

Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198601400

Rockwell 114

20 January 1986

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Occurrence Number: 198601400
Location: Sea Lake VIC
Date: 20 January 1986
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: 1705

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

Aircraft Details: Rockwell 114
Registration: VH-DDY
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Private (Travel)
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Sea Lake VIC
Departure Time: 1703
Destination: Essendon VIC

Approved for Release: April 7th 1986

Circumstances:

Shortly after take-off the pilot's door opened. The passenger became very agitated and the pilot elected to carry out a low level circuit and landing. The passenger's condition deteriorated to the extent where the pilot was experiencing difficulty in concentrating on the approach. The aircraft touched down in a paddock 22 metres short of the aerodrome boundary fence, ran through the fence and came to rest near the strip threshold. Atmospheric conditions at the time were conducive to the formation of downdrafts and willy-willies. It was possible that the aircraft was affected by such a disturbance at a time when the pilot was distracted by his passenger's condition.