

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198503494**

Piper PA34-200T

15 January 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198503494 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: "Moramana" property, 66km NNW of Clermont QLD
Date: 15 January 1985 **Time:** 0635
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: Piper PA34-200T
Registration: VH-KGR
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Positioning for charter flight
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Emerald QLD
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: "Wondabah" property,
59km North of Clermont
QLD

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Circumstances:

After arriving in the area the pilot was unable to locate the destination strip. He decided to land on a gravel road near a house to seek directions. Shortly after a normal touchdown the nosegear collapsed and the aircraft came to rest in a drain beside the road. The pilot reported that there had been nosewheel shimmy during the previous take-off and just prior to the nose leg collapsing. The pilot had not previously operated into the strip at his intended destination. The nose wheel tyre was found to be deflated, and it is likely that it had become deflated during the previous take-off. However, due to the extent of the damage caused to the tyre during the landing, it was not possible to determine the reason the tyre had become deflated.