

Monday 3 December 2018

ANNUAL AIRPORT EMERGENCY DESKTOP EXERCISE

The annual Airport emergency desktop exercise was held Monday 12 November where local emergency services staff came together to conduct a walk and talk through of a hypothetical emergency.

This year's scenario for the training exercise focused on a flight in final approach to Narrandera Leeton Airport. The emergency begins when landing is commenced and on application of the reverse pitch the nose of the aircraft sinks to the pavement as the nose wheel collapses.

Emergency services then run through the expected action plan for this scenario including conducting an emergency evacuation, assisting any injured passengers and faux travel to the nearest hospital.

Those attending found the scenario beneficial and positive interaction occurred among the various agencies during discussion about the incident. The purpose of these exercises is to test and review key response and communication elements of the Airport Emergency Plan.

With pending changes in 2019 to the CASA Manual of Standards it is likely that this will be the last training exercise in its current format.

Narrandera Shire Council's Traffic Airport Engineer Andrew Pearson said "The exercise will be tabled when CASA visit for an audit 3 – 5 December and enables Council staff to demonstrate that Narrandera Shire Council in conjunction with Leeton Shire Council continues to meet their obligations and requirements in relation to being the operator of a certified security controlled airport."



Left to Right: Andrew Pearson, Craig Hewitt, Lindel Carey, Neal Tait, Justin Langley, Shane Mathieson and Robert Davies.

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