

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199001975**

**Piper Aircraft Corp PA-32**

**9 April 1990**

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

**Occurrence Number:** 199001975      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Batemans Bay NSW  
**Date:** 9 April 1990      **Time:** 1744  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Piper Aircraft Corp PA-32  
**Registration:** VH-PXG  
**Serial Number:** 32-40293  
**Operation Type:** Private  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Wollongong NSW  
**Departure Time:** 1547  
**Destination:** Orbost Vic

**Approved for Release:** 10th April 1991

**Circumstances:**

he pilot reported that he had obtained forecasts and actual weather reports for the intended route. The forecasts indicated low cloud, rain showers and drizzle along the coast, but actual reports indicated that he would get through. After waiting some time for the weather to improve, he departed, following shortly after another aircraft along the same route. In the Batemans Bay area he was unable to proceed further south, and found the weather closing in behind. After circling for some time, and with darkness approaching, he elected to carry out a precautionary landing on a beach. During the landing run, the aircraft struck patches of soft sand, resulting in the nose landing gear collapsing and right main gear being torn off.