



The Gold Coast Airport and Oceania Aviation played host to the Annual Australasian Aviation Ground Safety Council's Safety Seminar. Over 40 people took part in the half day seminar, that had presentations on a wide range of safety related topics.

The first presentation was presented by Chris Barber from Qantas, who spoke about the risk associated with fall from heights. Chris shared some of the challenges, as well as the innovations and techniques that his organisation was implementing to assist in addressing

some risks associated with working at height around aircraft.

Adelaide Airports Airside Safety Manager Brett Eaton followed up with a comprehensive presentation on passenger movement on the ramp. As airports become increasingly pressured for space, they find themselves having to deal with increased passenger movement to standoff bays. Brett covered issues such as walkways, bussing passengers, ground markings and the hazards of passengers being in an unfamiliar environment.

The Gold Coast Airport has just gone through a major redevelopment. Rob Porter shared with attendees the challenges that they had relating to the works Safety and Security requirements. Moving passengers from landside through an active worksite to get to their Aircraft provided new challenges on a daily basis. Rob explained how shipping containers were used to create a walkway that provided a safe passenger walkway to the apron. His key message was that as in most things, active communication between all stakeholders made a very difficult project work despite the challenges.

Vehicle reliability is often an endless cause of frustration but it need not be. David Tabb from Skystar presented their learning's and processes to tackle this. David challenged the notion that vehicle maintenance should not be seen as a cost to the organisation, but rather should be viewed as currency. As a ground handling agent, providing equipment that is reliable and safe, increases the efficiency of their service to their customers. Having a comprehensive inspection and maintenance program that can be demonstrated to potential customers is like currency when bidding for new business.

The seminar was concluded with Chris giving a brief on safety observations, which was followed up with a visit to the Gold Coast Airports baggage hall and tarmac to conduct a safety observation.