

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198800112**

**Cessna 182R**

**9 February 1988**

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This accident was not subject to an on scene investigation.

**Occurrence Number:** 198800112

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** Beverley WA

**Date:** 9 February 1988

**Time:** 1630

**Highest Injury Level:** Nil

**Injuries:**

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

**Aircraft Details:** Cessna 182R

**Registration:** VH-MAB

**Serial Number:** 18267846

**Operation Type:** Private

**Damage Level:** Substantial

**Departure Point:** Badingarra WA

**Departure Time:** 1500

**Destination:** Beverley WA

**Approved for Release:** 11 March 1988

**Circumstances:**

The pilot carried out a normal full flap approach into a steady 15 knot headwind. Immediately before touch down the aircraft was struck by a strong wind gust from the left. The aircraft yawed sharply to the left and the nose lifted. The pilot applied full power and attempted to lower the nose but the aircraft touched down heavily on its main wheels and tail tie down ring. The aircraft did not bounce and the pilot elected to complete the landing. It was likely that the aircraft had been affected by a willy-willy at a critical stage of the approach. The pilot's recovery actions were unable to prevent the resulting heavy landing.