

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198702430**

Kavanagh Balloon D90

25 October 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198702430 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Gobondery (28km NNW of Trundle) NSW
Date: 25 October 1987 **Time:** 810
Highest Injury Level: Serious
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	1	1	2
Total	0	1	1	3

Aircraft Details: Kavanagh Balloon D90
Registration: VH-HXB
Serial Number: KB028
Operation Type: Charter (Carriage of Passengers)
Damage Level: Minor
Departure Point: 15 km NNW of Trundle NSW
Departure Time: 0730
Destination: N/K

Approved for Release: January 6th 1988

Circumstances:

The balloon was carrying out local sight-seeing flights. The pilot reported that he departed Trundle at about 0700 hours with four passengers. After about 30 minutes, the balloon was landed near a road where the passengers disembarked and another four persons boarded the balloon. During the second flight the pilot decided to land in a paddock when he observed an increase in the surface wind. As the balloon approached for a landing, the basket struck trees near the boundary of the paddock and two of the passengers sustained injuries. The pilot stated that during the approach he was unable to control a sudden increase in sink which he claimed was a result of wind turbulence.