

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198602663**

Grumman AA5-B

5 September 1986

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Occurrence Number: 198602663
Location: Birdsville QLD
Date: 5 September 1986
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1350

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	2
Total	0	0	0	3

Aircraft Details: Grumman AA5-B
Registration: VH-IFS
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Private-Travel
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Windorah QLD
Departure Time: 1155
Destination: Birdsville QLD

Approved for Release: November 13th 1986

Circumstances:

The pilot had held a Private Pilot Licence which had expired about six months prior to the accident. A witness reported that after the aircraft touched down it bounced about three times before landing in a nose down attitude which resulted in the nosegear strut failing in overload. The landing was attempted in a 10 knot crosswind and the pilot reported that the aircraft was affected by a wind gust during the landing sequence. The pilot was not in recent flying practice and had not flown for about five months prior to this trip.