

Aviation Safety Investigation Report 198702437

Blanik L13

10 November 1987

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This accident was not subject to an on scene investigation.

Occurrence Number: 198702437

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 3 km NNW of Finley NSW

Date: 10 November 1987

Time: 1530

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Blanik L13

Registration: VH-GXA

Serial Number: N/K

Operation Type: Private (Gliding)

Damage Level: Destroyed

Departure Point: Tocumwal NSW

Departure Time: 1445 approx

Destination: Tocumwal NSW

Approved for Release: 12-Feb-88

Circumstances:

The pilot was taking part in a course designed to teach the techniques and practices of cross-country flying. He had been briefed to conduct a local soaring flight, but elected to carry out a cross-country exercise. An outlanding became necessary, however the pilot misjudged the approach to the selected paddock. The glider collided with trees and a power line at the upwind end of the paddock. The pilot had failed a previous cross-country check flight, and had been specifically briefed not to conduct flights away from the local area until he had received additional instruction. He declined to provide reasons for attempting the subject flight.