

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199800649**

**Piper Aircraft Corp
Arrow**

23 February 1998

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Occurrence Number: 199800649 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: Coonamble, Aerodrome
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Monday 23 February 1998
Time: 0915 hours **Time Zone** ESuT
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Piper Aircraft Corp
Aircraft Model: PA-28R-200
Aircraft Registration: VH-DWT **Serial Number:** 28R-7535004
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Business
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Dubbo NSW
Departure Time: 0830 ESuT
Destination: Coonamble NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Private	320.0	650

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The pilot of the Piper Arrow reported that his approach to runway 23 at Coonamble, in a gusting 12 knot crosswind, was high and fast.

The aircraft initially touched down on the nosewheel and veered off the runway before he could regain directional control. However, he was unable to prevent the aircraft running into a ditch, resulting in the nose landing gear collapsing, and the propeller striking the ground. The pilot was uninjured in the accident.

