

ROTORTECH 2018 CONFERENCE PROGRAM
SMS – SAFETY MEANS SUCCESS

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Day 1-Thursday 24 May:

0800-0900: Coffee in Exhibition Hall - Registration desk open

0900-0915: **Welcome/Conference Opening-AHIA President Mr Peter Crook.**

0915-0945: **Opening Keynote Address**
Currently Under Review - TBA

At the time of this posting, discussions were under way for a presenter of international standing and significance to deliver the Rotortech 2018 Opening Keynote Address. As soon as arrangements are confirmed, all relevant information and details will be posted on this website. Accordingly, we suggest regular website access to ensure timely receipt of up to date conference information.

0945-1030: **OneSKY, Rotary+Fixed Wing, RPA's and Drones-Future ATM Challenges**
Mr Jason Harfield, CEO Airservices Australia

The ever increasing utilization of Australia's airspace by so many aviation industry participants creates a challenge for Airservices Australia. It is Airservices operational role to ensure that Australia's airspace maintains, and retains, its internationally envied safety reputation. The continuing impact of the many and varied demands on Airservices, providing over 10% of the world's surface ATM coverage, to safely embrace all facets of aviation is a never-ending challenge. Hear how Airservices Australia is presently positioning itself to contend with future ATM demands.

1030-1100: Morning Tea in Exhibition Hall

1100-1145: **Helicopters within the Investigatory Environment**
Mr Greg Hood, Chief Commissioner, Australian Transport Safety Bureau.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau is responsible for investigating any aviation-related incidents that may well compromise safety, or cause a serious accident. Incidents/accidents involving helicopters feature prominently in the ATSB's portfolio of activities. ATSB experience and administrative guidance is considered helpful in addressing how the industry progresses within a safe environment.

1145-1245: **Specialist Helicopter Operational Panel Session**
Moderator -Mr Peter Howe - AHIA Director

Mr John Armstrong - Chief Pilot, Heli-Muster: *Heli-Mustering-A Most Difficult and Daily Dangerous Challenge*
Mrs Bridgette Hasting - GM/Pilot, Barossa Helicopters: *Tourism/Helicopters and the Lifestyle Balance*
Mr Colin Weir - CEO, Flight Safety Group: *Is My SMS Working-How to Prepare for a Safety Audit*

Mr Rob Walker-Stakeholder Engagement Manager, CASA: *The Service Delivery Challenge-Regulatory Responsibilities versus Customer and Community Expectations*

The helicopter industry/businesses from around Australia represent a distinct and diverse operational 'mix.' From cattle mustering in the outback, rural and regional search and rescue, fire-fighting, off-shore op's, air ambulance, tourism, and the list goes on, there is a requirement for varying levels of experience and expertise to safely and satisfactorily conduct these individual types of helicopter operations. All such operations do create demands and expectations from customers and the community that sometimes are difficult to fulfill.

This Panel Session presents industry participants from within the 'mix' to share their views on the challenges faced in the immediate future. This promises to be a succinct, hard-hitting, no holds barred session of real concern and interest to all helicopter industry participants.

1245-1345: Lunch in Exhibition Hall.

1345-1730: Helicopter Fire-Fighting Awareness/Operational Workshop

Moderator - Mr. Ray Cronin - Vice-President, AHIA

At the time of Rotortech 2018, the 2018 bushfire season will have passed, hopefully, without significant events adversely impacting upon the broader Australian community. During this particular season, a number of new operational and innovative initiatives were to be trialed and introduced. This session focuses on the eventual outcomes of these arrangements – lessons learnt, considered improvements, effective communications and leadership and impacts on future planning.

Dialogue exchange with keynote speakers and the panel of expert subject matter presenters should make this particular session a must attend for any industry participant with an involvement, or interest, in the evolution of the country's fire-fighting capacity.

1345-1400 Introductory Comments/Setting the Scene - Moderator

[Each speaker and panelist will address and cover issues germane to their specific area of expertise, experience and operational responsibilities].

