

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198500150**

**Cessna 150G**

**9 October 1985**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198500150 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** Nookawarra Station, 170 km of Meekatharra WA

**Date:** 9 October 1985 **Time:** 900

**Highest Injury Level:** Nil

**Injuries:**

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

**Aircraft Details:** Cessna 150G

**Registration:** VH-KPP

**Serial Number:**

**Operation Type:** Private

**Damage Level:** Substantial

**Departure Point:** Nookawarra Station WA

**Departure Time:** 0900

**Destination:** Nookawarra Station WA

**Approved for Release:** March 12th 1986

**Circumstances:**

After the aircraft had been airborne about 90 minutes, the engine began to run roughly. The pilot's attempts to restore full power were unsuccessful and the engine stopped. During the latter stages of the subsequent landing roll, the aircraft struck a dead tree and damage was caused to the left wing and lower engine cowl. Before commencing the flight the pilot had checked the fuel contents gauges, they indicated that both tanks were about half full. He did not, however, visually check the fuel quantity in each tank nor did he specifically plan the duration of the flight. The loss of engine power was caused by fuel exhaustion.