



## Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine – Milestones

Year	Event	Membership
1949	Special Group on Aviation Medicine of the British Medical Association in Australia created on 25 November 1949	15
1953	350 copies of the Group's first Newsletter were printed and distributed.	43
1957	Five scientific meetings were convened.	192
1958	Dr Dorothy Rutherford from Crows Nest NSW (a pilot for seven years and a commercial pilot for five years) was welcomed as the first female member.	
1961	An annual prize of fifty guineas was approved for the best essay on an aviation medicine topic by a fifth year medical student from any Australian medical school.	165
1962	Renamed the Aviation Medicine Society of Australia following formation of AMA in 1961	164
1968	First scientific symposium at the University of Adelaide	160
1972	Renamed Aviation Medical Society of Australia and New Zealand (AMSANZ)  Hosted the Second International Meeting on Aerospace Medicine in Melbourne.	258
1974	The prerequisite of AMA membership as a requirement for membership of the Society was deleted.	Australia 219 NZ 133
1976	Investigation of the possibility of recognition of aviation medicine as a separate medical specialty was endorsed by the AGM.	
1977	Following a flurry of correspondence in <i>The Medical Journal of Australia</i> concerning the supposed inadequacy of emergency medical equipment on RPT flights, the Society established an expert sub-committee to investigate and report on the matter.	
1978	AMSANZ incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory on 5 May 1978.	447 Australia 304 NZ 143

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1979	Patterson Trust Visiting Lecturer Trust Fund was established in New Zealand to sponsor educational activities. Trust named after Mr Douglas Patterson, formerly of NAC and Air New Zealand.	501 Australia 358 NZ 143
1980	The Director General of Australia's Commonwealth Department of Health (and chairman of NSQAC), Dr Gwynn Howells, repudiated the designation of aviation medicine as a specialty.  Prize introduced for best student on annual RAAF Medical Officers' Aviation Medicine Course.	Australia 350, NZ 152
1982	Newsletter renamed AVMEDIA	
1984	Affiliated with the Aerospace Medical Association	
1985	Aviation medicine regulatory authorities in Australia and New Zealand recommended that all Designated Aviation Medical Examiners should be members of AMSANZ.	630 Australia 440 NZ 190
1988	Hosted 36th International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine in Brisbane  John Lane Trust established in Australia to sponsor educational activities and keynote speakers at Annual Scientific Meetings.	
1990	Prizes introduced for best-performing students on NZ DAVMed and Australian ACCAM courses.	
1993	Death of Mr Douglas Patterson.  Membership exceeds 1000	1097 Australia 782 NZ 315
1996	Formation of AMSANZ (NZ Inc) as distinct legal entity.	
1998		1128 Australia 878 (55 associates) NZ 250
1999	Death of Dr John S Lane	850
2001	Some members unable to obtain alternative travel to annual scientific meeting following demise of Ansett the week before.  Website created <a href="http://www.amsanz.com">www.amsanz.com</a>	756
2002	Hosted 50th International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine in Sydney	876
2003	Renamed as Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ASAM)  Keynote address named the John Lane Oration  Website created <a href="http://www.asam.org.au">www.asam.org.au</a>	816
2004	AVMEDIA becomes peer reviewed Journal of the Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine	860

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2005	Minister of Transport and Regional Services advised of concerns over the long standing vacancy of the Principal Medical Officer position in the Civil Aviation Safety Authority	822
2006	Minister of Transport and Regional Services advised of concerns over aspects of proposal to introduce an administration fee for aviation medical assessments.  Response submitted to Civil Aviation Safety Authority expressing concern on proposed changes to the Class 2 Medical Certification System.	870
2008	Advice sought from Civil Aviation Safety Authority on progress of review of the Class 2 Medical Certification System.  Letter published in <i>Australian Medicine</i> regarding AMA proposal for payment of doctors for in-flight emergency care in RPT.  Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine asked about status of Diploma of Aviation Medicine for entry to training program.  Major website redesign	