

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199002015**

Piper PA25-235

20 October 1990

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199002015 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Pipers Field 15 kms West of Bathurst NSW
Date: 20 October 1990 **Time:** 1230
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 PA25-235
Registration: VH-TNE
Serial Number: 25-4266
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Pipers Field NSW
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: Pipers Field NSW

Approved for Release: 1st March 1991

Circumstances:

The aircraft was engaged in glider towing operations. The pilot was conducting an engine run-up prior to take-off when the aircraft was struck by a strong gust of wind, about 45 degrees from the prevailing direction. The aircraft tipped forward onto its nose, damaging the propeller. As club members came to assist the pilot, they pushed the aircraft, causing structural damage as it fell back heavily onto its tail.