

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199000096**

**Piper PA32-300**

**07 August 1990**

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

**Occurrence Number:** 199000096

**Occurrence Type:** Accident

**Location:** Lake Gregory (50km W Balgo Hill) WA

**Date:** 07 August 1990
 

**Time:** 1245

**Highest Injury Level:** Nil

**Injuries:**

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Piper PA32-300

**Registration:** VH-MAR

**Serial Number:** 32-40920

**Operation Type:** Charter

**Damage Level:** Substantial

**Departure Point:** Halls Creek WA

**Departure Time:** N/A

**Destination:** Lake Gregory WA

**Approved for Release:** 28th August 1990

**Circumstances:**

The pilot reported that the aircraft was at a critical stage of the approach when it was struck by a severe wind gust. There was insufficient height available to manoeuvre the aircraft and remain clear of the ground. A go-around was considered, however the pilot felt that any application of power would make matters worse. During the attempt to counter the effect of the wind gust the right wing struck the ground, the aircraft landed heavily and the nosewheel collapsed.