWHG) biennial forum was held in Adelaide, South Australia, on 14–15 September 2022 at Rydges Hotel South Park Adelaide.

1.2 Normally held every two years (alternating with a workshop), the AAWHG forum is a highlight of the aviation wildlife hazard management calendar, attracting industry representatives from around the world to discuss best practice aviation wildlife hazard management and safety.

1.3 The forum attracts professionals from across the aviation industry, including airport operators and ground crew, airlines, pilots, service and equipment suppliers, wildlife specialists, trainers, ATC, accident investigators and regulators.

2. DISCUSSION

Agenda

2.1 The event was divided into eight sessions across two-days and included:

- a) Keynote addresses from both the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History Feather Identification Laboratory and FAA National Wildlife Biologist
- b) Lessons from the past
- c) Return to 'ops' normal,
- d) Emerging technologies and the future including advanced air mobility,
- e) An international perspective,

- f) Airport case studies,
- g) Air Traffic Control and Air Operations Panel discussion, and
- h) Learning from the past with an eye to the future.

Outcomes

2.2 The event was attended by more than 100 participants (the largest event of its kind for the AAWHG yet) with representation across the full range of technical domains in aviation relevant to WHM, including aerodromes, air operators, ANSPs, State Safety Programme partner agencies and senior management.

2.3 The full program and all presentations can be accessed via: [AAWHG 2022 Forum](#) (click on each session to open the content and access downloadable files). Alternatively, the Program may be accessed at www.aawhg.org/events/2022-forum/

2.4 At the conclusion of day-one of the event, Industry Excellence Awards and Certificates of Commendation were presented.

Conclusion

2.5 The risks posed to aviation through realization of wildlife hazards is one that reaches all aspects and domains of the aviation system. The hazard is not uniquely an aerodrome problem but is a system-wide problem and through the understanding of this and the integration of the management of this hazard and the associated risk truly effective outcomes can be realised in even the most challenging of environments and across all aviation domains.

2.6 The biennial event facilitated by the AAWHG aims to bring together all aspects of the aviation system, to share experiences, knowledge and understanding and ultimately achieve a greater level of effectiveness in the management of the ever-present risk posed by wildlife to aviation.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) note the information contained in this paper; and
 - b) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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