Aviation Safety Investigation Report 199002032

Piper PA28R-180

04 December 1990

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Occurrence Number:		199002032			Occurrence Type: Accident	
Location:		Hoxton Park NSW				
Date:		04 December 1990			Time: 1352	
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 P	A28R-180				
Registration:	VH-ARO					
Serial Number:	28R-30628					
Operation Type:	Private					
Damage Level:	Substantial					
Departure Point:	Hoxton Park NSW					
Departure Time:	N/K					
Destination:	Hoxton	Park NSW				

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Circumstances:

The pilot reported he had completed five touch-and-go landings, and two glide approach landings on runway 16 during a session of circuits, the latter requiring very close approaches. The wind was from the south-west at 10-15 knots, resulting in a gusting, right crosswind. The accident occurred while the pilot was carrying out a third glide approach. He advised that he would normally extend the undercarriage on downwind leg as the first of the vital prelanding actions, and on final approach do a last "three greens" verification check. On this occasion he did neither check, being busy with the wind gusts and the very brief base and final legs. The aircraft touched down smoothly and slid for about 70 metres, coming to rest on the centreline. It was then that the pilot heard the undercarriage warning horn and saw the undercarriage control in the gear up position. He turned off all switches and evacuated the aircraft. The pilot said that he had been suffering the after-effects of a head cold and this, together with over an hour of crosswind circuits, may have reduced his sharpness to the stage where vital actions were forgotten.