

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199800161**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Skyhawk**

18 January 1998

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Occurrence Number: 199800161 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Redcliffe, Aerodrome
State: QLD **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Sunday 18 January 1998
Time: 1130 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: Minor
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	Total
Crew	0	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger	0	0	1	2	3
Total	0	0	1	3	4

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 172N
Aircraft Registration: VH-MSJ **Serial Number:** 17271896
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Redcliffe Qld
Departure Time: 1130 EST
Destination: Redcliffe Qld

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	150.0	350

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Sequence of events

During the initial climb after takeoff from Runway 07, the pilot saw a large white bird in front and just right of the aircraft. With the aircraft only 50 ft above the runway there was insufficient airspace and time to take avoiding action. The windscreen shattered and shards of perspex flew around the cabin. The pilot closed the throttle immediately and landed the aircraft on the remaining section of runway. After taxiing clear of the runway, the pilot shut the engine down and attended to a young boy who was seated in the right rear seat. He had been injured by the flying perspex and was bleeding profusely from a cut above his left eye. The boy later received stitches at the Redcliffe Hospital.

During an inspection of the runway, perspex pieces and the remains of a Ibis were found 400 m from the threshold.

