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A Sub Group of the:

**Australian Society of
Air Safety Investigators**

ASASI



Development of the APCSWG

30 years ago – 1993 - a group of like minded ASASI aviation safety professionals gathered to discuss safety issues related to the cabin, and the Group was created.

APCSWG “Statement of Purpose”

"Members may attend as individuals and/or as agents or representatives of any organisation with which they may be associated.

We are here to promote safety:

To advance the state of the art and not competitive advantage.”

The APCSWG is now a multi disciplinary, voluntary Group comprising a hugely diverse number of disciplines and individuals.

- accident & incident investigators
- civil aircrew and defence personal
- airline safety representatives
- aviation regulators
- training providers
- legal specialists



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- aviation medical personnel
- private sector medical staff
- psychologists and human factors specialists
- Airport Rescue Fire Fighting Service
- Royal Flying Doctors Service
- law enforcement – police, customs
- airport security and airline security
- higher education lecturers and input from post graduate students



Popular presenters/speakers are those who are speaking from personal experience after having been involved in an incident or accident. Attempted hi-jacking has also been included in our expanse of topics

Inflight medical emergencies generate a great deal of interest, whether it be on commercial carriers or the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the challenges that are constantly facing on a daily basis





“Chatham House Rules Apply!”

For an operator to be satisfied an employee can speak on such matters is a credit to the Group and it's reputation to maintain confidentiality!

Maintaining 'commercial in confidence' matters is a fundamental aspect of our code of conduct.





Attendees generally rely on their employers to fund their travel and accommodation to attend a venue

As a result it is often very challenging for individuals to secure the approval necessary to attend. Reaching a mutually agreeable position can on occasion involve the attendee using some annual leave allowance

Therefore, it is not unusual for people to be what is referred to as 'self funded' in their attendance. This is indicative of the commitment of Cabin Safety Specialists is being displayed

We are strongly supported by the Australian CASA, the New Zealand CAA, and, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, ATSB.

The School of Aviation at the University of New South Wales has, from inception of the Group, been a strong and continued support.

Airline operators and training organisations in both Australia and New Zealand have also provided us with venues and support.



With the continued support of these organisations, together with ASASI and NZSASI, our Group looks forward to a resurgence of membership/participation and ongoing growth.

We see an important part of our role as education, in particular, Cabin Crew and the travelling public - this has become our standard and an industry expectation.



Growing Our Network and Sharing Factual Information!

We will not allow our geographical location to cause us to become insular nor isolated from the rest of the aviation industry and the world.

We are actively reaching out and expanding our horizons in order to provide contemporary information for our membership and any cabin crew with an active interest.

Bell Helicopter Co 206L-3, VH-NDW

ATSB Investigation Number : 199901009

Occurrence Date: **12/03/1999**

Location: 5km SE Cairns (VOR)

Highest Injury Level: Fatal





<https://reuters.screenocean.com/record/986509>

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Prior to this fatal accident in Cairns QLD, on **12 March 1999**, on **18 & 19 February** 1999, our Group was fortunate to be directly involved in a full scale accident rescue scenario.

All emergency services from Cairns were involved and the debrief was an honest, candid affair. Lessons were learned that proved to be beneficial when it came to the real thing.

Feedback to us was that those involved in the fatal accident rescue scenario appreciated the importance of the exercise.











We conduct two meetings a year – our next meeting will be November 2023.

After that we will be in NZ in June 2024





Thank You

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