

2015 - Safe Work Australia Month incorporating Airport Safety Week NT Airports activities

Introduction

NT Airports including Darwin and Alice Springs airports conducted 15 events over the month of October in 2015 to promote safety awareness across the airport community. These activities included formal launches, morning teas, workshops, demonstrations and even barbecues to heighten safety awareness with our stakeholders. The target this year was to broaden the base of the participation audience beyond the NT Airports staff and to involve our airport community partners including air operators, tenants and contractors.

Achievements

This year we had workshops and other activities in Darwin and Alice Springs with overall number of attendees to all events over the month of 320. This far exceeds previous participant numbers. What is also very pleasing is that we had 35 different airport stakeholders (refer list below) attending this year's events.

To put this in perspective last year we scheduled 18 events of which 2 were cancelled due to insufficient numbers and a total of 175 participants with only 10 different airport stakeholders being involved.

Airport Stakeholder participants

1. Australian Defence Force
2. Australian Way
3. Aerocare
4. AirNorth
5. Alliance Catering (Virgin Lounge)
6. Australian Border Force
7. Aviation Management
8. ChartAir
9. Cobham
10. Delaware North
11. Department of Agriculture
12. Department of the Environment
13. Invision
14. ISS – Security
15. ISS – Facilities
16. JR Duty Free
17. Malaysia Airlines
18. Menzies
19. Paspaley Pearls
20. Pearl Aviation
21. Police Air Wing
22. Qantas
23. Qantas Freight
24. Shell
25. Silk Air
26. STS
27. Travelex
28. Virgin Australia
29. Qantas ASA
30. BCS – ASA
31. AirBP - ASA
32. ISS – Security ASA
33. ISS – Facilities ASA
34. ARFFS - ASA
35. ChartAir - ASA

SWAM 01 - Launch

This year's activities started out with a Safe Work Australia month theme launch & presentation on safety performance of airport as it related to the upcoming months activities. There were 38 attendees at this event.



SWAM 01 - Safe Work Australia Month – Launch

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SWAM 02 - Heat Stress

Dr Matt Brearley provided a captivating update on his exciting research into heat stress. There were 18 attendees from 5 different airport stakeholders as well as DIA staff.



SWAM 02 - Heat Stress – Dr Matt Brearley

SWAM 03 - Mental Health

Dr Scott Bevis Clinical Psychologist discussed issues relating to psychological wellbeing in the workplace and explored strategies for building and maintaining resilience a work. There were 15 attendees from 4 different airport stakeholders including DIA staff & ASA staff by teleconference.



SWAM 03 – Mental Health – Dr Scott Bevis

SWAM 04 & 05 – CPR

Refresher training was provided for CPR and Defibrillator by St John Ambulance over two days. There were 15 attendees over the two days.



SWAM 04 – CPR & defib – St John Ambulance

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SWAM 06 – Height Safety

Steve Caldwell (WHS Advisor) gave an overview of the Terminal Expansion project in relation to the challenges when accessing the terminal roof. This was followed up with a safety demonstration by Capital Safety reinforcing the importance of roof safety.



SWAM 06 – Height Safety – Steve Caldwell & Capital Safety

SWAM 07 – Airport Safety Week Launch

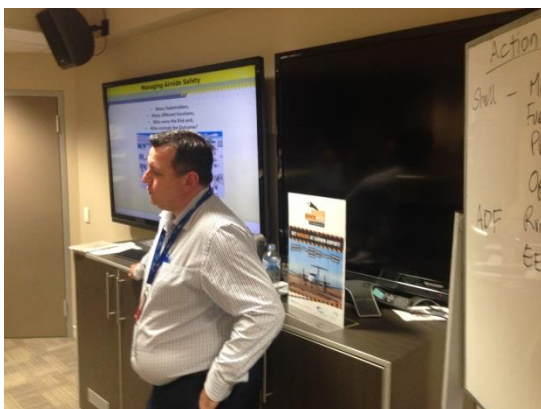
Ian Kew, CEO for NT Airports, launched Airport Safety Week and encouraged all the airport community to join in. This was followed up by a brief outline of the week's activities by Steve Caldwell (WHS Advisor).



SWAM 07 – Airport Safety Week Launch – Ian Kew

SWAM 08 – Airside Safety Workshop

Garry Porter, DIA Manager Airport Operations, facilitated a workshop on this important topic and outlined the DIA vision for safety, PPE Policy, GSE safety, spills, training and future programs. There were 20 attendees from 11 different airport stakeholders as well as DIA staff.



SWAM 08 – Airside Safety Workshop – Garry Porter

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SWAM 09 – Spills training

Rob Hangan (Total Safety Solutions) provided training for airside users on how to handle spills that may occur from their work activity. There were 13 attendees from 4 different airport stakeholders as well as DIA staff.



SWAM 09 – Spills training – Rob Hangan

SWAM 10 – Fatigue

Dr Matt Brearley provided an update on his exciting research into dehydration and how this impacts on fatigue in the workplace. There were 11 attendees from 2 different airport stakeholders including DIA staff.



SWAM 10 – Fatigue – Dr Matt Brearley

SWAM 11 – FOD Walk

All airports across Australia and New Zealand conducted FOD walks on their airports. At Darwin and Alice Springs this included a sausage sandwich and a cool drink after. There were 81 attendees over the 2 different airports including 16 different airport stakeholders as well as NT airports staff.



SWAM 11 – FOD Walk – Darwin & Alice Springs airports

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SWAM 12 – Fire Warden training

First Five Minutes provided warden training for airport tenants. There were 28 attendees including 16 different airport stakeholders and NT airports staff.



SWAM 12 – Fire Warden training – First Five Minutes

SWAM 13 – DAMP workshop

The airport maintains a strict drug and alcohol management plan and Bob Calaby DIA Aerodrome Compliance and Standards Manager ran a workshop for all DAMP officers on airport. There were 15 attendees including 8 different airport stakeholders and NT airports staff.



SWAM 13 – DAMP workshop – Bob Calaby

SWAM 14 – Noise workshop

Noise for airside workers is an important issue that must be managed well and Dr Matt Callaway provided an informative presentation on measuring, assessing risk and monitoring airport noise and also showing us different types of hearing protection. There were 11 attendees including 3 different airport stakeholders including NT airports staff.



SWAM 14 – Noise workshop – Dr Matt Callaway

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Airport Safety Week Awards

This year NT Airports submitted two staff members for different award categories as a part of the AAA Safety Awards and pleasingly took out both their respective categories, as below:



Individual Safety Initiative - Regional Airport

Winner: Ian Slade, Tennant Creek Airport

For the successful implementation of the 'Sentenced to a Job' program for low-risk inmates to support rehabilitation, while also reducing the safety risk associated with carrying out the duties of an Aerodrome Reporting Officer working alone in a remote location.



Safety Team - Major Airport

Winner: Rhett Nothling and Darwin Airport team, Darwin Airport

For identifying range of safety enhancements to the roof area as part of the airport's recent terminal expansion project, enabling safe access for tradespeople and for the area to be serviced from purpose built walkways without the need for specialized training, dramatically reducing the risk to users.

Summary & Acknowledgement

This year has been a highly successful one with improved participation rates and overall numbers nearly doubling the figures from last year's events. To acknowledge this increased participation by our industry stakeholders we will issue a participation certificate and for some of the workshops action items and copies of presentations will be issued to participants.

Thanks must go to Ginnie Sanders who organised resources for Airport Safety Week and the Operations team of Garry Porter, Mike Clancy, Bob Calaby and Craig Maney who assisted in the Airport Safety Week workshops.

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