

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198802359**

Beech 58

12 April 1988

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This accident was not subject to an on scene investigation.

Occurrence Number: 198802359

Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: Warkworth NSW

Date: 12 April 1988

Time: 731

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: Beech 58

Registration: VH-ADB

Serial Number: TH-492

Operation Type: Charter

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Sydney NSW

Departure Time: 0639

Destination: Maitland NSW

Approved for Release: October 31st 1988

Circumstances:

The aircraft was engaged on a bank-run flight. On arrival in the circuit area at Maitland the pilot observed that the aerodrome was fogbound, and so elected to divert to Warkworth. The pilot reported that when on downwind in the circuit area at Warkworth, the landing gear extended normally and a safe gear indication was observed. Ground witnesses reported that the touchdown of the aircraft on the gravel strip appeared to be normal. At approximately one third of the ground roll distance, the left main gear retracted. The aircraft veered off the strip and slid sideways on wet grass. No fault was found with the landing gear system. The sequence of retraction suggested that the pilot had inadvertently retracted the gear instead of the flaps.