

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199800345**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Cherokee Cruiser**

25 January 1998

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Occurrence Number: 199800345 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Numurkah, (ALA)
State: VIC **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Sunday 25 January 1998
Time: 1045 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-28-235
Aircraft Registration: VH-MIM **Serial Number:** 28-10180
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Patho ALA Vic.
Departure Time: 1010 ESuT
Destination: Numurkah ALA Vic.

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on Type Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	895

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The pilot was attempting to land at Numurkah airstrip in gusty crosswind conditions. After a normal approach, the pilot reports having difficulty controlling the aircraft during the landing flare. The aircraft speed decreased, the aircraft stalled and landed heavily on the runway. The nose wheel collapsed, damaging the engine cowl and propeller.

