

Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198901560

Piper PA 32RT

10 December 1989

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 198901560 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Passage Island, Tas
Date: 10 December 1989 **Time:** 1045
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 PA 32RT
Registration: VH-KTC
Serial Number: 32R-7885125
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Essendon, Vic
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: Passage Island, Tas

Approved for Release: 27th March 1990

Circumstances:

The pilot was flying to the island, as he had done on previous occasions over the years. The strip did not have a wind sock but the pilot estimated the wind from looking at the water and made an approach to land uphill with a tail wind component. Touch down was made about half way along the strip and as the aircraft slowed the left wheel struck a strip marker tyre concealed by long grass. The left main gear leg collapsed as a result of the impact.