

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198902533**

**Thunder Colt 240A Hot Air Balloon**

**13 January 1989**

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This accident was not the subject of a formal on-scene investigation.

**Occurrence Number:** 198902533 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** Belconnen ACT

**Date:** 13 January 1989

**Time:** 720

**Highest Injury Level:** Serious

**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	1	0	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Thunder Colt 240A Hot Air  
Balloon

**Registration:** VH-PVC

**Serial Number:** 593

**Operation Type:** Charter

**Damage Level:** Nil

**Departure Point:** Dairy Flat ACT

**Departure Time:** N/K

**Destination:** Belconnen ACT

**Approved for Release:** 30th November 1989

**Circumstances:**

During a landing on a golf course, an elderly lady passenger sustained a fractured leg as she had not taken up the correct landing position. The pilot reported the landing was conducted in suitable weather conditions and that the rate of descent was not excessive.