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Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198502545

Piper PA60-600 Aerostar

28 June 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198502545 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Bankstown NSW

Date: 28 June 1985 **Time:** 1951

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Piper PA60-600 Aerostar

Registration: VH-IGV

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Charter - Carriage of Freight

Damage Level: SubstantialDeparture Point: Cowra NSWDeparture Time: 1900 approxDestination: Bankstown NSW

Approved for Release: 3rd September 1985

Circumstances:

The landing gear was selected down during the downwind leg of the circuit, and the gear down lights were illuminated. The aircraft touched down normally, but as soon as the nosewheel contacted the runway, the gear warning horn sounded and the nose-gear retracted. The aircraft slid to a halt on the centre-line of the runway. Inspection confirmed that the landing gear system was serviceable. However, the cause of the gear collapse was not positively determined.