

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198703469**

**Piper PA44-180**

**18 March 1987**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198703469  
**Location:** Herberton QLD  
**Date:** 18 March 1987  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Time:** 0920 approx

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	2	2
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Piper PA44-180  
**Registration:** VH-KHG  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Aerial Work-Check Flight  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Innisfail QLD  
**Departure Time:** 0920 approx  
**Destination:** Herberton QLD

**Approved for Release:** May 29th 1987

**Circumstances:**

Shortly after touchdown the nosewheel struck a 20 centimetre high anthill. The downlock latch on the nosegear was broken and when the nosewheel entered a slight depression, some 145 metres further along the ground roll, the nosegear collapsed. The pilot had overflowed the strip during the approach. However, due to the height of the grass on the strip the anthill would have been difficult to sight from the air.