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*International Civil Aviation Organization*ICAO Asia/Pacific Wildlife Hazard Management Workshop
and Seventh Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Wildlife Hazard
Management Working Group (AP-WHM/WG/7)*Pokhara, Nepal, 5 to 9 May 2025***Agenda Item 3: Global, Regional and National Guidance/Best Practices on
Wildlife Hazard Management****UPDATE FROM
AUSTRALIAN AVIATION WILDLIFE HAZARD GROUP (AAWHG) 2024/25
AND
WORKSHOP – 12-14 AUGUST 2025, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

(Presented by Chair AAWHG/Australia)

SUMMARY

This paper presents a summary of the key achievements of the AAWHG since AP-WHM/WG/6, (2024/25) and advises details of the upcoming Workshop planned to occur in Sydney, Australia on 12-14 August 2025.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Australian Aviation Wildlife Hazard Group (AAWHG) is formally designated as the primary aviation wildlife hazard management reference body in Australia. The AAWHG has been established and active since 2003 and fulfils Australia's commitment to have a national bird strike committee as recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and is a key hazard specific working group of the Australian Aviation State Safety Programme (SSP).

1.2 As part of its active engagement with the various parts of the aviation industry, the AAWHG holds two different types of externally interfaced, massed events and alternates each year between the two types. The first being known as a *Forum* (much like a conference) with a formalized agenda, theme, topics and list of speakers and the second being a *Workshop*. As the name suggests, the Workshop is more focused on facilitating an all of industry, engaged development of supporting materials, guidance and Recommended Practices.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 **2024/25 Update.** Following a very successful Workshop held in October 2023 and briefed at AP-WHM/WG/6 (see AP-WHM/WG/6 – IP/03; *Update from Australian Aviation Wildlife Hazard Group (AAWHG) 2023/24 and International Forum – 13-15 August 2024, Melbourne Australia*); 2024 saw the AAWHG facilitating an aviation industry Forum.

2.2 AAWHG International Forum was held in Melbourne, Australia from the 13-15 August 2024, attended by over one hundred delegates and speakers and hosted by the Melbourne Zoo. The theme for the 2024 event was ‘*Sharing the Responsibility*’, and as such featured presentations and speakers from all facets of the aviation industry and hosted speakers from across Australia, North America, Asia and Pacific, Africa and Europe. Specifically, APAC attendees came from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Thailand.

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

2.4 Full details of the event, including presentations from the Forum can be found at: [AAWHG 2024 Forum](#). An abridged version of the program is at Enclosure 1.

2.5 **AAWHG Workshop.** After facilitating the very successful Forum in 2024, 2025 is scheduled to have a workshop occur. Accordingly, the 2025 AAWHG Workshop will be held in Sydney, Australia at the Rydges Hotel Sydney Airport from the 12th-14th August 2025.

2.6 The Workshop will bring together subject matter experts across the whole spectrum of the aviation industry from flight operations, ANS providers, aerodrome operators, airworthiness, Regulators, Investigators and experts in science, biology and animal behaviour as well as land-use planners and local government authorities with the aim of furthering the understanding and key outcome stemming from *Communicating as a System*.

2.7 The AAWHG intends to showcase the critical nature of coherent system wide communication in achieving effective wildlife hazard management in aviation. (*see below* for more information).

2.8 The event is expected to be attended by approximately 100 participants 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.

2.9 The 2025 AAWHG Workshop does not require invitation and is open to all who may be interested; please note, registration in advance is essential.

Conclusion

2.10 The risk 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.

2.11 The AAWHG annual events, Workshops and Forums 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.

2.12 More information and Registration details can be found at: [AAWHG Events](#)

3. **ACTION BY THE MEETING**

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) advise of interest to attend &/or present; and
- c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.

