

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198803476**

Cessna 182-A

18 August 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198803476 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Wathinin, 40km SSW of Aurukun QLD

Date: 18 August 1988 **Time:** 1730

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: Cessna 182-A

Registration: VH-DCV

Serial Number: 34919

Operation Type: Private

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Aurukun QLD

Departure Time: 1715

Destination: Wathinin QLD

Approved for Release: March 13th 1989

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that he was returning to a newly graded hard black soil strip at a muster camp. As the aircraft was turned at the end of the landing roll the nosewheel entered a pothole, causing the nosewheel yoke to break. The nose of the aircraft dropped and the tips of the propeller were bent on contact with the strip surface. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. The newly graded strip contained hidden hazards.