

Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198702435

Glasfugel Mosquito

2 November 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198702435

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 45 km E Corryong NSW

Date: 2 November 1987

Time: 1600

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Glasfugel Mosquito

Registration: VH-GML

Serial Number: 8

Operation Type: Private (Pleasure)

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Corryong NSW

Departure Time: 1200

Destination: Corryong NSW

Approved for Release: March 11th 1988

Circumstances:

After about four hours flying, the pilot decided to return to Corryong to land. Because the aircraft was too low he tracked towards a valley in an attempt to find lift. The attempt was unsuccessful and the pilot selected a sloping area on which to carry out an outlanding. Shortly after touchdown one wing struck a small bush and the aircraft groundlooped. The pilot was inexperienced in mountain soaring. He had been operating in the vicinity of a suitable landing area, but left this area with insufficient altitude available to glide to the next suitable landing area.