

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198400049**

**Piper PA28-235**

**18 November 1984**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198400049 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** Spring Creek 185 km West of Ingham Qld

**Date:** 18 November 1984 **Time:** 1500

**Highest Injury Level:** Nil

**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Piper PA28-235

**Registration:** VH-KKQ

**Serial Number:**

**Operation Type:** Business Travel

**Damage Level:** Substantial

**Departure Point:** Spring Creek, Qld

**Departure Time:** N/A

**Destination:** Atherton, Qld

**Approved for Release:** 26th March 1985

**Circumstances:**

The pilot advised that he was taxiing towards the take-off threshold of the ALA, using the grassed area alongside the gravel strip. He noticed an anthill about 30 centimetres high in front of the aircraft, but while turning to avoid the obstruction the left mainwheel struck the anthill. The gear leg broke at its attachment point to the wing, resulting in substantial damage to the wing and the left flap.