

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198703491**

**Piper PA28-161**

**8 August 1987**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198703491  
**Location:** Kooralbyn QLD  
**Date:** 8 August 1987  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Time:** 1710

	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 PA28-161  
**Registration:** VH-PZK  
**Serial Number:** 28-7816203  
**Operation Type:** Private (Pleasure)  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Archerfield QLD  
**Departure Time:** 1650  
**Destination:** Kooralbyn QLD

**Approved for Release:** August 27th 1987

**Circumstances:**

The pilot had not been authorised to conduct the flight and had never previously operated into the strip. He had arranged to accompany another pilot to the destination but when that pilot was unable to make the flight he decided to fly the aircraft himself. He stated that he was apprehensive about high ground on the approach and the aircraft touched down well into the 1400 metre strip. After commencing heavy braking a late decision was made to carry out a go-around. During the attempted go-around the aircraft crossed a deep gully, off the end of the strip, and the rear fuselage struck a dirt bank. The impact caused the nosewheel to strike the ground heavily and the nosegear strut collapsed. The aircraft skidded across a paddock striking several fence posts and a fence before coming to rest on a road, 208 metres beyond the end of the strip.