

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report**  
**198702450**

**Beech B23**

**24 December 1987**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198702450

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** Hoxton Park NSW

**Date:** 24 December 1987

**Time:** 1123

**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:** Beech B23

**Registration:** VH-UMT

**Serial Number:** M-2143

**Operation Type:** Private (Practice)

**Damage Level:** Substantial

**Departure Point:** Hoxton Park NSW

**Departure Time:** 1100 Approx.

**Destination:** Hoxton Park NSW

**Approved for Release:** 1 March 1988

**Circumstances:**

The pilot was carrying out a period of circuit practice. After touchdown on the fourth circuit the aircraft commenced to porpoise. The pilot applied forward elevator in an attempt to control the aircraft. The aircraft subsequently touched down heavily on the nosewheel, causing the nosegear to collapse and the propeller to strike the runway. The pilot lacked recent experience, and had not considered going around when the aircraft began to porpoise.