

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198501387**

De Havilland DH-82A

7 February 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198501387 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Alberton (8 km South of Yarram) VIC

Date: 7 February 1985 **Time:** 1520

Highest Injury Level: Serious

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: De Havilland DH-82A

Registration: VH-BFW

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Pleasure

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Alberton VIC

Departure Time: 1515

Destination: Alberton VIC

Approved for Release: 17th May 1985

Circumstances:

After a short flight in the local area the pilot made a long low final approach towards the intended landing point. During the approach the pilot temporarily forgot that powerlines crossed the flight path. The aircraft collided with the wires, which were 68 feet agl, and struck the ground in a vertical nose-down attitude about 800 metres from the landing area.