

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198702402

Piper PA34-200

20 April 1987

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This accident was not subject to an on scene investigation.

Occurrence Number: 198702402 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Eleura Downs Station (30km East of Trundle) NSW
Date: 20 April 1987 **Time:** 1616
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: Piper PA34-200
Registration: VH-SEN
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Private (Pleasure)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Canberra ACT
Departure Time: 1616
Destination: Eleura Downs Station NSW

Approved for Release: August 5th 1987

Circumstances:

When the pilot arrived at his destination it was after last light and there was no strip lighting available. The pilot nevertheless decided to land, and although he believed he had aligned the aircraft with the strip correctly, it was in fact lined-up to the left of the strip. After touchdown the aircraft ran through a washout and the nosegear and left maingear collapsed. The pilot had been aware when he commenced the flight that he would be unable to reach his destination before last light. He had been reluctant to land at an alternate aerodrome, because he had been wearing old clothes and had no money or credit cards with him.