1400-1430 Mr Richard Alder, General Manager, National Aerial Firefighting Centre

1430-1500 Mr Martin Gibson, Manager Aviation, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services

1500-1530 Afternoon Tea in Exhibition Hall.

1530-1600 Mr Phil Hurst, CEO, Aerial Application Association of Australia

1600-1630 Mr Wayne Rigg, Air Operations Manager, CFA Victoria

1630-1730 Night Bombing- Trial Results- Way Forward

Panel: Mr Hayden Briggs, General Manager, Coulson Aviation Pty Ltd.

Mr Richard Butterworth, Head of Training, Kestrel Aviation

1730 Brief Summing-Up - Moderator

1745-1900: **Welcome Cocktail Function in Exhibition Hall.**

Day 2-Friday 25 May

0800-0900: Coffee in Exhibition Hall - Registration desk open

0900-1230: **Major Helicopter Manufacturers Technical Workshops**

This Rotortech 2018 innovative initiative is a first for the Australian aviation industry. For the first time, in conjunction with an international aviation Conference and Exhibition, the major helicopter manufacturers will be convening concurrent Technical Workshops specific to their product line. Participation in the Technical Workshops is open to all registered delegates, including those attending on a one day delegate registration.

Intending participants are requested to indicate on their Conference Registration form which particular Technical Workshop they would like to attend. Each individual manufacturer is responsible for structuring their workshops, to ensure currency, relevance, and to maximise the opportunity for information-sharing with present owner/operators and intending customers. As soon as each of the manufacturers provides more information on the structure of their 3 hour session, it will immediately be posted on the Rotortech 2018 website.

0900-1030: **Sikorsky Helitech and Bell - Manufacturers Technical Workshops 1 + 2. Session 1**

1030-1100: Morning Tea in Exhibition Hall.

1100-1230: **Sikorsky Helitech and Bell - Manufacturers Technical Workshops 1 + 2 Continue-Session 2**

1230-1345: Lunch in Exhibition Hall.

1345-1430: **Meet the AHIA Board and its Industry Sector Expert Advisers**

Regulatory Issues, Feedback, Action Plans.

Chair-Mr Peter Crook – AHIA President, AHIA Board Members and Advisers.

This session presents a unique opportunity for AHIA members (and prospective members) to engage with their elected industry representatives on issues currently confronting the industry. The impact of CASA regulatory requirements, future opportunity and viability, are but a few of the topics under consideration. This is an important session for all helicopter industry participants to learn first-hand how the AHIA will promote and provide leadership and its supportive role in the years ahead.

1430-1515: **The Real MRO Challenges-Who Keeps the Rotors Rotating?**

Moderator -Mr Ken Cannane - CEO, AMROBA

Mr Myles Tomkins - CEO, Airwork Helicopters

Mr John McDermott - President, McDermott Aviation

Currently there is an acute shortage of qualified LAME's and AME's in the Australian aviation industry. There is little likelihood of that situation improving any time soon. Educational institutions around the country are curtailing their training courses for aviation specific engineers and apprentice programs have come to a stand-still. This issue will have a significant adverse impact on Australian helicopter operations within the very near future.

Hear first-hand what is happening on a factual basis and what initiatives the industry needs to undertake to protect the on-going viability of Australian helicopter businesses. This session is a must attend for anyone involved in support services for the helicopter industry.

1515-1545: Afternoon Tea in Exhibition Hall.

1545-1630: **The Future Rotary Regulatory Landscape**
Mr Shane Carmody-CEO/Director Aviation Safety-CASA

In June 2017 Mr Shane Carmody was appointed to lead CASA for the next 5 years. Prior to his formal appointment, there was a noticeable change in the way in which the regulator communicated in a collaborative way with industry. CASA, reflecting Mr Carmody's personal approach to Industry issues, is slowly but surely regaining the confidence of the overall Australian aviation Industry. This address promises to highlight how Mr Carmody sees CASA and the helicopter industry exchanging and sharing dialogue in the years ahead.

