

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198500651**

Bede BD4

17 February 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198500651 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Rowland Flat, 5 Km SSW of Tanunda SA
Date: 17 February 1985 **Time:** 1400
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	2
Total	0	0	0	3

Aircraft Details: Bede BD4
Registration: VH-ABD
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Air Display
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Woodside SA
Departure Time: 1400
Destination: Rowland Flat SA

Approved for Release: 21st June, 1985

Circumstances:

The pilot was attending a fly-in to display his aircraft. Because he was concerned about the length of the strip he was endeavouring to touchdown at the threshold. During the final approach, he became aware that the airspeed was reducing below the optimum and applied some power, however, the aircraft struck the ground heavily about 10 metres before the strip threshold. The pilot applied full power and carried out a go-around. As a result of the ground contact the nosewheel was torn off. The pilot was advised of the situation by ground observers and elected to divert to Parafield. During the subsequent landing the nosegear leg collapsed.