

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198401391**

Britten Norman BN 2-A20 Islander

24 July 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198401391
Location: Wilton NSW
Date: 24 July 1984
Highest Injury Level: Fatal
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: N/A

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	3	3
Ground	1	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	3

Aircraft Details: Britten Norman BN 2-A20
Islander
Registration: VH-IGT
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Parachuting Test Flight
Damage Level: Nil
Departure Point: N/A
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: N/A

Approved for Release: 10th October, 1984

Circumstances:

The aerodrome caretaker had been requested to inflate a tyre on one of the operator's aircraft. The engines of VH-IGT were operating when the pilot observed the caretaker approaching, carrying a battery which powered an air pump. The caretaker walked around the tail of the aircraft, placed the battery near the right wheel, moved to the wing tip and proceeded towards another aircraft. He then realised he had taken the battery to the wrong aircraft and returned, walking directly towards the right engine. The pilot attempted to shutdown the engines but the caretaker continued forward and was struck by the rotating propeller.