1630-1730: **The Regulatory Role, Responsibilities and Accountability of the Chief Pilot**
Moderator - Ms Shannon O'Hara-Snr. Associate, Carter Newell Lawyers, BNE, and Australian Director ALAANZ.

Mr Adam Anastasi-Snr. Legal Counsel CASA

Mr Chris Manning-ATSB Commissioner and former Chief Pilot Qantas Airways.

The role of the Chief Pilot is often taken for granted and not sufficiently recognized within their organization or company, which can lead to unfortunate misunderstandings and confused outcomes. This session presents a highly qualified panel of industry experts to discuss in detail exactly the role of the Chief Pilot. This is a must attend session for all current Chief Pilots and any pilot aspiring to one day become a Chief Pilot.

1900-2230: **Gala AHIA Awards Dinner – Lilly's on the Lagoon, Twin Waters Resort**
Invited Special Guest Presenter-Hon. Darren Chester MP. Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

This is the inaugural AHIA Awards Dinner celebrating excellence in the Australian helicopter industry. There are 4 individual awards to be presented, followed by a surprise or two. This Dinner, and the Awards presentations will become an annual event to encourage, support and recognize special achievements from AHIA members across Australia.

Avoid disappointment – early reservations are essential – Awards Dinner not included in registration fee.

[This event co-incides with sitting dates, accordingly, the Ministers' participation is dependent upon parliamentary priorities and any consequential commitments].

Day 3-Saturday 26 May.

- 0800-0900:** Coffee in Exhibition Hall - Registration desk open
- 0900-1030:** **Robinson and Airbus-Manufacturers Technical Workshops 3 and 4 - Session 1**
- 1030-1100:** Morning Tea in Exhibition Hall.
- 1100-1230:** **Robinson and Airbus-Manufacturers Technical Workshops 3 and 4 - Continue Session 2**
- 1230-1330:** Lunch in Exhibition Hall.

- 1330-1445:** **Financial Forum-To Spend, or Not to Spend - How Best to Spend Insurance?**
Moderator -Mr Peter Langrell, Managing Director, Principle Finance Ltd.
Mr Craig Akins - Head of Equipment Management Group, Asset Finance & Leasing- National Australia Bank
Mr Brent Brown - Managing Director, Blackwatch Asset Management Pty Ltd
Mr David Crick, Managing Director, DavAir Group Insurance Pty Ltd

This session is a unique once in a generation opportunity to hear from, and question, helicopter industry financial and insurance experts. The majority of commercial helicopters are at a price point where finance is essential. Financing decisions made at the time of purchase / rental have significant consequences during the Term of the financing and at Expiry of the finance agreement. In addition, many in the helicopter business are often confronted with the decision to re-equip and commit to expending large and significant amounts of money.

Industry financing is complex, confusing and not for the feint-hearted. Purchase outright, leasing alternatives, initial valuation and the setting of residual values, alternative finance derivatives, FX and fuel options, are all but a few of the considerations. What might be the appropriate and commensurate level of insurance coverage, is it all that necessary? Our panel will provide a holistic perspective to helicopter finance, hear honest and forthright opinions and advice from helicopter industry financial experts and one of the world's leading helicopter insurance brokers on what might best suit your business in the future.

- 1445-1530:** **The Importance of the Helicopter Industry at Regional and Metropolitan Airports-Support and Success!**
Mr Peter Pallot, General Manager-Sunshine Coast Airport.

Earlier in the program, Mr Jason Harfield talked about the demands currently being imposed upon safe ATM throughout Australia. Increasing operational access demands for helicopters around the country present significant challenges for secondary metropolitan, regional and some rural airports. Local community considerations, particularly with regard to noise abatement initiatives, are a shared responsibility between operators and airports. The operational mix and training demands are also important community considerations. How can industry and the airports achieve a win/win outcome and retain the support of the local community? The issues canvassed by Mr Pallot are applicable to all airports around Australia.

- 1530-1545:** **Close of Conference. AHIA President-Mr Peter Crook**