

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199900691**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Warrior**

20 February 1999

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Occurrence Number: 199900691 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Lilydale, (ALA)
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Saturday 20 February 1999
Time: 0730 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-28-161
Aircraft Registration: VH-CWW **Serial Number:** 28-8116155
Type of Operation: Charter Passenger
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Lilydale Vic.
Departure Time: 0730 ESuT
Destination: Avalon Vic.

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The pilot advised that during the engine run prior to take-off the windscreen fogged up both internally and externally. She shut down the engine and wiped both surfaces free of moisture. There was light fog present in the area. During the subsequent takeoff run the windscreen again fogged over and she lost visual reference. The pilot closed the throttle and rejected the takeoff. However the aircraft diverged off the runway and impacted trees before coming to rest substantially damaged. The four occupants were able to evacuate unaided and were not injured.

