

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198802337**

Bellanca 8GCBC Scout

3 January 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198802337 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: "Woodlands" 14 km NNE Finley NSW

Date: 3 January 1988 **Time:** 1657

Highest Injury Level: Fatal

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	1	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	1	0	0
Total	1	1	0	0

Aircraft Details: Bellanca 8GCBC Scout

Registration: VH-ADP

Serial Number: 241-77

Operation Type: Private (Glider Retrieval)

Damage Level: Destroyed

Departure Point: Tocumwal NSW

Departure Time: 1610

Destination: Jerilderie NSW

Approved for Release: January 8th 1988

Circumstances:

The aircraft had launched a glider from Tocumwal and was proceeding to Jerilderie Aerodrome to pick up another glider that had outlanded there. Enroute the tow cable was dropped at a strip and the aircraft landed to retrieve the cable which was placed in the back of the aircraft. The aircraft then departed the strip and was flown at low level towards Jerilderie. It subsequently struck two powerlines and dived into the ground, impacting 27 metres beyond the powerlines. The aircraft overturned before coming to rest 34 metres beyond the initial point of ground impact. The passenger was assisted from the wreckage by a passing motorist, however, before the pilot could be evacuated the wreckage burst into flames and further assistance was rendered impossible.