

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198803511**

**Cessna 172-N**

**26 December 1988**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198803511  
**Location:** Roma QLD  
**Date:** 26 December 1988  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Cessna 172-N  
**Registration:** VH-FUS  
**Serial Number:** 17272157  
**Operation Type:** Private  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Roma QLD  
**Departure Time:** 1220  
**Destination:** Roma QLD

**Approved for Release:** March 16th 1989

#### **Circumstances:**

Following the completion of a flight in the local training area the aircraft was landed on Runway 36 at Roma. At the time the wind was north-westerly at five to eight knots and there was a thunderstorm to the south-west of the field. During the landing roll the wind velocity suddenly increased to about 25 knots. The aircraft swung to the left and ran off the side of the runway. The pilot was unable to regain directional control but shut down the engine before the aircraft ran into a ditch. This accident was not the subject of an on-site investigation.

#### **Significant Factors:**

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the accident

1. A sudden windshift associated with thunderstorm activity occurred during the landing roll.
2. The pilot was unable to maintain directional control.