

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199200012**

**Evans Aircraft
VP-1**

07 March 1992

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Occurrence Number: 199200012 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: "Turalla" 2km NW Bungendore
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 07 March 1992
Time: 1202 hours **Time Zone:** EST
Highest Injury Level: Fatal
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Manufacturer: Evans Aircraft
Aircraft Model: VP-1
Aircraft Registration: VH-BFG **Serial Number:**
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Destroyed
Departure Point: "Turalla" 2km W Bungendore NSW
Departure Time: 1202 EST
Destination: Canberra ACT

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The pilot landed on the property airstrip in order to correct a problem he was having in communicating with Canberra Air Traffic Control (ATC). Apparently having made adjustments to the radio installation, the pilot attempted to hand start the engine, but had not succeeded before he was met by the property owner and an employee who then provided some assistance. With the engine restarted, the pilot advised Canberra ATC by relay through an aircraft tracking from Goulburn to Canberra of his intention to depart. He was instructed to call again after takeoff.

After takeoff from the airstrip, the aircraft overflew the property owner as it turned onto a southerly heading. The aircraft was then observed to adopt what appeared to be a nose high attitude as it flew away from the strip. At a height of 200-300 feet, the aircraft was seen to commence a steep descent, while rotating to the right. The descent was not checked before the aircraft impacted the ground, right wing low, in a near vertical attitude.

No radio transmissions were heard from the pilot following takeoff.

The report of the autopsy conducted on the pilot indicated that he had suffered a physical incapacitation before the aircraft impacted the ground.