

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198702418**

Piper PA28-235

11 September 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198702418 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Kulpra Station NSW,(38 km SE of Mildura) VIC
Date: 11 September 1987 **Time:** 1645
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	3
Total	0	0	0	4

Aircraft Details: Piper PA28-235
Registration: VH-FAR
Serial Number: 28-10210
Operation Type: Private (Pleasure)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Kulpra Station NSW
Departure Time: 1645
Destination: Underbool VIC

Approved for Release: December 15th 1987

Circumstances:

The purpose of the flight was to return to Underbool after visiting friends and relatives at Kulpra Station. On DEPARTURE from Underbool the aircraft carried 136 litres of fuel, 68 litres in each main tank, the tip tanks were empty. The flight to Kulpra was conducted using fuel from the right main tank. The pilot stated that at an altitude of about ten feet after lift-off, the engine failed. The aircraft was landed back on the strip, heavily on the nosewheel, and the nosegear subsequently collapsed. The pilot reported that on inspection the fuel tank selector was positioned to draw fuel from the empty left wingtip tank instead of the left main tank.