

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199703697**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Super Skywagon**

08 November 1997

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Occurrence Number: 199703697 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Thorpdale, (ALA)
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 08 November 1997
Time: 1600 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 206
Aircraft Registration: VH-CVR **Serial Number:** U20602794
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Thorpdale Vic.
Departure Time: 1540 ESuT
Destination: Thorpdale Vic.

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	300.0	880

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The pilot of a Cessna 206 reported hearing an unusual noise as the nose wheel was lowered during the landing sequence. As a precaution, he increased back-pressure on the control column to keep the nose wheel off the ground for as long as possible during the landing roll. However, the nose wheel assembly subsequently collapsed, resulting in substantial damage to the propeller and engine cowling.

An inspection of the failed nose gear assembly by a LAME revealed no pre-existing defect with the unit. This occurrence was not investigated by BASI. No reason was given for the failure of the landing gear.

