

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198900007**

Piper PA 34 Seneca

5 May 1989

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 198900007

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Merimbula NSW

Date: 5 May 1989

Time: 530

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	0	0
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	4	0
Total	0	0	5	0

Aircraft Details: Piper PA 34 Seneca

Registration: VH-SET

Serial Number: 34-7350239

Operation Type: Private

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Bairnsdale VIC

Departure Time: N/K

Destination: Merimbula NSW

Approved for Release: 18th July 1990

Circumstances:

After a gear down selection the nosegear "down-and-locked" indicator light failed to come on. Further efforts to obtain a down and locked indication were unsuccessful. Ground observers confirmed that the nose landing gear had failed to extend. The pilot elected to make a wheels up landing on the runway. After touch down the aircraft skidded off the runway and came to rest on its belly in soft grass. Advice was subsequently received that no positive cause could be found for the landing gear extension failure.