

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199001143**

Cessna 172N

14 April 1990

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Occurrence Number: 199001143

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Essendon Airport, Vic

Date: 14 April 1990

Time: 1155

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Cessna 172N

Registration: VH-ITY

Serial Number: 17270285

Operation Type: Private

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Essendon, Vic

Departure Time: N/A

Destination: Essendon, Vic

Approved for Release: 4 May 1990

Circumstances:

The Essendon Terminal Information (ATIS) advised of surface wind from 260 degrees at 15/25 knots. The pilot had completed the flight and was making his landing approach at 75 knots with 40 degrees of flap set. From Essendon Tower the aircraft was observed to descend rapidly from a height of about 20-30 feet and contact the runway heavily, nose wheel first. A bounce followed and then the aircraft touched down again. Aware that the nose wheel was wobbling violently and that the nose attitude was unusually low the pilot steered the aircraft off the runway, shut down the engine and evacuated.