

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198602366**

Schempp-Hirth Nimbus 2

25 October 1986

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This accident was not subject to an on scene investigation.

Occurrence Number: 198602366

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Lake Keepit NSW

Date: 25 October 1986

Time: 1600

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: Schempp-Hirth Nimbus 2

Registration: VH-GEL

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Private (Gliding)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Lake Keepit NSW

Departure Time: 1430 approx

Destination: Lake Keepit NSW

Approved for Release: January 28th 1987

Circumstances:

The pilot was approaching to land in strong crosswind conditions. The area near the threshold of the strip was obstructed by machinery and another glider, and the usable strip width was reduced because of long grass. Although there was adequate strip length, the pilot elected to land close to the other glider. During the landing flare the aircraft drifted towards the obstructions, and the pilot raised one wing in an effort to avoid them. The other wing entered the long grass and the aircraft slewed sharply before falling to the ground.