

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199701892**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
172C**

06 June 1997

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199701892 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 9km N Muradup
State: WA **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Friday 06 June 1997
Time: 1700 hours **Time Zone** WST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 172C
Aircraft Registration: VH-CBW **Serial Number:** 17249044
Type of Operation: Non-commercial Pleasure/Travel
Damage to Aircraft: Substantial
Departure Point: Albany WA
Departure Time: 1615 WST
Destination: Kojonup WA

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	300.0	700

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After departing Albany for a private strip near Muradup, the pilot encountered deteriorating weather conditions including showers, cloud and failing light. With rain falling at the alternative strips, the pilot decided to continue to the private strip. During landing, the pilot rounded the aircraft out too high. It floated and the pilot applied full flap resulting in a landing 200 m down the 600 m strip. On the application of brakes, the aircraft skidded on wet grass on the slight down-slope. As the aircraft came to the end of the strip, the pilot reported that the aircraft veered right, puncturing the right landing gear tyre on a log. It continued along a dam embankment before hitting a fence and coming to a stop. The pilot and passenger were not injured although the aircraft received damage to the right wing, left engine cowl and left elevator.