

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199001961**

Beechcraft C23

27 January 1990

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199001961 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Cowra Airport NSW
Date: 27 January 1990 **Time:** 1330
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: Beechcraft C23
Registration: VH-LFS
Serial Number: M2284
Operation Type: Private
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Cowra NSW
Departure Time: N/K
Destination: Hoxton Park NSW

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Circumstances:

The aircraft had departed Cowra to return to Hoxton Park but as it was passing Lake Wyangala a cabin door became unfastened. The pilot then decided to return to Cowra to rectify the problem. The weather at Cowra was reported as fine with a variable wind gusting to 10 knots. The pilot said the approach was normal, but as the aircraft entered the landing flare a gust of wind caused the aircraft to balloon. The aircraft then touched down but began a series of bounces, culminating in the nose landing gear collapsing. The aircraft then slid a short distance before coming to a halt on the strip.