

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198902548**

**Kavanagh K12-77**

**26 March 1989**

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

**Occurrence Number:** 198902548                      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** 22km south of Griffith NSW  
**Date:** 26 March 1989                                      **Time:** 815  
**Highest Injury Level:** Serious  
**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Kavanagh K12-77  
**Registration:** VH-JKY  
**Serial Number:** N/A  
**Operation Type:** Private  
**Damage Level:** Nil  
**Departure Point:** Griffith NSW  
**Departure Time:** 0700  
**Destination:** N/A

**Approved for Release:** 23rd March 1990

**Circumstances:**

It was reported the balloon was being flown with a southerly drift in excellent weather conditions. After a flight of about 75 minutes, the pilot landed the balloon in a suitable paddock. Following a normal touch down, the balloon basket was dragged about 70 metres. Some days later a passenger was found to have suffered small fractures in the lower part of one leg, the injury apparently resulting from the landing slide.