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Enclosure:

1. Programme and Agenda, AAWHG International Forum 2024

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Day One International Perspective **Tuesday 13 Aug 2024**

- 0830-0845 Welcome ceremony and acknowledgement of country
- 0845-0900 Forum opening Greg Hood | Deputy chair Airservices Australia
- 0900-0930 Welcome and Overview - Forum theme 'Sharing the responsibility' Ash McAlpine | AAWHG Chair
- 1000-1030 The impacts of Covid 19 on wildlife strikes Dr Isabel Metz | German Aerospace Center - presenter
- 1100-1130 The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (speakers various of CAAT)
- 1130-1200 Indonesia's Defence Safety (Wildlife Hazard Management) Program
- 1200-1230 Indonesia's Approach to Wildlife Management Captain Sadikin Abdurachman | Indonesia Air Asia
- 1330-1400 WHM in Africa – Overview Cerian Henshaw | Director of Aviaire
- 1400-1430 The Ugandan situation Gloria Kirabo Bitebekezi | Principal WHM officer, Ugandan CAA
- 1430-1500 What's happening in New Zealand ? Lizzie Civil | Chair NZ Wildlife Hazard Committee
- 1600-1645 International Panel Captain Brian Greeves | Deputy chair AAWHG
- Cerian Henshaw | Director of Aviaire
 - LTCOL Wisnu Destanto | Indonesian Air Force
 - Gloria Kirabo Bitebekezi | Uganda CAA
 - Sadikin Abdurachman | PT Indonesia Air Asia
 - Mr Teeravee Yongwattanajiranon | CAA of Thailand
- 1645-1715 Industry Awards - 'The Maggies' Ash McAlpine | AAWHG Chair
- 1715-1745 Close of day one (& group photo) Ash Mc Alpine | AAWHG Chair

Day Two Data and Risk **Wednesday 14 Aug 2024**

- 0830-0900 Fatalities and Hull Losses Due to Wildlife Strike Phil Shaw | Founder Avisure
- 0900-0930 ATSB Wildlife Strike Dashboard Alyssa Ford | Safety analyst, Australian Transport Safety Bureau
- 0930-1000 Wildlife Airstrike Species Identification Service Dr David Alquezar | Australian Museum
- 1030-1045 Putting the jigsaw together Brian Greeves | AAWHG Deputy chair
- 1045-1115 Risk White Paper Cerian Henshaw | Director of Operations Aviaire
- 1115-1130 ICAO Air Navigation Conference Overview Ash McAlpine | Chair AAWHG
- 1130-1200 Legal responsibilities Karl Stacy | Manager Aviation Claims, QBE
- 1200-1230 Due diligence Richard Robinson | Co-director, R2A
- 1315-1345 Senior safety management panel
- Chris Mckie | GM Safety Systems and Operations Support - Virgin Australia
 - Jeremy Hirt | Manager Safety Systems and Compliance - Jetstar
 - Jarrod Robertson | Senior Manager Ground Safety - Qantas
 - Involving Air Traffic Control in the Loop
 - Dr Isabel Metz | German Aerospace Center
- 1415-1445 Air Traffic Control Panel David Wiman | Airways NZ
- PLTOFF Warren Rozario | RAAF Base - East Sale
 - Craig Allan | Moorabbin Tower - Airservices Australia
 - Dr Isabel Metz | German Aerospace Center

Day Three Airports, Airlines and Pilots **Thursday 15 Aug 2024**

- 0830-0900 20 Years of Wildlife Management at Ballina-Byron Gateway Airport Phil Shaw & Nicholas Cooper
- 0900-0930 Passive Management at Brisbane Nick Bloor | IVM Tom Ashover | Brisbane Airport Corporation
- 0930-1000 Safety/Wildlife Management at Essendon Fields Matt Marais | GM Aviation, Essendon Airport
- 1100-1125 WHM challenges posed by future technology: AAM and vertiports Ronel Jit | Manager, Avisure
- 1125-1150 The Qantas Group perspective - impact of wildlife strikes on airline ops – now and in the future
- 1150-1210 Using AI and robotics to minimise wildlife/aviation conflicts Kristoffer Ohlsson | Flox Robotics
- 1210-1245 Air NiuGini's Wildlife Hazard Management Captain David Innes | Air NiuGini
- 1330-1415 Pilot Panel Captain Sadikin Abdurachman | PT Indonesia Air Asia
- Captain Paul Tabac | Qantas
 - Captain Lizzie Archibald | Jetstar
 - Captain Deborah Laurie | Virgin Australia
- 1415-1430 AAWHG Update Ash McAlpine | AAWHG chair
- 1430-1445 FORUM Close Ash McAlpine | AAWHG chair

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