

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198802409**

De Havilland DH-82A

25 November 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198802409

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Wards Mistake NSW

Date: 25 November 1988

Time: 1800 ESuT

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: De Havilland DH-82A

Registration: VH-AJQ

Serial Number: T262

Operation Type: Private

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Luskintyre NSW

Departure Time: N/K

Destination: Wards Mistake NSW

Approved for Release: 4th July 1989

Circumstances:

On arrival in the circuit at the destination, the pilot estimated the wind strength at 5 to 15 knots blowing directly across the strip. He elected to land towards the north east with the crosswind from the left. After landing the pilot reported the aircraft was hit by a wind gust which tipped it onto its right wing. The aircraft then weather cocked and ran off the mown section of the strip into long grass where it overturned. This accident was not the subject on an on scene investigation.

Significant Factors:

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. Excessive gusting crosswind.
2. Pilot encountered conditions which resulted in a loss of directional control.