

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198502560**

Maule M-7-235

01 November 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198502560 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Bankstown NSW

Date: 01 November 1985 **Time:** 1656

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	2

Aircraft Details: Maule M-7-235

Registration: VH-MBL

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Private (Travel)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: The Oaks NSW

Departure Time: 1639

Destination: Bankstown NSW

Approved for Release: February 7th 1986

Circumstances:

The pilot was making a landing approach in moderate crosswind conditions. Touch-down was made in a three-point attitude at an airspeed of about 40 knots. Immediately afterwards, the pilot experienced difficulty in preventing the into-wind wing from rising. He elected to go around and applied full throttle, but was unable to maintain directional control. The propeller struck the ground and the aircraft cartwheeled before coming to rest. Recorded aerodrome information received by the pilot indicated that the surface wind was gusting above the aircraft maximum demonstrated crosswind component. On final approach, the pilot became aware that a significant crosswind existed, but he continued the approach, using a short field landing technique. When directional control was lost after touchdown and a go around was attempted, the combination of an uncontrolled turn downwind, the low airspeed and a gusty wind caused the aircraft to stall.