

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198900806

Piper PA18-150 Super Cub

26 April 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198900806

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Victoria River Downs Station NT

Date: 26 April 1989

Time: 1630

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	2

Aircraft Details: Piper PA18-150 Super Cub

Registration: VH-PQE

Serial Number: 18-6473

Operation Type: Private

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Victoria River Downs
Station NT

Departure Time: 1545

Destination: Victoria River Downs
Station NT

Approved for Release: 16 June 1989

Circumstances:

At the conclusion of a local flight the pilot carried out a practice touch and go landing, and then positioned the aircraft for a full stop landing. Wind conditions at the time were light. Shortly after touchdown the aircraft commenced to veer to the right. The pilot was unable to stop the swing, and elected to go around. However, the aircraft was no longer aligned with the strip and during the attempted go-around the aircraft struck an embankment and a small tree. The pilot closed the throttle and the aircraft came to rest about 100 metres to the right of the strip.

Significant Factors:

The following factor was considered relevant to the development of the accident For reasons which were not determined, the pilot was unable to maintain directional control during landing.