

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198802351**

Piper PA32-300

3 March 1988

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This accident was not subject to an on scene investigation.

Occurrence Number: 198802351 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: "Glen Avon" (11 km N Balranald) NSW
Date: 3 March 1988 **Time:** 1330 Approx
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

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

Aircraft Details: Piper PA32-300
Registration: VH-POW
Serial Number: 32-40062
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Mildura NSW
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: "Glen Avon" NSW

Approved for Release: 14 April 1988

Circumstances:

The pilot was landing on a property strip in gusty crosswind conditions. Directional control was lost during the landing roll and the pilot was unable to prevent the aircraft from running off the side of the strip. As he attempted to taxi the aircraft back onto the strip the nosewheel entered an area of soft sand and subsequently collapsed. The particular strip in use was only 20 metres wide, and consequently did not meet the requirements for an Authorised Landing Area. The strength of the crosswind component could not be determined.