

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198702441**

Piper PA28-181

22 November 1987

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Occurrence Number: 198702441

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Piper's Field, Bathurst NSW

Date: 22 November 1987

Time: 1145

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 PA28-181

Registration: VH-SXB

Serial Number: 28 7690403

Operation Type: Private-Travel

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Bankstown NSW

Departure Time: N/K

Destination: Piper's Field NSW

Approved for Release: February 25th 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot had hired the aircraft to fly to Piper's Field with three friends for the day. He was familiar with the strip which is used for glider operations. On arrival in the circuit area, the pilot contacted the local gliding club by radio and was advised that gliders were landing and taking off in a southerly direction. The strip, 686 metres in length, has a one percent average down slope to the south. The wind velocity was reported as 200 degrees at 10 knots. The pilot reported that the aircraft encountered sink on final approach and that he applied power to counteract the sink. The aircraft touched down well into the strip and bounced. The second touchdown was about halfway along the strip and the pilot was unable to stop the aircraft before it overran the strip. The aircraft was damaged when it ran through a ditch which was concealed by long grass.