

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198402329**

Thorp T18

6 April 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198402329
Location: Berwick VIC
Date: 6 April 1984
Highest Injury Level: Minor
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1810

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

Aircraft Details: Thorp T18
Registration: VH-RWT
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Pleasure Flight
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Mangalore VIC
Departure Time: 1734
Destination: Berwick VIC

Approved for Release: 15th January 1985

Circumstances:

The aircraft joined the circuit for a landing on the duty runway, 06. On short final the pilot was advised that there was a 3 knot tailwind. She continued with the landing and as the tail was lowered to the runway, after touchdown, the aircraft began to accelerate and yaw to the left. Corrective action was taken and the yaw stopped. However, as the pilot applied the hand operated brake, the aircraft again yawed quickly to the left and ground-looped before coming to rest on the right wing tip and nose. During the landing the wind had changed from a light north-easterly to an 18 knot south-westerly.