

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198400005**

Partenavia P68C

14 February 1984

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Occurrence Number: 198400005 **Occurrence Type:** Accident

Location: Chum Plains, 150 km SW of Charleville QLD

Date: 14 February 1984 **Time:** 555

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: Partenavia P68C

Registration: VH-UUG

Serial Number:

Operation Type: Private Business

Damage Level: Substantial

Departure Point: Charleville QLD

Departure Time: 0555

Destination: Cowley (13 km NNW of
Chum Plains) QLD

Approved for Release: 11th April, 1984

Circumstances:

The pilot had obtained a briefing on the strip at the intended destination and was aware that it was in good condition. On arrival a normal circuit was flown and on short final approach the pilot noticed bushes on the strip. He prepared to go around but before this could be effected the nose and left main wheels struck anthills which were obscured by the bushes. The left gear leg was detached and the aircraft ground-looped. The pilot made a navigation error and had made an approach to a disused strip 13 km from the intended destination. The strip had appeared serviceable when viewed from circuit height, but the pilot had not checked the orientation of the strip, which was 20 degrees different from that at the intended destination.