

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198900255**

Piper PA32

28 November 1989

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Occurrence Number: 198900255

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Nookanbah WA

Date: 28 November 1989

Time: 830

Highest Injury Level: Nil

Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	4
Total	0	0	0	5

Aircraft Details: Piper PA32

Registration: VH-DJL

Serial Number: 32-744009A

Operation Type: Charter

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Fitzroy Crossing WA

Departure Time: N/A

Destination: Nookanbah WA

Approved for Release: 30th November 1989

Circumstances:

The pilot did not observe any obstructions, on the flight strip, when he overflowed the strip and joined downwind for a normal circuit. During the final approach the pilot observed that there was a donkey feeding, in the trees, approximately 40 metres off to the right of the edge of the flight strip. Shortly after landing the donkey ran in front of the aircraft and the pilot was unable to avoid a collision. The donkey was killed. There was no animal proof fence around the flight strip. This accident was not the subject of a formal on scene investigation.

Significant Factors:

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

1. There was no animal proof fence around the flight strip.
2. The pilot was unable to avoid a collision with an animal that ran in front of the aircraft.