

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198703482**

**Piper PA32-300**

**17 May 1987**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198703482 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** Sweers Island (75 km N Burketown) QLD

**Date:** 17 May 1987 **Time:** 1600 approx

**Highest Injury Level:** Nil

**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Piper PA32-300

**Registration:** VH-TPJ

**Serial Number:**

**Operation Type:** Private (Pleasure)

**Damage Level:** Substantial

**Departure Point:** Burketown QLD

**Departure Time:** N/K

**Destination:** Sweers Island QLD

**Approved for Release:** July 16th 1987

**Circumstances:**

The pilot reported that just after touchdown he felt a bump. As the aircraft slowed the nose of the aircraft sank slightly, allowing the propeller to strike the strip surface several times. An inspection of the aircraft revealed that a wallaby had struck and bent the nosegear strut. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.