

# **Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198501400**

**Glasflugel Mosquito**

**9 June 1985**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198501400

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** 36 km SSE of Horsham VIC

**Date:** 9 June 1985

**Time:** 1230

**Highest Injury Level:** Nil

**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Glasflugel Mosquito

**Registration:** VH-GSZ

**Serial Number:**

**Operation Type:** Ridge Soaring

**Damage Level:** Substantial

**Departure Point:** Dadswells Bridge VIC

**Departure Time:** 1110

**Destination:** Dadswells Bridge VIC

**Approved for Release:** 19th July 1985

**Circumstances:**

During ridge soaring operations, areas of sink were encountered and the aircraft descended over forested terrain. The only area suitable for an outlanding was a small deer enclosure. The pilot initially overshot the area and during the turn to re-position the aircraft for landing the right wing struck the fence surrounding the enclosure. The aircraft yawed through 90 degrees before impacting the ground in a level attitude. Although general soaring conditions were poor, the pilot had elected to leave the ridge-line to conduct a sight seeing flight. During this flight a wind change moved through the area. On return to the ridge-line the pilot, who had not detected the wind change, persisted with efforts to find an area of lift. The proximity of the aircraft to the tops of the trees and the small size of the deer enclosure precluded the pilot sighting the clearing in time to conduct a straight-in approach.