

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198802368**

Cessna 172

15 May 1988

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Occurrence Number: 198802368
Location: Armidale NSW
Date: 15 May 1988
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: Cessna 172
Registration: VH-WYZ
Serial Number: 17266785
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Armidale NSW
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: Armidale NSW

Approved for Release: 9/06/1988

Circumstances:

The pilot reported that an approach was being made in light crosswind conditions. Touchdown was normal, but the aircraft then became airborne again. A series of bounces then followed, each larger than the last. At some point during this phase the nose strut oleo collapsed and the propeller struck the ground. The aircraft swerved off the runway and slowed to the point where the pilot was able to regain control. Subsequent examination revealed damage to the engine firewall and lower fuselage structure. The pilot was evidently surprised by the speed and severity of the bounces, and had apparently not considered making a go around. This accident was not the subject of an on scene investigation.